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(Sunday cycle year C, weekday cycle year 1, psalter week 2)



“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few”

God of all nations and peoples, your Son commanded his disciples to preach and heal throughout the world. Grant us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the zeal to proclaim the good news of peace and justice, and gather all humanity into life with you. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sat 5 th	10.00am	CONFESSIONS	BVM
	10.30am	Abbot's intentions (Blessing of the sick during Mass)	
	6.00pm	Francis Elliott	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 6 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 7 th	No Mass today		Feria
Tue 8 th	9.30am	Moiria Cullen	Feria
Wed 9 th	9.30am	Wilfrid Nicholson	Feria
Thu 10 th	9.30am	Vocations	Feria
Fri 11 th	9.30am	EBC	St Benedict (solemnity)
Sat 12 th	10.30am	For the wellbeing of our School	BVM
	6.00pm	Frank Thompson	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 13 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
	11.00am	Baptism: Penelope Mia Pennington	

First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 5 th		M Russell		L Gardner	
Sun 6 th		K Slater		J Slater	
Bidding prayers	J Beeley	Children's Liturgy	A & G Fowler	Collection counters	L & M Gardner
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 12 th		M Sherry		G Hopkinson	
Sun 13 th		C Snape		S Schofield	
Bidding prayers	L Gardner	Children's Liturgy	F Fordyce & J Kitchen	Collection counters	B Kellett & M Russell

Last weekend attendance: 115, collection £236.65 – thank you!
Thank you also for last week's Peter's Pence collection of £78.58

Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-14. Galatians 6: 14-18. Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20.

We come to Mass as ever with our share of life's problems; wondering about our own personal futures, the future of the parish and so forth - I know I do and I know I shouldn't.

Because, we know that we gather in the presence of the one and only one who is the answer to our problems, or what we perceive as problems; because in the end, nothing is a problem for God except perhaps, our lack of faith and hope.

Today's readings are of hope and joy: *Thus says the Lord: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her, rejoice with joy, all you who mourn over her. For thus says the Lord, I will extend peace to her like a river. Cry out with joy all the earth ... come and hear, all who fear God and I will tell what he did for my soul.*

At Mass, we come then, into the presence of a God who knows all our problems even before we know them, but he still calls us to himself to rejoice and be glad.

Because, as his Body, we are the new creation of which St Paul speak in our second reading: the *new Israel*, the *new Jerusalem*, called to *Rejoice!*

Surely, a God of love wouldn't torment us by calling us to rejoice and be glad unless there really is something for us to rejoice and be glad about.

Let us spend a moment reflecting upon our lives: the past years, the past months, the last few days, the past few hours: for yes, bad things happen, Jesus told us that such is life, but how much worse might things be for any of us?

When we are feeling down, it is no bad exercise to think of five things that have happened in the last day, week or whatever, for which you are able to give thanks to God; for they are gifts from him to you.

And if non-believers can stir-up hope and keep going with joy, how much more shouldn't we who claim to be followers of a God of love, who, as we heard in the first reading, wants to hold us to his breast with the love of a mother to her child.

If we remember our own childhood, so often, didn't the world seem against us especially through those whom we later realised, loved us the most.

Well, in God's eyes, we will always be his children and we remember Jesus' teaching that unless we become as little children, we shall never enter the Kingdom of God.

I/we need to trust in God - as a child trusts their parents and loved ones - to take care of my life from the moment I rise in the morning to my going to bed at night and to know that he is watching over me while I sleep.

This isn't a call to childishness, but to deep faith in a loving and caring God who reveals himself through Jesus Christ our brother in the love of the Spirit.

Yes, our critics laugh at us for placing our hope in things we cannot see because, they say, we cannot live with the things we can see. But for us, it is through the things we can see, good or bad, that we place our hope and joy in the things we cannot see, for as St Paul tells us: it is the things we can see that will pass away; while the things we cannot see, that are eternal, are of God.

It is true that in the midst of life's trauma's, this seems impossible, but our Lord himself tells us not to worry about this or that since all is in the hands of his and our loving Father.

Our worries then, are due to a lack of faith but if, in our own physical or spiritual turmoil, we just cannot pray, may the cross on which he suffered and died, remind us that our Lord is with us in our suffering.

Meanwhile, with the psalmist, let us *blest the God who does not reject our prayer or withhold his merciful love, but let our joy be in him who rules for ever by his might.*

Reflection

Be merry, really merry.

The life of a true Christian should be perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity. (*St Theophane Venard*)

With Prayers,

Fr. Raphael

We could do with a few more volunteers for mowing etc in the **GRAVEYARD**. If you can help, please get in touch with Barry Spencer (07875 767411) or Michael Cowsley (07753 659380). Thank you!

Please keep your eye on the "**TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS**" section of our website – it will be updated regularly as new information becomes available. Last weekend's joint statement from the Archbishop and Abbot has been uploaded.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick or housebound including Ann Green, Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

100 CLUB: The winner for week 30 is number 56, Frances and Duncan Fordyce.

As the parish transition has been delayed until 1st November, the 100 Club will continue so, unless you've paid for the full year, **subs are now due**.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers.

CAFOD Jubilee Year Campaign to relieve the burden of Debt

54 countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts. Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over.

We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises.

And the time to act is now! 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on to the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice.

There is a petition form at the back of church to which you may wish to add your name, alternatively, visit the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/the-new-debt-crisis> for more information and an online version of the petition

Bidding prayers for Sunday 6th July 2025, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Jesus calls us to spread his word to others, and so we pray.

Reader

We pray for the Church: that it may follow Jesus' example and share his good news, whilst welcoming all people. Lord, in your mercy....

May we be like Jesus, have humility and listen to what God is asking from us. Lord, in your mercy....

We pray for world leaders: that they may work more closely together to meet the needs of all people. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may look for God in all people that we meet and treat them as we would wish to be treated. Lord your mercy....

We think about all those in our parish who have died, the bereaved, and those in our cemetery who have no-one to pray for them. Lord in your mercy...

Let us think about all those who need our prayers, as we turn to Mary our Mother: Hail Mary.....

Priest: Loving Father you call us to follow you, help us to be welcoming to others and to spend time listening to and following your Word. Accept these prayers.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.