



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2021

SEA SUNDAY

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus sent out the disciples in pairs, but they were to take almost nothing with them – so they had to rely on the providence of God on their travels- and the generosity of the people they would stay with on the journey. Those people would be strangers to them – but the disciples were reliant on those strangers' hospitality. This requires faith.

The teaching that god's love is present in welcoming strangers and neighbours is a strong belief of many cultures. The divine lives in each of us and when we welcome each other, we welcome God and Jesus, the Son of God. This is the welcome of the Church to all. A call to the Church today is to welcome all and be enriched by the variety of prayer, friendship and worship which all can bring.

According to Jesus' instructions, if people didn't welcome or listen to the disciples, they were to walk away, shaking the dust from under their feet. This gesture represents both cleansing and Jesus' displeasure at those who have rejected these strangers (his disciples) – we would surely not want that for ourselves.

When seafarers are in foreign ports, they often rely on the strangers who visit them to support them – to take them to the shops, to give them internet access, to take them to a Church for mass or confession. Often, they don't even speak the local language, making things even harder.

Sea Sunday is the day our parishes pray for seafarers and fishers and support Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) – the Catholic charity that provides that welcome for seafarers in ports in this country and around the world. The chaplains and volunteers of Stella Maris listen to seafarers' stories, help to provide what they need and answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger.



Fifteenth Sunday - Sea Sunday
Sunday 11th July 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 11 th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Thursday 15 th July	St Bonaventure, Bishop, Disciple
Sunday 18 th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 11 th July	10am (in church)	12pm (in church inc Baptism)
Sunday 18 th July	10am (in church)	12pm (in church)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 11 th July	10.00 am	Mary Scott – Intentions (donor – Maria Harris)
	12.00 pm	For Parishioners
Friday 16 th July	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 17 th July	10.00 am	Mary McKenna – Birthday Mass (donor – Clare Lostly)
Sunday 18 th July	10.00 am	Michael Townsend – RIP/ Anni.8 years (donor – Evelyn Townsend)

2nd Collection – Apostleship of the Sea - 11th July

Today's second collection is for Sea Sunday. Many thanks for your generosity.

Parish Notice Board

Welcome

We welcome into the family of our parish Finbar Michael Ward, who will be baptised today and we congratulate his parents Lucy and Christopher Ward.

Reopening of English Martyrs Hornchurch

The Church is now open for public worship on the following days: -

Sundays 10am and 12pm:

Both the 10am and 12pm masses are now open for People's Physical Participation. The 10am mass will also be livestreamed.

As the numbers are still restricted, kindly participate in either of the two masses so as to avoid parishioners being turned away due to overcrowding at the 10am mass which I reckon to be the more popular one.

Weekday Masses:

The weekday mass time table is as follows:

Fridays

9.00am - Eucharistic Service

9.30am - Mass with Parishioners

Saturdays

9.00am – Holy Rosary

9.30am - Mass of our Lady

I will be offering Private Masses from Monday to Thursday until the restrictions are totally lifted. Mass intentions are still accepted for all masses.

Kindly inform those you know, who may not be able to access emails, of the above changes.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

We wish to thank those who have been most generous in your contributions to the parish finance. Those who have not yet thought about giving, you have the option of either donating on line, information below or simply pop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox.

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Many thanks
Parish Office

Parish Finance

Sunday 4th July 2021 Gift aid - £289.00 - Loose Plate £86.00 -Total: £376.00 (including a generous donation of £1,000, making a new total of £1,376)

In memory of the late Evelyn Golding, her beloved daughter Ellen Bishop has generously offered a donation of £1,000, which is gratefully received. May God bless Ellen and her family.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: David Calder, Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Don Muscat, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, Mary Wright. Rose Yates and Claire Ryan in Emerson Court.

Communication Desk

Memorial Mass – Fr Tom Jordan, RIP

Marking one year since Fr Tom's death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford, on Thursday 5th August, at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

The Gospel Of Mark

“On Most Sundays Of 2021 we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark's material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and also on the page entitled 'Faith Talks'.

Liturgy Of The Word

Apps to access readings for Mass: Daily Readings for Catholics, and Laudate. You can also access the readings by going to the website www.universalis.com

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals has a new job opportunity in the London/SE England region. The role of 'Supporter Engagement Officer' is an exciting and varied one which will suit someone with good organisational and people skills. The closing date is 19th July. Job details are here <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/useful-links/work-for-us/supporter-engagement-officer-london>

USEFUL WEBSITES

For those who have access to a computer, you may find the following websites of help in keeping up to date with developments:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net>

<http://walsingham.org.uk> (For Live stream masses)

Parish Priest : Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
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