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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 July 2018

“He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.”

Mark 6, 34

THANK YOU

Parish Garden Party

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Parish Garden Party on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many of you, we raised the fabulous total of £270. We have some unclaimed raffle prizes, the numbers are: 205, 209, 305, 313. Prizes can be collected from the Piety Stall in the Narthex after Mass.

Tea & coffee after 10am Mass

Your donations have reached a total of £100 and have been banked this week. Everybody is welcome to stay for a cup of their choice and to get to know people a little better.

SVP Savill Garden Trip

Thank you to all who came and made this an enjoyable day out together.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Ward family on the baptism of Martina this weekend.

JUNE 200 CLUB WINNERS

1st M Naxton 2nd P Melling
3rd J Kavanagh 3rd M Van Den Berghe
Cheques are available in the sacristy for collection.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £131.75 Loose £473.70
Standing Orders £484.00

MASS AT MAPLEDURHAM

Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at Mapledurham at 6pm on Sunday 29th July. Everybody welcome.

READIFOOD are running short of supplies and would be very grateful for any donations of tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice and pasta sauces. If you can help, please leave your donation in the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

HOLY MASS IN TAMIL is available at 5pm, 2nd Sunday of every month at St James Church, Forbury Road. More information can be found at ReadingTamilCatholics.org.uk; www.facebook.com/ReadingTamilCatholics or contact@readingtamilcatholics.org.uk.

CAFOD SHARE the JOURNEY with REFUGEES A global campaign, inspired by Pope Francis, urges us all to reach out to and show solidarity with refugees who are on the move because they have been forced from their homes. CAFOD invites us to share in this campaign by walking towards a total of 24,900 miles - the distance round the world at the equator. Join a walk around all or part of Prospect Park in Reading on **SUNDAY 22 JULY**, starting at **2.30 PM** from the car park at English Martyrs Church. Round the Park is about 2 miles, but whatever distance you walk will be added to the 24,900.

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The final week of the school year is just around the corner, the long summer holiday is about to start. The people of Galilee in Jesus’ day did not have the luxury of much free time, to say nothing of a prolonged holiday away from home. Today, however, we meet them in large numbers in pursuit of Jesus and his disciples, so they must have set down tools or left their homes at least for an afternoon. They were making time for God, they were hot in pursuit of the young prophet from Nazareth and his associates. Those latter, the disciples, had just returned from a tour of the province preaching the Good News and passing on to others the teaching they had learned from Jesus. It may well be that it was on account of the impact they made on this local missionary journey – a dry run for the longer and more arduous missionary expeditions on which they would later embark – that so many people set out to find Jesus and spend time in his company. The people of Galilee may have had little spare time yet Mark suggests to us that what free time they had they used to get to know Jesus better. It was not curiosity about God’s word that drove them however, it was the needs that preoccupied them, the problems they encountered in day-to-day life and which they felt Jesus might be able to solve. He must have seen just how needy they were. Mark tells us “*he took pity on them*”. We have more spare time and the holiday season, particularly the summer, reminds us of just how much free time we have. The scripture readings this weekend, both the words of the prophet Jeremiah in the OT and the account Mark provides of Jesus’ encounter with the crowd, remind us that our needs also matter. Perhaps the summer holiday allows us an opportunity to reflect further on them and confide them to the Lord. We must not feel guilty about our holiday! Mark tells us how curious Jesus was to hear what his disciples had to tell him after their return from their missionary journey but how insistent he was that they should “*rest for a while*”.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 23, 1 – 6: We find here in this extract from the prophet Jeremiah that same language which is so familiar to us from Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my shepherd* – and which figures later in the NT in so many of the parables of Jesus as well as the description he furnishes of himself as the Good Shepherd which features in the liturgy during Eastertide. The language has also shaped the Church’s understanding of its own relationship with its people as well as the ideal it sets before those who minister, bishops and priests particularly, in a context which is deliberately described as “*pastoral*”.

Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 2, 13 -18: The emphasis here is on the unity which Jesus brought to peoples and communities which heretofore were hostile and divided. The cross restored unity and achieved a peace, beyond all understanding, among peoples who before were enemies. It is worth reflecting on the nature of the peace brought about by Jesus.

Gospel: Mark 6, 30 – 34: [The message of the Gospel is contained in the introduction above.]

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 109-111

Masses and Intentions

Sixteenth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 21st July
Feria in Ordinary Time Catherine McAmphill & Richard Price

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	21 st July	17.30	Richard O'Brien RIP
		13.00	Baptism - Martina Ward
Sunday	22 nd July	10.00	Sarah Louise Anscombe
		18.30	People of the parish

Monday	23 rd July	09.15	Michael Scott
	<i>Feast: St Bridget</i>		

Tuesday	24 th July	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		

Wednesday	25 th July	09.15	Kazimierz Dubaj RIP
	<i>Feast: St James</i>		

Thursday	26 th July	<u>19.30</u>	Sr Anne
	<i>Memorial: Ss Joachim & Anne</i>		

Friday	27 th July	12.30	Private intention
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		

Saturday	28 th July	10.00	Yvonne Zammit RIP
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	28 th July	17.30	Christine Francis RIP
Sunday	29 th July	10.00	Maria & Alexander Featch (to mark 40 th wedding anniversary)
		18.00	Mapledurham Mass
		18.30	People of the parish

Confessions:	Saturday 10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
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Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
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Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday 16.45
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