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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7-8 July 2018**

“With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him.”

Mark 6, 2

## SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To donate online visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**PARISH GARDEN PARTY** Please join us after 10am Mass next Sunday 15th July in the Presbytery garden for tea, coffee, Pimms, cakes & biscuits, fun and games for the children, tombola, a raffle and bacon or sausage patty rolls from the BBQ.

**Tombola donations** - If you have any items such as unused toiletries, unwanted gifts or unopened sweets or chocolates to donate for the Garden Party tombola, please put them in the box in the Narthex, thank you.

## MAPLEDURHAM MASS

Fr Patrick will be celebrate the daily Mass in the Mapledurham chapel at **18.00hrs** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. All welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Baldwin family on the baptism of their son Lucas this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	Loose
Standing Orders	£484.00

## THE ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL

is now into its 6<sup>th</sup> year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and tickets are now on sale.

It is a family event and, as with past events, will generate funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association as well as being a major contributor to Parish income. There is a full bar, provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast.....oh, and England will have won the world cup the weekend beforehand.

Tickets are **£10** for adults, **£5** for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after Mass or by calling 0118 958 4498 during office hours or visit [www.facebook.com/rocknale](http://www.facebook.com/rocknale).

If you can help promote the event then please take some of the leaflets or posters that are available in the Narthex.

## SVP SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING

The SVP are arranging a fabulous day trip to Savill Garden, Windsor for senior citizens on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Come and enjoy a lovely day out with good company.

Meet at Our Lady & St Anne car park at 9.45 am, coach will be back by 4pm.

If you think you might like to come, contact the parish office on 0118 947 1787 or speak to John Woodard at Mass for details.

**Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers**

Domingo Antao, Betty Brown, Tess Carter, Lucy Collaco, Barbara Dalton, Jean Davison, Mollie Durnin, Lady Anne Eyston, Dorothy Jennings, Maureen Kinnon, Nancy Lynch, Ruby Mason, Lucy Maszowska, Evlyn Novell, Carrol O'Donovan, Theresa Parking, Veronica Perkins, Jenny Pollard, Carmel Potton, Claudina Rodriguez, Sheila Smith, Pamela Thompson, Tilly Walters, Marjorie Whitehead.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** A question that is asked frequently is what Jesus might do were he confronted with this or that circumstance? The issue is frequently raised when people take issue with those, all too often churchmen, who act in his name or speak on his behalf today. What would Jesus do with the migrants landing on the shores of Lampedusa or Lesbos; what would Jesus say to the officials separating children from their parents in Texas; what advice would Jesus have given the Irish citizens in the recent 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment referendum? There is no easy answer but to say that he lived in a culture and setting very different to ours and reading back the questions of today into history – either when we are talking about Jesus, Queen Elizabeth I or Napoleon – is rarely enlightening. And yet holding up what is happening and what we are doing in today's world to the mirror of those values set down by Jesus in his teaching and his parables can help us understand his teaching and his parables. Would Jesus get any better a reception at South View Avenue than he did in the synagogue of his home town?

**First Reading (OT): Ezekiel 2, 2 – 5:** The conversation between God and Ezekiel recounted here occurred during the exile of the Jewish people in Babylon. Ezekiel belonged to a distinguished family of the ruling aristocracy in Judah and he was earmarked for transportation to Babylon. He was privileged with a vision of God's glory and he knelt down in reverence and awe. He was asked by God to carry out a prophetic ministry. Whether he was successful or not in converting rebellious Jews to God was immaterial, all God wanted was for them to realise that there was a prophet amongst them.

**Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 12, 7 – 10:** Paul is here rounding off his second letter to the Christian community of Corinth. A community which was complex and diverse in its make-up, a community furthermore which found it hard to agree and reach common ground. Paul realised that he had achieved a lot among the Corinthians and engineered peace – no mean achievement! But lest he become vain or proud, he reminded himself of the thorn in the flesh which had caused him so much bother and suffering. He had frequently prayed to be rid of it – what was it? – but in vain. It threw him completely on God's mercy, he found his support only in God. In fact, his recognition of his human weakness made him strong. For many of us too living with our weaknesses and relying on God's support gives us great strength.

**Gospel: Mark 6, 1 – 6:** Jesus gets a cool reception in his native town when he appears in the synagogue. They were astonished by his teaching – was it his eloquence, his understanding of the Scriptures or the content of what he said that amazed them? – but they immediately turned to what Thomas Aquinas called the *argumentum ad hominem* / finding fault with the person rather than his ideas. They could not credit that someone from their own village could be so talented and speak to them in the way Jesus did. Their unbelief emasculated him: he could work no miracles for them!

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 104-105*

# Masses and Intentions

## Fourteenth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Private intention

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Year B (Mark)**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

17.30

Kath Turner RIP

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

10.00

James & Elsie McAdden RIP

12.00

Baptism: Lucas Baldwin

18.30

Nelson Carwana RIP

[Month's mind]

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

09.15

Private intention

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

09.15

Private intention

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feast: St Benedict, Abbot*

18.00

Mass at Mapledurham

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

08.00

Private intention

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

12.30

Private intention

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

10.00

Private intention

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Year B (Mark)**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July

17.30

People of the parish

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

10.00

Health & blessings for  
Janka, Monika & Rayan

18.30

Private intention

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition  
& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer. Rosary:

Saturday 16.45