

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

Observances for the week of 18th July, 2021

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene Friday: St. Bridget, Religious

Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

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OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

MASS SCHEDULE



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday 10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

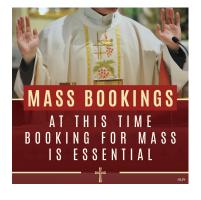
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday (except Thursday)
Mass at 10am

ThursdayMass at 7pm (Confessions from 6.30pm)

Saturday Morning (online only)Mass at 10am

At this time, during current restrictions, booking is essential for weekend Masses



TO BOOK CLICK HERE

OR CALL 07593 825035

MASS BOOKINGS

BOOKINGS ARE STILL ESSENTIAL FOR WEEKEND MASSES THROUGH EVENTBRITE OR THE DEDICATED MOBILE NUMBER ABOVE

We **WILL NOT** be using a booking system for **WEEKDAY MASS** (MONDAY-FRIDAY).

From Monday 19th July, due to the reduction of physical distancing to 1m, we will be able to accommodate **130 people** at each Mass in the Church. We will still use the booking system on Sundays, since this maximum for a weekend is still around 50% of a Sunday during normal times.

It will take some extra time to check people in on a Sunday, so please come to Mass early since everyone will need to be in before Mass starts. Arriving too close to time may result in not getting in to Mass, which we obviously don't want to happen.

THANK YOU!

For your continuing donations to support the parish over these past months. While these are essential for us, for many people this is a difficult time and everything that you give is very, very gratefully received and much appreciated

Donations can be made in various ways -

- many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.
- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website
- envelopes can be posted in the white collection box at the entrance to the church
- Or through the Church House letterbox.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS!

While we can now see a path towards things being a bit more normal, we still have a way to go to get there. Over the summer months we will still need volunteers to help with welcome and sanitising.

Please consider getting involved, this will be the only way for us to continue to have the services that we have each week, which when social distancing is reduced will enable more people but therefore with more to be sanitised.

We are asking you to consider volunteering for when you are around over the summer period.

To do so please contact us through the "Summer Volunteers" button on the website.

Thank you once more for the incredible dedication by so many over the past year!

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Our third evening will take place on THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST in St Mirin's cathedral at 7pm, to pray for our Clergy and Religious commending them to St. Joseph.A LL WELCOME to attend this devotion. There will be Exposition, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. Please use Eventbrite link to book your tickets. Alternatively call Angela to book a place on 0141 237 3584 https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-paisley-33712912941

VOCATIONS

"He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Do you feel called to bring people a sense of Jesus's pastoral love as a priest, deacon or religious? Speak to Fr. John Morrison - email vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel 01418895056.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE SEPTEMBER

Our final marriage preparation course for 2021 takes place in September. Two Zoom sessions will be held at 7pm on the 1st and 8th September, followed by a Relationship skills workshop in the Diocesan centre on 18th September from 12 until 3pm. Couples should attend all three sessions. Cost per couple is £30, including lunch at the workshop and information/resources pack. Booking is open via the Marriage and Family page on the Diocesan website, https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-preparation-day-registration-form

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY WEBPAGE

The Diocese has a dedicated page on the website for Marriage and Family life. It contains a wealth of information, support and resources for many aspects of this important vocation. For more information please visit https://rcdop.org.uk/marriage-family-life-2

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the <u>celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly</u> beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it will fall on **Sunday 25 July**. This coincides with the celebration of the *Amoris Laetitia* Year of the Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph 19 March and will conclude at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June of 2022.

The prayer for the World Day in on our Diocesan website at www.rcdop.org.uk

ZOOM VIGIL TO PROMOTE THE KOREA PEACE APPEAL SUNDAY, JULY 25 AT 12 NOON

In July 1953, North Korea, China and the United Nations signed an armistice agreement ending open hostilities on the Korean peninsula. The following year, China proposed a conference to negotiate a peace treaty, but 68 years later, there is no such negotiation. Since the end of the Cold War and the democratisation of South Korea, pressure from citizens has grown to negotiate and sign a peace treaty. Faith-based groups such as the Korean National Council of Churches and Pax Christi Korea have drafted at least one possible text for a treaty. Pax Christi Scotland hopes that in this 'political situation of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and Register in advance for this friendship.' meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/ register/tZYtduyspzkpHdB77le48b4oK9KPY **USO7FiV**

FAITH IN CHANGE AND CONFLICT

We know conflict is part of life and can be both creative and destructive. We notice that many people – including those in faith communities – can struggle to find helpful ways to respond to change, transition, tension and difference. Some structures, cultures, systems and habits can make it difficult for people to hear each other well and relationships may break down. We also know that there is much transformational potential in conflict.' **Faith in Change and Conflict** is a training course running in September and January for individuals or parish representative their parish or diocese.

(https://www.placeforhope.org.uk/training/ course/faith-in-change-and-conflict).

ONLINE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING AVAILABLE DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, nonjudgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

FAITH & REASON: A CATHOLIC INTEGRATION

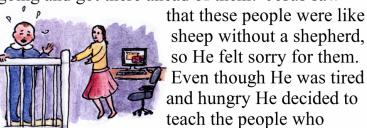
A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. Runs 5th – 8th August. For more info and registration, https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/

When Jesus Was Tired...

The apostles were tired when they came back from their mission trip, so Jesus took them across the lake to a quiet place to have a rest.



But the other people saw where they were going and got there ahead of them! Jesus saw



needed Him, without taking a rest.

Have you ever been asked to help someone when you were tired? It isn't easy, is it?
But we can learn from Jesus that no matter how tired we are, we should still be ready to help others who are in need.

Answers to Psalm 23 Word Puzzle: green, soul, for, dark, side, that, me, spread, sight, head, overflows, Lord.

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The Kids' Bulletin

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In today's Gospel reading,
Jesus wanted to take the tired apostles
across the lake to rest in a quiet place.
But the people saw where Jesus was going
and ran ahead.

See if you can find their path through the maze.

Mark 6:30-34

Saint Bridget of Sweden July 23









HER GOOD ADVICE.







BRIDGET
SPENT THE
REST OF HER
LIFE DOING
PILGRIMAGES
AND GIVING
ADVICE TO
THE
LEADERS OF
COUNTRIES
AND THE
CHURCH.

BRIDGET HAD A GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD'S SUFFER-INGS. SHE WROTE WHAT HE SHOWED HER IN VISIONS, AND SHE ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT HIS SUFFERING. WE SHOULD TAKE A LITTLE TIME EVERY DAY TO LOOK AT A CRUCIFIX AND THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH OUR LORD LOVES US.

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Psalm 23 Word Puzzle

Who is this Psalm about? Unscramble the letters in blanks and use the ones in circles to fill in the answer at the bottom!
In O (EGRNE) pastures
he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc . (LOSU)
He guides me in right paths
(FRO) his name's sake.
Even though I walk
in the (AKRD <u>)</u> valley
I fear no evil, for you are at my O
(IEDS)
with your rod and your staff
You (EADSRP) the table
before me
in the (HGTSI) of my foes;
you anoint my(EAHD) with oil;
my cup
(FOWLVOESR)
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell
in the house of the (DOLR)
for years to come.
This Psalm tells us about the