

Gospel commentary for 10th Sunday in ordinary time

Unlike other healers of his day, Jesus lifted people from their crippling sense of worthlessness with a touch. Jesus taught that goodness and kindness pleased God most. He felt great warmth towards men and women who were honest about themselves and who recognised that they needed help. Many sensed that God had come among them. In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' family feared for his sanity and scribes from Jerusalem even accused him of being possessed. The ones who failed to recognise goodness when they saw it were the religious experts. What they did not understand, they discredited. Jesus did not fit the conventional idea of what a holy man should be so they assumed he must be doing Satan's work.

Jesus was trying to show them that God had broken into all their lives. Everywhere, forgiveness and reconciliation were releasing people and restoring their sense of well-being. Pleasing God mattered to him more than popularity; his trust in God's love made him unafraid. By believing what God said and doing what God asked, Jesus disarmed the prince of devils – and against such faith, evil is powerless.

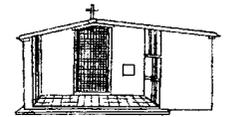
We live in a time when the difference between good and evil seems less clear than ever. There may come a time when, like the scribes, we can no longer recognise God's presence in our world, nor understand how much in need we are of healing. We have a helper. It is the work of God's Holy Spirit to awaken us to truth and to change us from within. No one is beyond mercy, but to receive God's forgiveness, first we must want it. So it is that we come before God, understanding how much in need we are of his compassion; caring deeply about all that remains in us to be transformed. Humbly, we join the crowd who gathered at the home of Jesus in Capernaum, imperfect people like ourselves who desire to live in a way that is more pleasing to God. To us Jesus says: You are my brother, my sister, my mother.



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Parish bulletin for Sunday 10th June, 2018



At Wellington unless noted		Mass this week: 		
10th Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	10th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			11.15am	For the parish
St Barnabas	Monday	11 th	9.15am	
	Tuesday	12 th	9.15am	
St Anthony of Padua	Wednesday	13 th	9.15am	
			9.45am	Rosary
	Thursday	14 th	10.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
	Friday	15 th	9.15am	
	Saturday	16 th	10.00am	
11th Sunday in ordinary time	Sunday	17th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			11.15am	For the parish
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
Hymns for 11.15am Mass				
Ent: ; Kyrie; St Paul's, Gloria: said; Gifts;; Holy Holy: 50; Mem acc:50				
Amen: 50; Agnus Dei: 51; Comm;; Recess:				
Psalm response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption				
Collection: Cash: £286.04 + direct debits c.£350				

Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.
ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Robert Cheshire, Violet Smith, Thomas McHugh

General

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and lectors please let Fr Ikeokwu know if you do not wish your name to be published in the newsletter or displayed on the notice board.

This Week

Church cleaning at St Jon Fisher: Thursday 14th June at 9.30am. Help always appreciated.

Coffee morning and sale at United Reformed Church, Saturday 16th June, 10 – 11.30am.

Next Sunday: second collection for Day for Life which this year focuses on all who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and choose ways in which action and

practical emotional support can ensure that the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person's life. Please take a card from the porch.

Coming Events

Pope Francis: his vision and our future; the second in a series of 3 lectures, 26th June, giving time to look back, assess and think ahead. Led by Fr James Hanvey and Austen Ivereigh. At St John's church, South Parade, Bath at 7pm.

Ride for Vocations 4: Fr Matt Anscombe will ride for vocations 26th June – 9th July, in the Apls and Pyrenees. See poster and cards in porch.

Diocesan Family Day: 30th June at St Brendan's college, Brislington, Bristol. Full details on poster in porch.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage: 8th July. See poster in porch for timetable for the day.

Living your Faith: Summer camps. See poster in porch. Further details and application forms available from Fr Ikeokwu or the parish office.

Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage, 24 – 31 August. See poster in porch for details.
Eucharistic Congress – Liverpool, 7 – 9 September, entitled "Adoremus". Please see Fr Ikeokwu if you are interested in attending.

Year of Mission – 10th Sunday in ordinary time

We return to Ordinary Time and to Mark once again. This particular "season" of the Church's Year takes us through the *ordinary* ministry of Jesus – his teaching, his healing, his "everyday" encounters with others. This can, if we let it, be a simple and clear reminder to us that mission is something we do in the ordinary and in the everyday; at home, at school, at university, in the workplace, in those places we encounter friend and stranger. Mission need not be something spectacular and extraordinary. It can be the way we go about life each day living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus simply by who we are! But Jesus in today's Gospel allows us to see the hallmark of the disciple: someone who does the will of God. As we leave Easter, and the beautiful Solemnities that follow, behind now and return to the ordinary and everyday, may our *ordinary* and *everyday* be opportunities to let Christ into that ordinariness in order that we might just know he is near to us in the simple things of every day. May we allow others to encounter Christ in us in ordinary ways.