

July 2024	Time	MASS INTENTIONS	FEAST DAY
SAT 13th	6.00pm	Parishioners	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
SUN 14th	8.30am	Lily Growcott (MM)+	
	10.30am	John Nicholas Michael Hughes & Georgette (Van Aanholt) Hughes+	
Mon 15th	10.00am	John Hughes (MM)+ NO NOVENA	St Bonaventure
Tues 16th	9.15am	End of Term Mass at St Mary's Primary School	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wed 17th		NO MASS	
Thurs 18th	10.00am	Claire Finlow+	
Fri 19th	9.00am	Angela Bartlett+	
SAT 20th	6.00pm	Ursula Pickering+	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
SUN 21st	8.30am	Parishioners	
	10.30am	Pamela Cornes+	

READERS FOR WEEK

13th/14th July 2024

Saturday 6.00pm Liz Humphreys
 Sunday 8.30am Felicity Larkin
 Sunday 10.30am Richard Hansen

20th/21st July 2024

Saturday 6.00pm Mary Jones
 Sunday 8.30am Amelie Olugbode
 Sunday 10.30am Carol Royston

CLEANING ROTA

More volunteers for cleaning are needed.

Week Beginning 15th July

Group 6: Barnes Family

Week Beginning 22nd July

Group 1: C Elder/A Cooper/S Ramos

REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after 10.30am Mass
 Please come along for a drink and a chat after Mass.



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time, praying especially for members of our own community. We pray this week for Graham Jones who died recently. We also remember to pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ROSARY – will be said 30 minutes before all of the daily Masses.

PARISH CENTRE HIRE

The Parish Centre and Church Hall are available for hire for any private or public events. Please consider this as a venue for any meetings, charity events, celebrations or personal get-togethers. There are three different sized rooms available. Contact the Parish Office on 01352 961495 for more details.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Welcome to the

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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 14th July 2024



Opening Prayer

O God, who show the light
 of your truth to those who go astray,
 so that they may return to the right path,
 give all who for the faith they profess
 are accounted Christians
 the grace to reject whatever is contrary
 to the name of Christ
 and to strive after all that does it honour.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

There is a DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in church to use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone device to make a donation. If you are a UK tax payer you can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. You can now also donate via the parish website or by using this QR code.





INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?
Or maybe you still need
to receive all of your
Sacraments of Initiation?

JOURNEY OF FAITH 2024/2025

Please fill in the form below and return it to Canon Adrian if you are interested in the Journey of Faith Course for 2024/2025

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Sea Sunday 14th July 2024

Today we are asked to pray and offer support to our seafarers and fishers. These brave men and women are the unseen backbone of our global economy, working tirelessly to bring us goods and resources that we need. They spend months away from their families, facing isolation, loneliness, challenging conditions, and sometimes extreme danger. This is especially true of those currently working in the Black and Red Seas due to the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Seafarers in these conflict zones are often scared, witnessing destruction first-hand. Security concerns frequently prevent them from going ashore, adding loneliness and anxiety to an already stressful situation.

This is where Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church, steps in. They support seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Their dedicated chaplains are a lifeline for mariners. They offer a listening ear and much-needed spiritual support. They bring food parcels, offer Wi-Fi so seafarers can call home, and provide hardship grants and access to mental health counselling.

You can support by offering a donation today. Your generous contribution will help this work to continue and grow. You can donate online at any time of the year at www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday 13th/14th July there will be a Second Collection for Sea Sunday

BOOKS FOR SALE

Canon Adrian is selling some books at the back of Church. Please come and take a look. Donations can be left in the basket.

Gospel Reflection for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

How to Deliver an Enduring Message

You've landed a job in a top marketing company. The managing director sets you your first task. You must take a message out into the world relying on nothing but your own devices. More importantly, you need to come up with a three-point strategy to ensure the message endures for at least the next two thousand years ... in fact until the end of time. No pressure!

Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide birth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life? So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples. Single mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn



Pope Francis Prayer intention for July 2024

For pastoral care of the sick

Pope Francis is inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July 2024, and in particular for those thinking about requesting the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The problem comes when people mistakenly feel that this sacrament is only for the dying. If someone thinks that a priest offering the sacrament means that they are about to die, says the Pope, they have embraced a hopeless vision. "Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the 'sacraments of healing,' of 'restoration,' that heals the spirit," says the Pope. We are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention. **"We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."**



BAPTISM This weekend we welcome Mico Slater Edge into our parish community. Please keep Mico and all his family in your prayers as he celebrates his baptism. To arrange a Baptism please collect an Application Form from Canon Adrian