

4 JULY 2021 Sunday Message 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B • Psalter Week 2

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery
to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up,
and I heard the Lord speaking to me.
He said, "Son of man, I am sending you to the
Israelites, to the rebels who have turned
against me. Till now they and their ancestors
have been in revolt against me. The sons are
defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to
them, to say, 'The Lord says this.' Whether
they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know
there is a prophet among them."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122

Response:

**Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)

2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. (R.)

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these
revelations, to stop me from getting too
proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an
angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from
getting too proud! About this thing, I have
pleaded with the Lord three times for it to
leave me, but he has said, "My grace is
enough for you: my power is at its best in
weakness." So I shall be very happy to make
my weaknesses my special boast so that the
power of Christ may stay over me, and that is
why I am quite content with my weaknesses,
and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and
the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For
it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among
us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Jesus went to his home town and his
disciples accompanied him. With the
coming of the sabbath he began teaching
in the synagogue and most of them were
astonished when they heard him. They said,
"Where did the man get all this? What is this
wisdom that has been granted him, and these
miracles that are worked through him? This
is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the
brother of James and Joset and Jude and
Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here
with us?" And they would not accept him.
And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only
despised in his own country, among his own
relations and in his own house"; and he
could work no miracle there, though he cured
a few sick people by laying his hands on
them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great
gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Unless we look at a person and see the
beauty that is in them, we can contribute
nothing to them. One does not help a person
by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly,
what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone
he met, at the prostitute, at the thief, and
saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it
was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was
beauty none the less, and what he did was to
call out this beauty.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

THE WORD**EYES WIDE OPEN**

MARK 6:1-6

They couldn't believe what they were witnessing. Here was the
carpenter's son holding forth in the synagogue, preaching as if he were a
rabbi, instructing as if he considered himself an expert.

But they knew who he was. They knew his family. They knew his father's carpenter's shop.
He was an ordinary Nazarene, one of their own. So where did he get all this wisdom? How
could he talk with such authority? Who did he think he was, anyway, to come home, acting
like some big shot?

So they wouldn't – couldn't – accept him. They saw him only as the boy next door. Filled
with envy and incredulity, they refused to see who he really was.

His neighbours should have known that God was working through Jesus in a special way,
that there was something unique and different about this extraordinary young man. But
familiarity breeds contempt. They couldn't see past their expectations and prejudices. They
were unable to see God's presence in the ordinary and the familiar. Jesus had no choice
but to walk away. ■

REFLECT

One of the success stories of the
2010s was the taxi firm Uber.
Founded in California in 2009,
the ride-sharing start-up, with its user-
friendly app and cheap fares, was a
darling of the tech industry with a huge
valuation on Wall Street.

In December 2016, a software engineer
called Susan Fowler quit her job at
Uber. Early the following year, she
wrote an explosive blog about her time
with the firm. She described how she
was harassed at Uber, starting with
her first day on a new team. When
she complained, her bosses ignored
her or tried to intimidate her. Fowler's
allegations exposed a widespread culture
of harassment at Uber. Its chief executive
was forced to resign, its value fell, and
the broader tech industry had to confront
its woeful history of discrimination
against women and minorities.

Susan Fowler helped ignite the MeToo
movement, which highlights sexual
harassment of women in the workplace.
The culture of abuse of power and white
male supremacy is so pervasive that

many people are unable or unwilling to
see it. Some months ago, the head of
the United Nations declared that gender
inequality and discrimination against
women is the "one overwhelming
injustice across the globe – an abuse that
is crying out for attention. Everywhere
women are worse off than men, simply
because they are women." Women are
far more likely to be sexually assaulted,
discriminated against, or aborted, simply
because of their gender. A glaring
injustice that many ignore or refuse to
see.

At Uber, many people saw the way
Susan Fowler was treated but they
looked away. They refused to see. They
didn't want to be involved. It can happen
with us too. Even with perfectly good
eyes, we can fail to see, or be oblivious
to, so much of what is happening around
us. We can be blind.

