



3 JULY 2022

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# The messengers

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply '*peace*.' The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given to them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodation. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them.

Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from



their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

Even today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

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## MASS TIMES

**Sun 3 July - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am  
11.00am

**Tuesday 5 July – FERIA**

10.00am

**Wednesday 6 July – FERIA**

10.00am - Requiem Mass for Marjorie Lee

**Thursday 7 July – FERIA**

10.00am

**Friday 8 July - FERIA**

10.00am - Mass  
10.30am - Holy Hour

**Sun 10 July - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am  
11.00am

**CONFESSIONS** after Mass or by appointment.  
Contact Fr Leslie 01202 764027

## SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 47: 10-11**

*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.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Jn15:15**

*Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the  
Lord, because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon - Ps 33: 9**

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

**MASS CHANGE** As from the beginning of July, Friday Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. This will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**REQUIEM MASS FOR MARJORIE LEE RIP** This will take place on Wednesday 6 July at 10.00am, Our Lady Immaculate Church.

**ARE YOU PLANNING ON GETTING MARRIED?**

Congratulations! Please note that you need to give a minimum of 12 months' notice to the parish that you'd like to get married in. There may be the need to attend a marriage preparation course, so I look forward to hearing from any engaged couples. *Fr Leslie*

**FLAME YOUTH GATHERING** The largest youth gathering of Catholics is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley, on Saturday 4 March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!'. Put the date in your diary – more details to follow.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** Today there is a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris).

## OUR PARISH

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## PARISH NEWS



# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive You. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth  
Our Lady Immaculate**

**Sort code: 309304 Account: 00875075**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### PRAYERS PLEASE

**Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:**

Teresa Wraith,  
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,  
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,  
Geoffrey Dixon,  
Joe Bonnici

# Your peace will rest on that man

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, *'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.'*

*'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.'*

*'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'*

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. *'Lord,'* they said *'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.'* He said to them, *'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'*



**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** The task of arranging a funeral whilst grieving is difficult. This can be compounded if the person making the necessary arrangements is not a practising Catholic and has no idea what is available or what their loved one would have wanted.

You are offered the opportunity to make it easier for your family and friends by writing down your funeral arrangements and handing this in to be stored in the church office. It could be as simple as one sheet of paper with your name, address, date of birth and a request for say, a Requiem Mass followed by cremation. However, you may prefer to include more details e.g. body received into the church, readings, hymns and music. Include the things that are important to you. If you want to change it at any time, submit a new list.

All the paperwork would be stored securely until required and the existence of this file would be made known to any new priest at handover. Please make a note somewhere at home that you have made these arrangements or tell a loved one.