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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 July 2021**

“The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.”

**John 10, 27**

**RIP** Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Day and Theresa Perkins who died recently. May they rest in peace.

On the Wednesdays of July 14, 21 and 26, a **SUMMER SCHOOL OF PRAYER** will be held in the presbytery garden from 11.00 until 12.00 noon, weather permitting. It will be a four-week study of **The Psalms**: 40 minutes input, 10 minutes questions, 10 minutes prayer.

### PARISH SURVEY

<https://forms.office.com/r/eJ5fx6vvDB>

This will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Thank you to all those who have replied so far.

The **ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL** is now into its 9th year. This year's event will be held on Saturday 4th September and tickets are now on sale. The event is a family event and not only generates funds for the Motor Neuron Disease Association but is also a major contributor to Parish income. A full bar is provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast.

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 4628 during office hours or visit

[www.facebook.com/rocknale](http://www.facebook.com/rocknale).

## CHANGES AT MASS HERE AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE STARTING 24/25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

In response to the announcement by Boris Johnson we are keen to increase the capacity at Mass but need to be mindful of a range of situations. Here at Our Lady & St Anne's it has been decided that:

- every pew will be open
- there will still be booking through Eventbrite with more tickets available
- pews will not be allocated, people are asked to choose their own seat but please be mindful to keep a reasonable distance from those that they don't have regular contact with.
- mask wearing is still expected for the benefit of the all members of the community
- hands still to be sanitised on entry
- singing still restricted to the choir for the moment
- the church will continue to be disinfected after weekend Masses

## NOTE CHANGE OF MASS ON FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY

Mass on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July will be at 12noon to allow parishioners to leave the car park before the large funeral at 1.45pm.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP** This week's lamp is lit for:  
**Beatriz Santos Anciaens. Please keep her in your prayers.**

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** In our Summer School of Prayer a group of about fifteen of us have been looking at the Psalms together, meditating on the rich variety of contents these age-old Jewish prayers present and, finally, praying some of them in unison. The antiphon this Sunday, as is usually the case, is an excerpt from one of the psalms, Ps. 54, 6. 8, “God is my helper, he protects my life”. This phrase reminds us of God’s presence, of how close he is to us, I can talk to him, pray to him and rest secure in his protective embrace. All too often we take this presence of God for granted. And yet there are times when it is his apparent absence that disconcerts us, he seems nowhere to be found. We feel like sheep abandoned by the shepherd. But there are moments when our desolation is so great that our faith in God’s presence to us wins the upper hand. Jesus spoke from time to time of a house built on secure foundations (Lk. 6, 49). We do not continually reflect on the secure superstructure of our lives, we just live day to day in the awareness that the Lord is there as our strength and stay.

**First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 23, 1 – 6:** The imagery of Jeremiah’s prophetic warning is more than familiar to us who exercise and who are entitled to benefit from pastoral ministry. The bishop is shepherd of his (diocesan) flock, he carries the crozier/staff, and so many aspects of his calling and identity are reflected in the image of shepherd. The same applies to the parish priest/pastor and his smaller flock. Clearly, in the 5th century BC there were people in Israel who not only failed to perform the duties incumbent on a shepherd but who actually exploited their position as shepherd to pursue their own ends. St. Augustine of Hippo, bishop and Father of the Church in the 5th century AD, wrote a long treatise on the duties of the shepherd and there can be no doubt but that he was inspired by the words of Jeremiah.

**Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 2, 13 – 18:** Whether or not I get to know God depends on my looking for him and seeking him out in the first place. The only thing St. Benedict asked of a candidate for the monastic life was that he seek God. For the Jews, so certain that they already possessed God, the God-seekers from the pagan world needed to become Jews. And in the early Church the question arose as to converts to Christianity, did they have to pass through the forecourt of Judaism, i.e. if they were male, be circumcised. It is against this historical background that today’s reading needs to be considered.

**Gospel: Mark 6, 30 – 34:** The missionaries whom we met last week have now returned to Jesus and they offer an account of their activities. Jesus is concerned that they have some rest and recuperation (Jesus would not have disapproved of holidays). Mark is preparing the shepherd motif: ‘they were like sheep without a shepherd.’ Psalm 23, 2 indicates how the good shepherd provides for his sheep. Mark goes on to paint a vivid picture of the converging groups who travel on foot to meet and encounter Jesus. Jesus was immediately aware of their hunger yet, rather than provide them with nourishment, he began to teach them.

## Mass Intentions for Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	17.30	Ints. of those who helped at the Naxton Golden Wedding
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	Mr James Patrick O'Rourke RIP
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	09.15	Private intention
<i>Monday of week 16 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	09.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr</i>			
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	18.30	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	08.00	Private intention
<i>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</i>			
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<u>12.00</u>	Private intention
<i>Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe</i>			
		13.45	Requiem - Theresa Perkins
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</i>			

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> July	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	Zygmunt Poweicki RIP