Blindness takes many forms. We can
be so busy today that we simply don't
have time to step back, look around, take
note. Busyness prevents us from taking a
closer look.

SAY

"Deepen my faith, Lord.
Keep me always faithful to
you. Amen."

DO

Make a conscious effort to be more alert to
what is happening around you. Are there
any ways in which you are blind?

LEARN

To be a prophet is to witness to the Gospel at
all times.

Being a prophet is part and parcel of being a
Christian.

The Christian is always tuned in to the signs
of the times.

PRAY

Pray for the courage to oppose wrongdoing
or discrimination wherever you see it. Pray
for the courage to witness to the Good News
without fear as Jesus did.

We can be so caught up in the regular
routine of life, so stuck in our ways, that
we fail to notice the signs of the times.
Oblivious to the Holy Spirit at work in us
and around us, we end up blinkered.

Or, like Jesus' townspeople, we can
stubbornly refuse to see what is
happening right in front of us, refuse to
accept the evidence of our eyes – such
as the opioid crisis, for example, or the
problem of homelessness, or the family
member or colleague in distress. Or the
judgemental way we look down on the
newcomer, the foreigner, the refugee.

We can refuse to acknowledge the
challenges confronting our Church or
claim they are none of our business.

Sometimes it's easier to be wilfully blind
rather than face up to reality, to stay in
the darkness rather than see with new
eyes. But the Christian is called to see as
Jesus sees and then always to respond,
with courage, conviction and love. ■

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A reminder that **Sunday masses are now FULLY BOOKED through to the end of July** and it will not be possible to take any further reservations. Weekday mass, however, does not require booking and there is good capacity. Whilst we await details of what the Government may or may not announce, it is looking increasingly likely that some measures will have to remain in place, especially in regard to indoor venues. Regrettably, it may be necessary to continue with restricted access to Sunday masses.

Please keep in your prayers the twenty-one children of our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks.

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea.

The Governors of St Peter's School are advertising for a new Governor. Further details can be found at <http://st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk>

Liturgical Calendar

To request mass intentions, please email or phone the Parish Office or leave an envelope at the church.

Sunday 4 th July	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish
Monday 5 th	of the day (14 th week)	-
Tuesday 6 th	of the day (14 th week)	-
Wednesday 7 th	of the day (14 th week)	-
Thursday 8 th	of the day (14 th week)	-
Friday 9 th	of the day (14 th week)	Giuseppe Federici RIP
Saturday 10 th	of the day (14 th week)	-
Sunday 11 th	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish

Prayer Corner: Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Patricia Kowalewska, Win Sheridan, Patricia Plumb, Kathleen Wood, Peter Henry, Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay, Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici, and Marjorie Lee.

Mass times and church opening

Sunday mass is at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. **FULLY BOOKED TO THE END OF JULY**

Weekday mass (Tuesday – Friday) is at 10.00 a.m. No need to book. There is generally good capacity on all days.

For all masses **please be punctual**. The doors will be closed five minutes before mass starts and it will not be possible to admit latecomers.

Please be advised that the Sunday obligation remains suspended and so, for some, it might be beneficial to attend during the week.

On Sundays, the church will remain open after the 9.30 mass until 10.30 for those who may wish to make short individual visits but will then be closed for cleaning before the 11.00 a.m. mass. During the week, the church will remain open after the 10.00 a.m. mass until 11.00 a.m.

Please note: There will be no access to the Hall, the lift or to the toilets.

Finance. A 'Thank you' to those who are using the 'Donate' button on the website. The 'Donate' button has the facility of adding a reference in the 'leave a message' box and also the option to Gift Aid any donation. Any donation with no specific reference will be treated as ordinary offertory. The parish's bank details are set out below for those who may wish to take out a standing order or make a bank transfer.

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