

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021

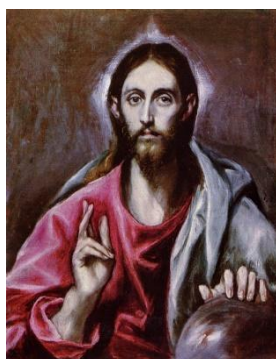
Lack of Belief

Ezekiel is the last of the major prophets, preaching in the period of the exile in Babylon (approximately 597 to 537 BC). In fact, he had already been taken captive to Babylon when he received his call. Ezekiel's prophecies stand out from those of the other prophets. The visions he reports are especially vivid and surreal: the wheel within the wheel (1:15) and the four living creatures with faces like an ox, a lion, an eagle, and a human being (1:10). (These would later be associated with the four evangelists, Mark, Matthew, John, and Luke, respectively.) Finally, Ezekiel speaks in the first person, as though he is relating his conversation with God as it happens, whereas most other prophets repeat what God has told them: "Thus says the Lord...."

We do not hear the subject of his preaching in this passage. In general, he prophesied the further destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, an unpopular topic. When the Temple was destroyed in 587 BC, Ezekiel's prophecy was fulfilled. The subject of his preaching, however, is not as important as the outcome. The Lord tells Ezekiel to preach so that "they shall know that a prophet has been among them." Later in the prophecy, God tells Ezekiel: "They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them" (34:30). In the similarity of phrases, the reader can sense the close relationship between God and God's prophet.

In this hometown, Jesus faces similar issues. He must preach the good news whether people listen or not. Unlike Ezekiel, who expected a stubborn and rebellious people, Jesus is amazed and perplexed when people do not believe him. We readers, who have been following Mark's story as Jesus touches and heals every kind of separation that people experience, from sin to illness to death, are also surprised. And yet, in spite of firm disbelief, Jesus is able to effect some healing for those who sought it. It is enough, He continues teaching in every town that will have him.

Why does the crowd discuss Jesus' background and family? What does that have to do with their lack of belief?



Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Sunday 4th July 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 4th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 11th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday Masses In Church

Sunday 4th July 10am (in church) 12pm (in church)
Sunday 11th July 10am (in church) 12pm (in church inc Baptism)

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 4 th July	10.00 am	Sr Maria – Rev Mother Prioress Cloistered Carmel & Community. (donor – Janet & David Perry)
	12.00 pm	Evelyn Golding – RIP
Monday 5 th July	10.00 am	Betty Higgins – RIP (donor – Tommy Higgins)
Tuesday 6 th July	10.00 am	Dolly Higgins – RIP/Anni (donor – Tommy Higgins)
Wednesday 7 th July	10.00 am	
Thursday 8 th July	10.00 am	Timothy and Molly Cummins – RIP (donor – Tommy Higgins)
Friday 9 th July	9.30 am	Patrick Hayes – Intentions (donor – Tommy Higgins)
Saturday 10 th July	9.30 am	
Sunday 11 th July	10.00 am	Mary Scott – Intentions (donor – Maria Harris)
	12.00 pm	

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

Next week's second collection will be for Apostleship of the Sea. There are envelopes at the back of the church, please feel free to take one and return it next week. Many thanks.

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 Adoration

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.

Volunteers needed urgently

We urgently need cleaners and stewards for enabling the conducting of the church services. At the moment we are restricted by the limited number of volunteers. Kindly meet me personally after mass to express your willingness to help. We are unable to move forward without new people coming forward to serve our community.

With blessings

Fr Britto

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 27th June 2021 Gift aid - £150.00 Loose Plate £127.00 Total: £277.00
Second Collection – Peter's Pence £75.10

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

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

The Thresholds Of Hope Website

Has now been launched. This new online resource is the work of the Brentwood Diocese Vicariate for Adult Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Please have a look at the website and watch it develop over time. Do let us know what you think of it. The website address is www.thresholdofhope.co.uk

"Lourdes at Your Local", 26th – 30th July 2021

From Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be hosting "Lourdes at your Local" for Summer 2021. There will be a Mass celebrated each morning at 11am, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by coffee and refreshments. These will then be streamed online each evening, as well as Daily Rosary, a Torchlight Procession and Talent Show (which we encourage you to also get involved in!). The Masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Canning Town, Wanstead and Brentwood, and we are welcoming all ages, with particular invitation to those who have been housebound or shielding over the last year. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events or you can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

"Lourdes on the Lawn", 31st July 2021

This event is open to anyone currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) from 12pm – 4pm on Saturday 31st July. We will celebrate Mass together with Bishop Alan at Midday, and invite those attending to bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick during the afternoon. You can find more information at www.bcys.net/events or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org .

BCYS Events:

Lourdes at your Local – 26th - 30th July. During what would have been our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes we will be hosting Mass at different parishes around the diocese each day that week. Mass will be at 11am, which will include the Anointing of the Sick and concluding with the Angelus. We will then have time to gather for refreshments afterwards. For more information on venues please see our website.

Lourdes on the lawn – 31st July. We are also welcoming our young leaders aged 18+ (School Year 13 and above) to gather together at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan and followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of our retreat centre (12pm – 4pm).

Youth Gather – 23rd October. One day Youth Gather at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There will be input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbaa. This event will be for Year 9 and above.

Catechists Training and Resource Day – 6th November. Being held at Sacred Heart of Mary School, the day will be an opportunity for Catechists to come together and receive input from different organisations including Caritas Brentwood and the BCYS. For more information on all of our events please see www.bcys.net

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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