

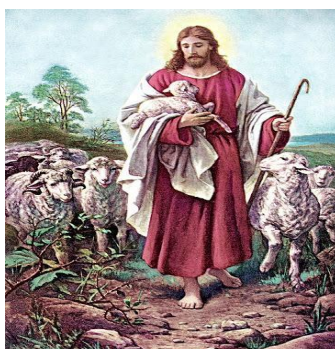
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2021**

Jeremiah's indictment of leaders who abandon the people is at once powerful and disturbing. The priests, rulers, and false prophets in the period just before the exile had predicted that God would never allow Jerusalem to fall. All the people had to do was wait a little longer for God's vindication. Jeremiah knew that something different was going to happen: Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Babylonians and in 587 BC, it was. He saw that the false hopes and promises raised by the rulers had left the people of Jerusalem scattered like the sheep so many of them had pastured in the hills surrounding the city. And with no moral guidance, many Israelites had been led to sin. The leaders had driven them away from God.

God promises to gather the sheep and bring them back by raising up shepherds for them. The promise had much the same structure as the promise to raise up a prophet like Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-20. There, the prophet will tell the people all God had said. In Jeremiah, the shepherd will shepherd (literally pasture) the people. Finally, God promises to raise up a righteous Branch. The Branch will reign as a wise king who will execute justice and righteousness. This description is important; in Jewish theology, the reign of God brings justice and righteousness. Here, a king from David's family tree will become God's shepherd on earth.

Another great vision of the Davidic shepherd is the restoration of the divided Israel (Ezekiel 37:23-36). Paul sees the restoration in his time as the coming together of Jews and Gentiles in Jesus Christ. For Paul, Jesus is the righteous Branch, bringing all people near to God.

In Mark, we hear again the image of shepherd. When Jesus sees the crowd hungry for guidance, he must reach out to them. But Mark gives us a different image for the shepherd of these sheep. This shepherd is not a king or a branch of David's tree; he is a teacher – yet another description that helps the reader grasp who Jesus is for the world.



**Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Liturgical Calendar**

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	St Mary Magdalene – Feast
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	St Bridget of Sweden – European Feast
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**Sunday Masses In Church**

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10am (in church)	12pm (in church)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	10am (in church)	12pm (in church)

**Masses & Intentions This Week**

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Michael Townsend – RIP/ Anni.8 years (donor – Evelyn Townsend)
	12.00 pm	For Parishioners
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Rt Rev Monsignor Van Meenen – RIP
	12.00 pm	Jim & Liz Manning Thanksgiving for 40 years of Marriage.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Collection**

Many thanks for your generosity last weekend for Sea Sunday which raised a total of £142.13.

**Parish Notice Board**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Gift aid - £80 - Loose Plate £37 -Total: £117

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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