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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –4 July 2021

“The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives”

Luke 4, 18

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul Teresa Perkins who died recently. May she rest in peace.

On the Wednesdays of July 7, 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. There will be supporting material for each session and it will be led by Fr Patrick.

PARISH SURVEY

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

Have your say by clicking on the link and completing the form.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Children at non-Catholic schools

[those who started to prepare last year with Mrs Freddi & Mrs Carr]:

➤ Sunday 11th July 2021@ 12noon

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE PARISH FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The next First Communion & Confirmation preparation for children not attending a Catholic school will happen in the new academic year 2021-22. Dates will be published as soon as a programme has been established.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

Y6 CONFIRMATION

Children in Y6 at St Anne's school will be confirmed on Tuesday 13th July.

Mass will be 19.30. Invitation only still due to COVID.

THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS THE 'NEW NORMAL' AT OLSA

As of 3rd July stewards will not be guiding people to communion. Please continue to go row by row and maintain a social distance as you move around the church.

MASSES FULLY BOOKED

If the Mass that you would like to come to says **SOLD OUT**, do ring Julia [07544 260 440] for Saturday or Tina [07753 605972] for Sunday morning later in the week to see if there are any cancellations.



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit for:
Frs Tom, David & Alistair. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The Jerusalem Temple played a central role in the religious life of the Jewish people. Even if it is still disputed among scripture scholars how frequently Jesus went to Jerusalem during his public ministry, Luke tells us his parents presented him to God there shortly after his birth and relates how, as a teenager, he gravitated there, to the great distress of his parents, to “be about my Father’s business”. Mark, the evangelist we are reading this year, places Jesus in the Temple precincts in the last week of his earthly life. The Jews were not alone in seeking a place, a physical setting, in which to encounter God. All the pagan religions had temples and sacred places. We Christians too, while knowing that God is everywhere, attach special importance to our churches. Not only do we gather in the church, some of our most poignant memories are associated with it, and each parish community takes great pride in and care of its church. Our Lady & St. Anne is no exception in that regard. We are being invited by the Archbishop to reflect on the nature of the Church and our part in it, but for all of us any relationship with the universal Church, with the church in which we profess belief in the Creed, commences in the physical surroundings of the church in which we were baptised and the church in which week by week we worship, especially on the Lord’s Day.

First Reading (OT): Ezekiel 2, 2 – 5: No matter how intense our spiritual life is, it is an inner energy which expresses itself in outward action. What applied to the prophet Ezekiel applies also to us: God has a plan for us, God sends us forth, God wants us to play a role. Ezekiel is sent out to speak to and upbraid the sons of Israel. We might ask ourselves what role God expects us to play, what mission might we have? The Archbishop mentioned that one of his dreams is “forming missionary disciples and missionary parishes”. In what way can I imitate Ezekiel or myself engage in a missionary apostolate?

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12, 7 – 10: Paul was well aware of his privileged background and the intellectual capacities his birth had conferred on him. But he was also aware of the damage pride did, the danger of a superiority complex. So he is quite open about the “thorn in his flesh” and of his weaknesses. He knows that he can only survive with the help he receives from Jesus Christ. In fact, it is when he acknowledges his weakness that he knows he is strong. That same principle applies in our lives too.

Gospel: Mark 6, 1 – 6: This short gospel extract is like a mirror with two contrasting images: there is the jubilation and acclamation, and then suddenly the envy and rejection. Palm Sunday and Good Friday are foreshadowed. The people of Nazareth failed to recognise Jesus and they let him slip through their fingers and out of their lives. We encounter the Lord every Sunday at Mass, in his Word and in the Eucharist. And yet, how much of an impact does that make, how much of that encounter remains, do we too let him slip out of our busy lives? These are questions we need to ask ourselves in any invitation to renewal in the Church.

Mass Intentions for Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	3 rd July	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	4 th July	10.00	James O'Brien RIP
Monday	5 th July	09.15	Peg Godkin
<i>Memorial of St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest</i>			
Tuesday	6 th July	09.15	O'Dwyer family
<i>Memorial of St Maria Gorett, Virgin, Martyr</i>			
Wednesday	7 th July	18.30	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Wednesday of week 14 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	8 th July	08.00	Deceased of Grady family
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Friday	9 th July	12.30	Deceased of Groden family
<i>Memorial of Ss Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>			
Saturday	10 th July	10.00	Private intention
<i>Saturday of week 14 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	10 th July	17.30	Samuel Perkins RIP
Sunday	11 th July	10.00	People of the parish
		12.00	First Communion Mass