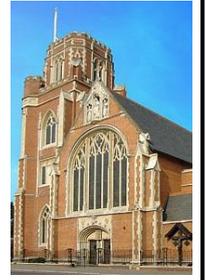




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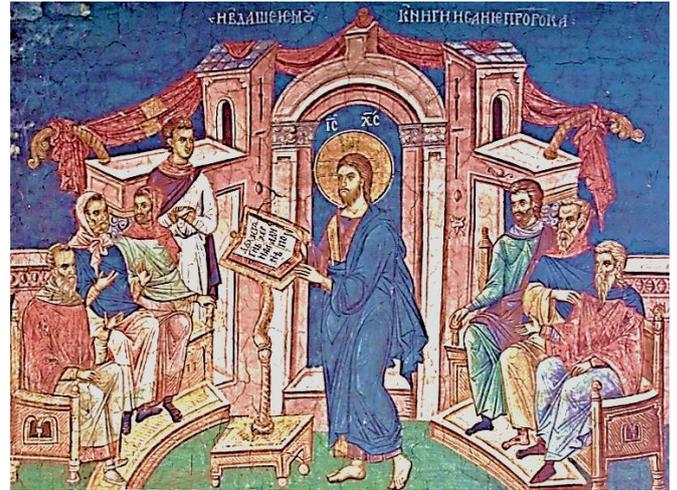
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th July 2018

A Prophet is despised only in his own country

Mass Times

7th Sat Feria	9.30	10.00 Confessions	17.30 Billie Maher +
8th Sun Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	The Freyne Family +	
	15.00	(Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>	
9th Mon Feria	9.30	Richard Lamb Wellbeing	
10th Tue Feria	9.30	Izabella Lamb Wellbeing	
11th Wed St Benedict	9.30	Giandomenico Grosso +	
12th Thu Feria	9.30		
13th Fri Feria	9.30	Diana Lamb Wellbeing	
14th Sat Feria	9.30	10.00 Confessions	17.30 Lolita Delos Santos
15th Sun Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00	Irene Barber	
	15.00	(Royal Hospital) <i>People of the Parish</i>	



Jesus Preaching in the Synagogue of Nazareth

Jesus and the People of Nazareth

Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth and begins to teach in the Synagogue there. The people are astonished at his knowledge and wisdom, and naturally enough wonder where he gets it all from.

They knew him as a boy and don't recall him having this extraordinary level of insight then and so, because of this, they reject him.

According to me the people of Nazareth are only doing the same sort of thing that we do all the time, they refuse to allow other people to change.

Each one of us is always striving to become a better person and sometimes we make heroic efforts to change our lives. We are saddened when others don't notice the changes that we have achieved.

We ought to be just as saddened when we find ourselves doing the same sort of thing as the people of Nazareth and think we know a person now just because we knew them when they were young.

Cardinal Newman said 'Change is the only sign of life.' Let us allow others to change and let us continue to strive for change in our own lives.

Father Alex

Confessions:

Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Summer:

Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews,
 Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of
 Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

A Prayer from the Sarum Liturgy

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

All forms of consumption are a physical attempt to fill a spiritual void

Mr John McHugo

Mr John McHugo is standing down from his position as Chair of Governors of St Joseph's School at the end of this term and at the same time will be retiring from his position as a School Governor. We offer him our thanks for his leadership of the Governors over the last seven years and for his membership of the Governing Body since 1992. We express our thanks, we wish him well, and we offer him our good wishes for a happy and long retirement.

Rotas

The new rotas are ready and available at the back of the Church. Thank you very much for your service to the parish. If you are unable to help on any particular day please swap with someone else. If you would like to be included in future rotas please contact the Parish Office.

St John's Seminary

Our former parish priest Mgr. Gerry Ewing is now vice rector of St John's Seminary at Wonerish. He is renovating this very large building and has launched an appeal across the Archdiocese. We will be taking up a second collection for him next Sunday 15th July. £2,000 is needed to renovate each room. If you would prefer cheques can be sent directly to him at St John's Seminary, Wonerish, Guildford GU5 0QX.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid Scheme members please collect your Gift Aid boxes and letter from the back of the Church. Thank you for your donations and support. Forms available for those who would like to sign up for Gift Aid.

Cake Sale

Cake Sale in the Atrium after 10.00 mass this Sunday.

**It's nice to be important,
but it's more important to be nice**

APF Missio Red Boxes

Please return Missio Red Boxes as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous support. We need someone to take over as parish promoter to replace Bill Gallagher who has now moved to the Little Sisters of the Poor at Vauxhall.

Forthcoming Dates

Cake Sale..... 8th July
Seniors Club 18th July
Eucharistic Congress..... 7th-9th September

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries where wages are lower. They work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day. The average contract results in them spending ten months at sea at one time. Interestingly, there is an unusually high percentage of Catholics among seafarers.



The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care.

AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, receiving no official funding from either the Church or the government; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need. Sea Sunday is our chance to help AoS make a difference to the lives of seafarers. The parish will take up a second collection this Sunday – please give generously. www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

A Prayer for Seafarers

Lord God, Creator of land and sea, bless those who work at sea. Be with them in fair weather and foul, in danger or distress. Strengthen them when weary, lift them up when down and comfort them when far from their loved ones. In this life, bring them safely to shore and, in the life to come, welcome them to your kingdom. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

**A smooth sea
never made a skilled mariner**

English Proverb

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £510.01, Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

8th July Apostleship of the Sea, 15th July St John's Seminary Refurbishment.

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: M Harrison

L Northeast n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E&N Falcone, H Pall, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, E Sinclair, L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Little Church: J&N Neligan, A Mann n/w R&S Jackson

Tiny Church: T Brine n/w R Barros

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A Oliva

Royal Hospital: A Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbins

Maintenance team: 11.00 14th July