



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 July 2021

A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection - such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

Marriage Matters: *Recognising our real beauty:* When we married we became, together, a 'prophet', not predicting the future, but proclaiming the good news of marriage, here and now. Yet, there are times when we feel sorry for ourselves, blaming each other. Let's admit our own faults and weaknesses and remind one another of the beautiful qualities we found when we first fell in love.

Think Vocations: "This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary." Sometimes our remarks and comments can stifle confidence in other people. We do not see the potential a person has as God sees. When we speak to other people let's be encouraging and uplifting. We should be gently striving for each person to become the person God wants them to be.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley, together with their parish priest, Fr David Featherstone, Fr Damien Loudon and Fr Emmanuel Ugwuoke, CM. We pray for the Blessed Trinity High School and for their three parish primary schools. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph and for the Burnley General Hospital. Let us pray that they may know the power of God, especially in human weakness.

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

Monday – Weekday or St Antony Mary Zaccaria
No Mass today

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

Wednesday – Weekday
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

Thursday – Weekday
Mass at SsPP 6.30pm

Friday – Weekday or St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am

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

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

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: Vincent O'Regan, Kathleen Robinson, Jack Green, Lilian (Lil) McNamara, Joan Hamilton, Mary Appleton, Vera Gledhill.

Anniversaries: James Bower

Masses Received - Julie Webster, Mary Appleton (LD), Anthony Smith (BR), Patsy Griffin (MM), Vera Gledhill (LD), James Bower (A) & Winifred Bowers (BR), Stella Whitaker, Joseph Tomlinson (1st Communion), Michael Chuks Okoli (LD), Fr John Coe (40th Anniversary of Ordination)

Confirmation: Congratulations to our young people who were Confirmed last weekend. It is great that they were able to complete the preparation and have this celebration, given all that has gone on in these past fifteen months. Special thanks to Sr Anna for her work as our deanery Confirmation and Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, supported by our parish catechists and by Fr Mark.

First Communion: Please pray for our young people who will be receiving their First Communion over these next few weekends.

Peter's Pence: Thank you for donations totalling £334.87 for our collection for Peter's Pence.

Sea Sunday: Next weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a special collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, so we will 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.

Weekly Eco Thought: Each week the Eucharistic Prayer begins with one of a number of Prefaces. In Ordinary Time one such Preface prays: "You have laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; You formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and forever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord." How have succeeding generations exercised that 'rule' over all creation? How will we do so?

Mikron Theatre: OUTDOOR performance of "A Dogs 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

Retreat for Married Couples: The organisers of the online prayer resource Pray As You Go, in partnership with the Westminster Diocese's Marriage and Family Life Team, offer an Audio Retreat for Married Couples. It uses as its base ingredients scripture, the Ignatian tradition and other Christian insights to provide a simple recipe, which you can then enjoy blending together to make a tasty, exciting and balanced meal to feed your marriage. Further information can be found at www.pathwaystogod.org/resources/where-two-are-gathered-marriage-retreat

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.

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 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.

The diocese is also recruiting for a 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.

Stop Abortion Law Change: Catholics in England and Wales are urged to write to their MP requesting they vote against an amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill that could see abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth.

Right to Life, a charity that defends the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death, has an online submission form that finds your local MP and provides a template letter, that you can edit, to make your views known. (<https://righttolife.org.uk>).

The vote is due to take place on Monday, so please act quickly on this over the weekend. Thanks.

Faith & Reason – A Catholic Integration: The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering this summer course which is of particular relevance to catechists and teachers of RE, as well as those exploring the Catholic Faith and wishing to engage more deeply within it. The course will run from Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th August. The 3-day course will be led by two excellent and experienced lecturers and tutors, who have taught at the Maryvale Institute for many years and worked with many dioceses and seminaries around the UK and abroad. The course will offer lectures and discussion around common themes related to the rationality of the Catholic Faith, dealing with many frequently-asked questions, for example around the relationship of faith and science. We are offering residential options as well as non-residential, for those more local and wishing to drive in daily. The course will go ahead assuming the lifting of Covid restrictions in July. Any bookings will be fully refunded in the event of an inevitable cancellation. For more information and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

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