



From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

Adapted from Matthew 11:25-30 The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



St John Bosco writes, "Do you want your companions to respect you? Always think well of everyone, and be ready to help others. Do this and

you will be happy" Today's word is **Companion**. In this Sunday's gospel passage Jesus invites us to experience the true peace and rest that his companionship brings. He wants to walk alongside us and to help lighten life's load. At all times, and especially whenever we are feeling overburdened, worried or afraid, Jesus calls us to share, through our prayer, any troubles or upsets with him. Jesus wants to be our companion through life, to be there for us always, reminding us that we are loved by God. The word companion literally means 'to share bread with', to have a meal with. Normally we eat with family or with friends with those we know and love. In some societies eating together forms a very special bond between people. At Mass we have that special bond with Jesus in the Eucharist, even when we make a 'Spiritual Communion' as many are still having to do at present.



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While the Church remains closed until Further Notice

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass

IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Special Intention (LC)
Tuesday: Michael (LD)
Wednesday: Frank Holmes
Thursday: Special Intention (SS)
Friday: Special Intention (DHT)
Saturday: James McKune
Sunday: People of the Parish

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

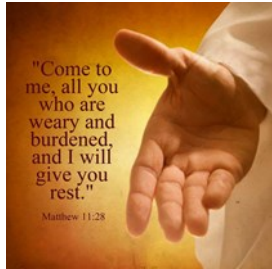
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The Ordinary Sundays of the Year

Although Ordinary Time began on the 2nd June each Sunday since Pentecost we have celebrated a solemnity which has replaced the Ordinary Sundays of the Year, namely, The Holy Trinity, The Body and Blood of Christ, the Sacred Heart and St Peter & St Paul. So for the first time since Sunday 23rd of February which was the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our scripture readings are taken from an Ordinary Sunday, the 14th Sunday of the Year.

We are now in the third main block of Matthew's Gospel and we remember that each block has a narrative section, telling us what Jesus did, and a discourse section, telling us what Jesus taught. Today's gospel may well sound familiar because it is the same passage that we heard on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart a fortnight ago, the wonderful invitation by Jesus to "Come to me all who labour and are



overburdened, and I will give you rest." We may well be shouldering burdens of our own at this time, or know of others who are troubled in different ways. Jesus goes on to say, "Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my burden is easy and my yoke is light." When we think of a yoke it is often in terms of not being free, of being tied to another but in a damaging way. Jesus offers us a different understanding of yoke whereby he promises to be with us and to help us carry our load, whatever it is, reminding us that we are NEVER alone.



Mary Farmer will be taking part in the Big Sleep Out on Friday July 10th 2020 and is looking for sponsors to raise money for Cornerstone. Mary writes: If people are interested in sponsoring me or in doing the sleep in themselves details are: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheBigSleepOut2020>.

You can donate directly to their own justgiving website or mine: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mary-Farmer3>.

You can write a cheque—'Sister Lucy Dunne Cornerstones day' or pass cash on to me as I will be able to get it to them.

It would just help me to know who has donated if it is sponsorship money so know a total to pass on. Many thanks, Mary



'Do we settle for the world as it is, or do we work for the world as it should be?' Michelle Obama

Opening of Churches for Public Worship



On June 30th all the parishes in the diocese received an email from Bishop Marcus.

"Further to my email to you last Saturday 27th June, I am pleased to be able to send you more information regarding the re-opening of our churches and the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments. Attached are the following documents:

Guidance for clergy—regarding reopening of churches and celebration of Mass:

Frequently asked Questions— concerning the above:

Online Registration System - Guidance for Clergy and Parish Administrators

Parish Mass Schedule Proforma

Guidance for Clergy— Sacrament of Penance

Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony

Funerals

Sacrament of the Sick and Pastoral Visits

Celebrations of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

I realise that there is a considerable amount of information associated with this mailing but I hope you will understand its importance.

I also wish to emphasise that whilst permission has been given by the Government that churches may re-open from July 4th for public worship, it is important for everyone to understand that there is no imperative to do so on that date. The critical issue is that churches only re-open for private prayer and the celebration of Mass **when all the measures are in place that make it safe to do so.**

Although there is a deep desire to resume the sacramental life of the Church, many parishes will need some time to assimilate the guidance and to put the necessary framework of procedures in place before they can open. **It is crucial to ensure that we are full compliant in terms of social/physical distancing and to satisfy those governmental requirements which are designed to make safety paramount in public gatherings. I would ask everyone, therefore, to be patient, understanding and supportive as these arrangements are gradually implanted.**

Assuring you of my prayers, I remain Yours faithfully in the Lord.

+Marcus Stock—Bishop of Leeds

I have printed this outline to demonstrate that there are many questions to be answered and much still to be done before our own and other churches can open.