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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Sunday 7th July, 2024

Mark 6:1-6 Ezekiel 2:2-5 Psalm 122 (123) 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark's gospel reading gives us an account of the visit of Jesus to his 'home town', which we know to be Nazareth. Just as he has already done in Capernaum, here too he teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. But the reaction of the townspeople is not positive. How can this local man be gifted with so many fine qualities? They are determined to find fault with his wisdom and with his actions. They go on to speak of his family. They know his mother, and they know his relations. His humble origins rule out anything special. 'And they would not accept him.' The sense of the Greek word used here suggests they were determined to find excuses for not accepting him. John's gospel will express this with the momentous words: 'He came to his own, and his own would not accept him.' (John 1:11)

This passage is important in the unfolding drama of the gospel. It was not only the religious and political leaders who were against Jesus. Jesus quotes what seems to be a common proverb in antiquity: 'A prophet is only despised in his own home.' The passage ends with the strange remark that 'he could work no miracles there'. The healing work of Jesus is not forced on those who do not wish to receive it, and who are not open to the new deeds the Lord is doing.

The text from the prophet Ezekiel confirms that, like Jesus, the ancient prophets of Israel often experienced rejection. St Paul, facing 'a thorn in the flesh', hears those comforting words of the Lord: 'My grace is enough for you.' We too should trust the goodness of God in our efforts to witness to Christ. What does the rejection of Jesus in Nazareth teach us? What do you think motivated the attitude of Jesus' compatriots? Let us pray for those who face opposition because they live according to the values of the gospel.

Fr. Adrian Graffy

Please note Fr. Emile is currently away on leave returning 7th July.
Let us welcome Fr. Abiodun Clement, who will be covering the 6/7 July weekend Masses.

Going Forth Mass The Going Forth Mass for our First Holy Communicants, Charlie and Elliott, will take place on Sunday 14th July at St. Margaret's. A big thank you to our catechist, Chloe Rowles, for guiding the children on this year's First Holy Communion Programme.

Summer Tabletop Sale Thank you for everyone who helped or came along to support the Tabletop Sale on 29th June. All the tables were sold and we were blessed with a lovely sunny day. We had two parish tables this year, one with repository items and one with various donated items and plants. The WI cake stall did well and this year Neighbourhood Watch took a table with information, advice and free personal safety items. The ladies in the kitchen worked hard and the strawberries and cream were lovely. It was not as busy as we hoped and there were few children, but we made over £500 for the parish; so well worth doing. There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall, and it was a nice social event. *B.Wrobel*

Doddy Drop In The next Doddy Drop In will be on Tuesday 9th July 2-4pm at St Margaret's Hall, Doddinghurst. All welcome to join for a cuppa, cake, games, crafts and a natter!

100 Club The lucky winner of £102 for the 100 Club Draw for June was No. 93, Mrs Ursula Murphy so our congratulations to you! Please contact Bernie/Anne R to apply.

Collection Notice: Please be aware that recently we have had some instances of Scottish notes being rejected by the Post Office when paying in the weekly collection to the parish bank account.

YOUR PARISH GARDEN NEEDS YOU!

There will be a gardening working party to tackle the overgrown areas of the garden at St Margaret's on the evening of Friday 12th July from 6pm onwards. Please come even if you can only spare half an hour as many hands really do make light work. You will need to bring your own tools, gloves, extension leads and bags for any non compostable debris. Refreshments will be provided.
THANK YOU from St Margaret's Hall Committee.

Second Collection - Sunday 14th July - Sea Sunday On Sea Sunday, which falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. When seafarers and fishers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need. Stella Maris' chaplains and volunteer ship visitors answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger. To find out more about Sea Sunday, please visit: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/> To donate to Stella Maris, please go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/donate/> or there will be a second collection this weekend at all the masses.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). There are five remaining places on the pilgrimage. To book, please go online as soon as possible: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024

A couple of last minute places have become available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriel-laskinner@brcdt.org

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

Open House Billericay: Saturday, 12th October 2024 The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

Campion School Job Vacancy - Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

Please apply online via Jobs Go Public (Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Hornchurch) or via our website under - About Us – Work for the Campion School. Please contact hfielder@thecampionschool.org.uk if you require further information. Application forms need to be completed by Monday 8th July at 12pm. Interviews will be held that week.

REPOSITORY We have cards and gifts for First Holy Communion's, Baptism and other occasions for sale in the Repository at St Helen's at very reasonable prices. Please use the card box on the wall in the porch or get in touch with Ann Jackson if anything else required. Thank you.

Whatsapp Group: If anyone would like to join the parish Whatsapp Group then please contact Denise Terry-Roberts at d.terryroberts@btinternet.com or on 07545 240064 for her to add your mobile number.

St. Margaret's Hall Hire St. Margaret's is available for hire for private functions and parties, children's parties, fitness classes, local groups and events holding up to 100 people at reasonable rates. If you would like more information or to make a booking please contact Kelly Love on 01277 362645, ongar@brcdt.org or whatsapp/msg 07929241350.

Mass Attendance: June 29/30 Sat 5.30pm: 18 Sun 8.45am: 19 10.30am: 24
Offertory Collection: £ 602.04

Cheques payable to: 'Catholic Church Ongar St Helens'
Please contact Kelly Love if you require bank account details.
For Gift Aid/Envelopes please contact Bernard Adams 01277 823511
Thank you for your continued selfless generosity and support.
Please consider remembering the parish in your will. Thank you.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat 6th July, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	Mass - Fr. Abiodun Clement People of the Parish
Sun 7th July, 2024	St. H 8.45am	Mass - Fr. Abiodun Clement People of the Parish
	St. M 10.30am	Mass - Fr. Abiodun Clement People of the Parish
Mon 8th July, 2024	Ilford 9.30am	
Tue 9th July, 2024	St. H 9.00am	Lally (Anniv. Lally) and Frank Falco
Wed 10th July, 2024	St. H 9.00am	
Thu 11 July, 2024	St. H 9.00am	ST BENEDICT, Ab European Feast Patron of Europe
Fri 12th July, 2024	St. H 9.00am	

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Sea Sunday)

Sat 13th July, 2024	St. H 5.30pm	Rita Doran (Paul Falco)
Sun 14th July, 2024	St. H 8.45am	People of the Parish
	St. M 10.30am	First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass

Fr. Emile would like to welcome any parishioners for Tea/Coffee and a chat on Thursdays in the Presbytery after mass each week.

Prayer List: Please pray for all our parishioners who are sick and need the benefit of our love and prayers: Alan Chapman, Maureen Hamilton, Lucy Gay, Stephen Garfield and family, Susan Corbin and family, Sue Potter, Philip Denton, Ivy Denton, Douglas Jordan, John Varellas, Bruno Vassallo