

From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus had sent out his friends, the apostles, to teach and to heal. When they re-joined him, they told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said to them, "You must come away to some quiet place all by yourselves and rest for a while"; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a quiet place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going,

and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried on foot to the place and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 18th July 2021. Mark 6:30-34 (the 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, The summertime offers many people an occasion for rest. It's also a favourable time to take care of our relationships." Today's

word is **Holidays**. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' friends, the apostles, returned after working hard. Why did Jesus take them away? Hard work, and sometimes stress, can often be part of our lives so we all need a holiday at some time - to rest and refresh ourselves. Jesus knows that work is essential but, in this Sunday's Gospel, he reminds us how important it is to take time out too. Pope Francis also writes: **"Holidays offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit, especially through a more quiet reading of the gospels"** Holiday time is a time to rest, and it also presents a great opportunity for us to explore and refresh our faith. The more we get to know Jesus, the more at peace and relaxed we become. Our homes are 'holy places' and simply spending some quiet time at home with God throughout the holidays can help us to become happy, holy and truly rested. The word holiday comes from Holy-day.



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Anne

July 18th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS ON TUESDAY & THURSDAY
MORNINGS AT 9.30AM AND SATURDAYS AT 6.00PM

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
Monday:		In Thanksgiving
Tuesday:	9.30am	Jack Ackerley
Wednesday:		Eileen Partington
Thursday:	9.30am	Paul Dobrowski
Friday		Sophie Paterson & Charles Cutteridge & Families 12.30pm Marriage of Sophie Paterson & Charles Cutteridge
Saturday:	6.00pm	Tom & Molly Perry
Sunday:	9.00am	Ann McCarthy (live streamed without a congregation)

Confessions by appointment

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Guidance from The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales



Below are some of the points made in the guidance:

1. **Churches** should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits and face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church. General cleaning to a good standard, using commonly available cleaning fluids and detergents, with attention to frequent touchpoints is the standard to continue.

2. **Test, Track and Trace**

As long as the NHS Test, Track and Trace system is in operation, churches should continue to make available the means for people to sign in for acts of worship using the NHS app and the associated QR codes (or other means of attendee identification). If an online Mass Booking system is in place, this too could be adapted to the new capacities of the churches and continue to be used so that attendees are known.

3. **One-way systems and movement of people**

It is no longer necessary to have one-way systems or other restrictions on movement in churches from this time onward. People should exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to receive Holy Communion during Mass and should avoid getting too close to each other.

4. **Stewards**

The deployment of stewards will no longer be necessary to show people to designated seats etc. However, a welcoming presence at the church door is a valuable sign of hospitality, and stewards can assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church building.

Given the above the stewards have been contacted to ask them to continue with their responsibilities for the next month. Caution is still very important as we make sure that the church is a safe place for people to gather for the celebration of Mass. We will continue with the present arrangement for weekday Masses this week and until the Parish Council has met on Thursday evening at 7.00pm when we can discuss the future together.

Stewards/Cleaners June/July 2021

Saturday 17th July 6.00pm: Mary Farmer & Celia Hall

Tuesday 20th July 9.30am: Liz Moores and Carol Street-Brown

Thursday 22nd July 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Claire Ward

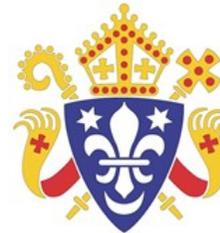
Saturday 24th July 6.00pm Ian Charnock & Celia Hall

First Holy Communion



Congratulations to Oliver and Lydia who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th of July, and Edgar, James, Ollie and Teddy who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday 11th. On Sunday 18th Imogen, Rose, Alfie and Daragh will make their First Holy Communion. Unfortunately Seth, who was due to do the same has had to self isolate, his class having been sent home from school. We will celebrate his First Holy Communion at a later date. Please remember them all in your prayers. Thank You.

Sunday—it is our day.



A statement from the Catholic Bishops of England on the reintroduction of Sunday Obligation, part of which is below:

“We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the **First Sunday in Advent 2021**. In the meantime all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.”

A Prayer for those suffering with dementia



Memory fades, and recollections become hazy clouds, fading outlines of strangers' faces and forgotten places. Even the familiar, loved ones and names that once tripped lightly off the tongue cause confusion, in what seems a cruel dismantling of a life once lived. Compassionate God, for all who live in fear of what they might become, and those already walking down this lonely road we call dementia grant them peace. May each moment, however brief, be filled with joy not sorrow, and your love be seen through those who care for these your loved and fragile people.