



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 July 2021

Again it is prophecy that is our theme (see last week). Here, we concentrate on the sending of prophets, the entrusting of the mission to them, and most importantly the necessary qualifications to be a prophet. The only qualification necessary is an open ear, to hear the mandate from God. We see this in Amos, the simple shepherd, and in the Twelve, called by Jesus from their humble occupations, which no one would have thought qualified them to speak on 'religious' themes. As last week, the possibility of rejection and failure is quite explicitly treated - Jesus instructs the Apostles in what to do if they are ignored. When the Gospel simply states, "So they set off to preach repentance..." we can imagine all that was in their minds and hearts as they did so. They had heard the call of Jesus, and allowed it into their hearts: this was all they needed to go out and speak his words.

Marriage Matters: 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.

Think Vocation: "Take nothing for the journey." When someone presents themselves as a candidate for the priesthood, it is the people of God who will sustain that person through their seminary training. After ordination it is the people in the parish who support the priest through their generosity, love and kindness.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: This week we pray for the people of the parish of The Holy Infant and St Anthony, Astley Bridge in Bolton, and for Fr Nathan Horne, their parish priest. We pray for their primary school, for Thornleigh College and for the Salesians of Don Bosco. May they respond to the mission which Jesus entrusts to them, to be missionary disciples

Prayer During the Pandemic: O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side. Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease. Give us love and courage that we may trust in your power to save and reach out to all who need our care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Masses / Services This Week

Government guidelines require people attending places of worship to wear a face mask (unless exempt).

Sunday – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sea Sunday
- *Special Collection for Stella Maris (AoS)*
Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

Monday – Weekday
No Mass today

Tuesday – Weekday or St Henry
Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm

Wednesday – Weekday or St Camillus of Lellis
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – St Bonaventure
Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Principal Patron of the Diocese (Feast)
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Saturday – Weekday or Memorial of BVM
Mass at SsPP 12noon

Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am
Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am

Live-streaming is via our Facebook page:
(<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford>)

Sick: All those who are suffering from the coronavirus and others who are sick at this time, including, Robert Livesey, Nuala Corridan, Tomas Cusack, John Ainsworth, Marie Campbell, David Pickup, Sue Remmer, Peter Carroll, Kathleen Broderick

Lately Dead: All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Kathleen Robinson, Jack Green, Lilian (Lil) McNamara, Joan Hamilton, Mary Appleton, Vera Gledhill.

Masses Received - Philip Raymond (For recovery from road traffic accident), Julie Webster, Andrew & Peggy McKay (BR)

Parish Email Addresses

Unfortunately, on Tuesday, the server hosting our various parish email addresses stopped doing so. Paul Ashton is working hard to get things back to normal but if you sent us an email on Tuesday or Wednesday, it is very likely that we didn't receive it. We are also unable at present to access any emails prior to Tuesday but hope to get those restored. Finally, it also means we are currently without our contact list so some people might not receive the newsletter electronically this week.

Congratulations: To Father Frank Waterworth who this Sunday (11 July) celebrates the Ruby Jubilee of his Ordination to Priesthood. Most of those 40 years have been spent in hospital chaplaincy, though he has also served in parishes. He is currently having a well deserved rest in retirement but I hope that at some point in the future we will get the opportunity to celebrate this great achievement with him. Please keep him in your prayers as I am sure he keeps all of us in his.

Sea Sunday: This weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There is a special collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, so we have a basket in church alongside the one for donations to the parish. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit: <https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/> To donate (if not here at church) and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

First Communion: Please pray for our young people who are receiving their First Communion over these first few weekends of July. Some of the children who should have been celebrating this weekend are having to self-isolate and so we are having to make alternative arrangements for them. Please pray that the rest of the planned celebrations will go ahead without the disruption of Covid.

Weekly Eco Thought: In Mark's Gospel today Jesus sends out the Twelve, warning them 'to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses.' *How simply to we journey through life in terms of what we use, what we consume?*

Abortion Law Change: Thank you to those who acted speedily last weekend to contact your MP about the proposed change to legislation. The amendments were withdrawn on Monday.

Reconciliation: If you would like to celebrate the sacrament socially distanced in an open space, please telephone the priests (0161 736 2696) to make an appointment.

Mikron Theatre: OUTDOOR performance of "A Dog's Tale" on the Parish Lawn at Ss Peter and Paul on Thursday 15 July at 7.30pm. Please bring your own chair and a rug!

To book your seat (by card payment) contact MIKRON directly by telephoning 01484 843701 or book online: www.mikron.org.uk/tour-dates-detail?show=2021-07-15-our-lady-of-hope

For further information please contact Rita McNamara on 07793 206251 or by email: rita@mcnassociates.org.uk

Please note that the gates to Ss Peter & Paul car park will be closed on Thursday evening (for the safety of the theatre company and audience), so if you are coming to the 6.30pm Mass there or to the performance, you will need to find parking on the road.

Our Lady of Hope Online Choir: You are welcome to join the choir: www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir

Diocese of Salford: The diocese is recruiting for a number of replacement posts:

- *Receptionist for the Cathedral Centre* which is the office base for diocesan curial staff and houses the Cathedral Bookshop, Café, and conference rooms. A large number and wide variety of visitors, contractors and personnel come to the Cathedral Centre and the wider estate as a whole. The Cathedral House is adjacent to the Centre and houses some of our retired clergy. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 26 July.
- *Two PA Roles* at Cathedral Centre. One PA will support the Vicars General and the Secretary to the Trustees. The other will support the Chief Operating Officer. Closing date for applications is 12noon on Monday 26 July.
- *Communication and Marketing Officer* for the Cathedral and a *Cathedral Campus Estate and Facilities Manager* (as advertised on last week's newsletter). Closing date for applications is 12noon on Friday 16 July.

Full details and application forms for each of these roles are available on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

FACT: Our Parish Advisory and Coordinating Team is due to meet this Wednesday evening.

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Next Week's Newsletter:
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