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SEA SUNDAY



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out

A PRAYER FOR ALL SEAFARERS

O Lord of the great oceans, we praise and magnify Your Holy name. You have given us a highway on which we may travel to many nations and come to know many peoples. We give You thanks for all seafarers who navigate our ships and carry cargoes all over the world, for our lives are enriched through their labours. Forgive us when we forget how much we owe them and may we rejoice in the skills and courage they bring to their calling. Never leave or forsake them but go with them as they sail the lonely seas and bring them safely home to those who love them. Through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sat 13 th	10.30am	The sick and housebound of the Parish	BVM
	6.00pm	Rose Moxham	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 14 th	9.30am	For the Parish	
Mon 15 th	No Mass today		St Bonaventure (memorial)
Tue 16 th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Feria
Wed 17 th	No Mass today		Feria
Thu 18 th	No Mass today		Feria
Fri 19 th	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	Feria
Sat 20 th	No 10.30am Mass		Feria
	6.00pm	For peace in the world	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 21 st	9.30am	For the Parish	

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

This week	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Bookshop
Sat 13 th	M Russell	J Hothersall	Not open
Sun 14 th	R Conboy	F Fordyce	Not open
Bidding prayers	B Kellett	Children's Liturgy	A Fowler, B Gorrell
		Collection counters	L & M Gardner
Next week	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Bookshop
Sat 20 th	G Kellett	P Cook	Not open
Sun 21 st	B Cook	J Kitchen	Not open
Bidding prayers	L Lomax	Children's Liturgy	L Rigbye, J Kitchen
		Collection counters	P & J Kitchen

Last weekend: attendance: 103, collection: £334.40 – thank you!

Readings: Amos 7:12-15, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:6-13.

Sometime around 750BC, the prophet Amos felt *called* by God to leave his home in the southern kingdom of Judah to go north into Israel and prophesy to the people there.

Among other things, he calls upon them to stop *selling the virtuous man for silver and the poor man for a pair of sandals ... for the rich to stop trampling on the heads of ordinary people ... to stop contemptuously casting the poor aside* and he criticizes the insincerity of their worship ... otherwise God will punish them. (Amos Ch.2)

Amos is described as the prophet of social justice but his warning is rejected by Amaziah, the priest of Bethel who tells him to go back to the land of Judah and not to prophesy here.

In the event, they were invaded by Assyria, God's instrument of punishment in 722-1 BC.

Bethel had its own paid, professional *brotherhood* of prophets who, for obvious reasons, tended to tell the king and the people what they wanted to hear.

This stands in stark contrast to Amos ... as he explains: I was no prophet, least of all one of the brotherhood.

He was called to tell the people to change their ways, but he too had to change his ways from what might sound like a quiet rural life of looking after sheep and tending sycamore trees, to an unknown and uncertain future.

We find the same thing happening in today's Gospel where the Twelve who have been *called* from their familiar life as fishermen to an unknown and risky future.

When we were baptized, we were anointed to share in Christ's titles as priest, prophet and king and so being called by God is part of what it is to be one of his disciples.

We face new government, new jobs, children facing the prospect of a new school and of course, throughout the church, pastoral change – sometimes unwelcome.

Everyone at some point in their life has to face leaving a familiar and perhaps even comfortable past to face an uncertain future – such is life!

But, unlike the *brotherhood* of prophets referred to by the prophet Amos, an authentic *calling* from God appears to carry the hallmarks of having to leave our comfort zone for something risky, threatening, even painful, but if embraced with generosity as God's will, then surely it will all be for the good and we will be counted among the true disciples and prophets of Christ.

Reflections:

Trials are nothing else but the forge that purifies the soul of all its imperfections. (St Mary Magdalen D'Pazzi)

When we encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend to them with gentleness and time. (St Francis de Sale)

With Prayers,

Fr Raphael

This week's Saint

St Bonaventure (1218-74) Cardinal, Bishop and Franciscan.

He was of Italian birth, of great intellect and a friend of that other great intellect: St Thomas Aquinas of the Dominican Order.

But Bonaventure was less dogmatic than St Thomas and rather more mystical in his theological understanding – believing that the simpler, less educated mind could have a clearer understanding of God than the wise and clever.

To that end, a saying attributed to him: *To know much and taste nothing – of what use is that?*

WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY Willow Rigby who was baptised last Sunday.

Thank you to **FR FRANCIS BALL** for covering on Sunday morning so that I can get away to a conference in Devon. From next Sunday, I will be covering his 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart, Chorley for 3 weeks, so I will be dashing off straight after our 9.30am Mass. If you park in Chapel Fold, please leave room for me to get out in my car! Thank you.

There are **NO MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK** but there will be **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAY** at 9.30am.

NEXT SUNDAY is the last with our Children's Liturgy and Music Group until September. We thank them for enriching our Sunday Masses and wish them a safe and happy holiday period.

SUMMER TEA AND COFFEE ROTA: If any parishioners could help with the tea and coffee after Sunday Mass over the summer holiday period, we'd be very grateful. There is a rota at the back of church for you to sign. Many thanks.

PROGRESS ON CHURCH ROOF:

- Work to be done identified
- Photos and description to be sent to the Historic Churches Committee for permission to proceed (because of being a Grade II listed building)

All of this may take some time so please bear with the processes which must be followed. Thank you.

MISSALETES FOR SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME can be used on ferial days of the same week – the readings, psalm and Gospel acclamation will be different but the antiphons and prayers are the same.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick or housebound including Michael Bolton, Isaac Wilson, 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 31 is number 51, Derek Lumb. The next block of 10 weeks starts **this weekend** so **SUBS ARE DUE**.

DURING ORDINARY TIME (SUMMER) ie up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

Fifteenth Sunday of the year (Sea Sunday) – 14th July 2024

(Priest)

Today is Sea Sunday, when we ask God to hear our particular prayers for those who spend their lives at sea, whether they are working to bring us food, or carrying goods across the world.

We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Please give him the wisdom to continue to inspire other leaders of the church to guide us carefully in our faith and bring us closer to you. Lord in your mercy

We pray for leaders of all nations, that they may seek the way that leads to peace, that human rights and freedoms may be respected, and that the world's resources may be generously shared. Lord in your mercy

On this Sea Sunday, we pray for all those whose lives are spent at sea, and for their families back at home. May the work of all seafarers be rightly valued and rewarded, and may they be kept safe in times of danger. Lord in your mercy

For all who are marginalised for whatever reason, that there will be an end to discrimination and that they may experience the full acceptance in society that is their due. Lord in your mercy

As we near the end of the school year, we thank our teachers for their patience and skill and we pray that the young people leaving college or university are able to find suitable employment to give them hope for the future. Lord in your mercy

During the approaching holiday season, we pray that we do not forget the needs of those who have insufficient to eat and for the vision to see where there is plenty to be shared. Lord in your mercy

We ask Mary, our mother to help us during our daily lives. We think of her as we say, Hail Mary, full of grace...

We pause for a moment to present our personal petitions before God.

(Priest)

Lord God, hear our prayers and those silently offered in our hearts through Jesus 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.