

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 10th / 11th July 2021

Reflections from Fr. Adrian Graffy (taken from www.whatgoodnews.org)

Mark 6:7-13 *Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.*

Earlier in the gospel, in chapter 3, the evangelist told us of the choice of the Twelve by Jesus. They were to be his companions and to be sent out to preach and cast out devils. It comes as no surprise now that Jesus sends them out in twos 'with authority over unclean spirits'. Just as Jesus announces the coming of the Kingdom of God by preaching and mighty works, so too will the disciples confirm their preaching by their healing ministry. They are to take no provisions for the journey. They are allowed a staff and sandals, which might have been considered essential for travelling on foot on the rough paths of rural Galilee, but they are not allowed to take provisions of any kind. They must trust that all will be provided. Furthermore, they are to remain at the house of whoever shows them hospitality. Jesus has already spoken of the rejection of his preaching, the seed not growing to fruition. He has experienced the antagonism of the people of his own home town of Nazareth. He warns here of the lack of welcome the Twelve may experience. Some will be unwilling to listen to them. They are to shake the dust off their feet as they depart, showing that they cut all ties with those who refuse the good news. The evangelist reports that the disciples, like Jesus, set off to 'preach repentance', and that they 'cast out devils', expelling the evil forces which were thought to cause suffering. We hear for the first time of the anointing of the sick with oil, and their healing. There are no reports in the gospels of Jesus using oil to anoint the sick. In experiencing rejection both Jesus and the disciples follow in the footsteps of the prophets. Today we hear also of the banishment from Israel of the prophet Amos, who had sought to challenge the injustice practised in the kingdom.

Do you trust in the providence of God? How can you offer others the good news of Jesus? Let us pray for openness to the message of the gospel in our society today.

Let us pray for those who are anointed in the Sacrament of the Sick.

10th JULY - 18th JULY 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sea Sunday(Year B)

Saturday 10th

6pm **For All Parishioners**

Sunday 11th

15th Sunday of the Year
9am **Ted Wilson RIP - Anniv.** (Eileen and Eileen Wilson)

10.45am **Mrs Ekaette Lee - Birthday Intentions** (Sylvia)

Monday 12th

Feria
No Mass

Tuesday 13th

Feria
No Mass

Wednesday 14th

Feria
No Mass

Thursday 15th

St. Bonaventure
No Mass

Friday 16th

Feria
9am **Thomas Augustus Hornsey and Frances Hornsey and Intentions of Geraldine and Andrew Hannah**

Saturday 17th

6pm **Suhaila Manna RIP** (Manna Family)

Sunday 18th

16th Sunday of the Year
9am **For All Parishioners**
10.45am **Winefred and Percy Gaunt RIP** (Chris Coull) *and*
Intentions of Maria Stocker (Women's Group)

MASS BOOKINGS

A reminder that bookings open as soon as the emails go out on Sunday evening for the weekend of 17th/18th July. Please note that Sharon will be off on Monday and Tuesday, so no bookings will be made until **Wednesday morning**, after 10am.

In the same token, all those who book over the telephone, please call after 10am on Wednesday.

THIS WEEK

This weekend we welcome Fr. Gerald Gostling, who will be supplying for us whilst Fr. Brett is away. We will also see him again in September, God willing.

Fr. Brett will be back in operation on Friday, but please note that due to a funeral taking place, Mass will be at the earlier time of 9am, and there will be no Adoration.

The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week whilst Sharon goes off to Portsmouth to celebrate Johnathan's Graduation (postponed from last year).

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Please remember to ask an Usher if you require a low gluten host.

SEA SUNDAY - 11 July 2021

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue is important work.

If you want to donate directly, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5. Alternatively please drop cash or cheque into the 2nd Collection Basket after Mass, and using your Gift Aid envelope if appropriate. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give what you can.



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LET'S TALK OFFERTORY...

Thank you so much to those of you who have set up standing orders over the past couple of years, and to all of you who have carried on supporting the Parish financially during this pandemic. It really has been much appreciated.

Unfortunately, from this month, we will no longer be able to pay coins into the HSBC Branch in Southend, which will obviously cause us quite an issue.

What we are suggesting is the following: -

- 1) Please try and use notes if you are able to. If you have to donate in coins, please use larger, silver coins, rather than bronze coins. Alternatively, you can always set up a standing order direct from your bank account.
- 2) With any coins we receive, we will hang onto them, and 'sell' them to anyone who wants change - for parking, newspapers etc.
i.e. - you would contact the office to ask for £10 worth of change in return for a £10 note.

SVP NEWS

Well done to everyone contributing to our **TOP TWO** appeal! For the next **TOP TWO** we are looking for....



Tinned Fruit or Tinned Meat (any brand or type).

In addition to this, they are always in need of UHT Milk.

Every single item is very gratefully received and helps to continue the great work of St Vincent's Short Streetcheckout their [Facebook page](#).

19TH JULY ONWARDS

At present we are not aware of what will happen in regards to booking to come to Mass, re-opening of St. Gregory's or whether masks/social distancing will still be a thing after the 19th July.

We will be waiting for instructions from the Bishops before any new procedures are put in place here.

BCCS Sponsored Walk

This summer the bccs Relay 100 will involve 100 individual sponsored walks of varying lengths across the Diocese supported by our Bishop, Alan.

From our parish, Margaret Munson will be doing her usual walk from St. George's to St. Helens Church. Frank and Val McEvoy and Joan McDonald will be doing Leg 59 of the Relay 100 from St. George's to St. Gregory's, all hopefully taking place on Saturday 31st July.

If you would like to donate to bccs and help support children's mental health and well-being across the Diocese, you can do this in several ways. You can sponsor any of us when you see us at Mass, or you can phone the office or pop your donation in an envelope through the letterbox. Alternatively to donate directly, you can click here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=Relay100&isTeam=true> and click the red donate button, but don't forget

to mention **ST GEORGE'S PARISH**.

Many thanks for your support
Margaret, Frank, Val and Joan.



CONGRATULATIONS....

To Rose and Richard Mutsunge who will be celebrating their 10th Wedding Anniversary this month.

They have asked for our prayers for God to continue to bless their marriage.



***Be devoted to one another in love.
Honour one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10***

UPDATE FOR SUMMER PLANT SALE

As a result of further plants being sold, also the sale of the new donated lawnmower, I'm delighted to report the total of the above event on June 12th now stands at an amazing £1,022-72 all in aid of our Parish Funds.

Once again thank you all for your support

Margaret x

“Lourdes at Your Local” – Southend Deanery, Monday 26th July, Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea

We would like to invite all Parishes in the Deanery to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Monday 26th July at 11am, for a "Lourdes at your Local" Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, and followed by coffee and refreshments. This is one of 5 Masses for the week around the Diocese, and each Mass will be recorded and streamed online at 5pm for anyone not able to attend during the day. Alongside this there will be a virtual Daily Rosary, Torchlight Procession and Talent Show. All ages are welcome to celebrate Mass and enjoy our virtual events, with particular invitation to those who have been housebound or shielding. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events or you can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

“Lourdes on the Lawn”, 31st July 2021

This event is open to anyone currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) from 12pm – 4pm on Saturday 31st July. We will celebrate Mass together with Bishop Alan at Midday, and invite those attending to bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick during the afternoon. You can find more information at www.bcys.net/events or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org .



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

25th July 2021

Pope Francis has established a new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be observed for the first time on Sunday 25th July and subsequently on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Our Lord.

As well as a special video being released on the Diocesan website and on the Marriage and Family Life Facebook page to mark this day, there will also be articles featured throughout this month of July on the importance of grandparents at www.facebook.com/BrentwoodMandFL .

If you go to the Facebook page above, there is a video of Pope Francis giving his message for this special day.

VACANCIES

Mary's Meals are looking for a Supporter Engagement Officer. For more details, please see their website: -

www.marysmeals.org.uk

Closing date is the 19th July.

Perfectness Domestic and Business Cleaning are looking for part-time cleaners for an immediate start. It is essential that you drive, be energetic and reliable, and have a sense of urgency. Telephone Donna on 07547691364 for more information.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

On most Sundays of 2021 we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark's material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and also on the page entitled 'Faith Talks'.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR PHONES OFF/PUT ON SILENT

Thank you !



MEMORIAL MASS -

Fr. Tom Jordan RIP

Marking one year since Fr Tom's death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford, on Thursday 5th August, at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. *(Martin Luther King)*

MARRIAGE MATTERS

(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13)

Sent out in pairs

Sending pairs out to proclaim the Good News is repeated in other parts of the New Testament, including accounts of up to forty being sent out in pairs; it is even possible this included married couples. Jesus obviously thought pairs work well together. Married couples can draw spiritual strength from their Sacrament, particularly when they're working together for the Church.

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Please remember the following :

† Fr. Pat Taylor, Trevor York-Starkey, Nancy Cuffe, Thomas James Hatch, George Ranger, Frederick Bradley, Robert Wicks, Stella Yuille, Catherine Woods, Bridget Du Boisson, Terry Murphy, Adalmair Gabrielli De Amorim, Tony Brown, Joan Clarke, Peter Grant, Joan Skipper, Leslie Skingle, Hannah Hance, Vicky Cutter, Frank Miller, Mary Regan, Mary Cole, Joan Baron, Paul Duddy, Tom Finigan, Lilian Fenwick, Vera Sheehan, Jean Jagelman, Norman Reid, Angelina Vidler, Curtis Sweet, William Raycraft, Alex Jarno, Mary Browne, Robert Wheatley, Michael Kelly, Catherine Doherty, Kathleen Wallen, Cornelius Kelliher, Julia Kalogerides, Bridget Tobin, Bill Cooke, Frank Smith, Suhaila Mana, Philomena O'Sullivan, Bridie Priestley, Rob Duggan, Jim Murphy, Roland de Cruz, Caroline Bell, William Bryan, Eileen Jones.†

A FINAL THOUGHT

Never worry about numbers.

Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound in our parish, as well as our friends and family.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr. Brett will contact you in due course.

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