

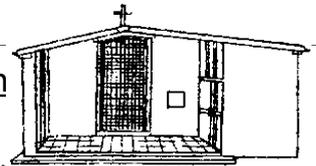


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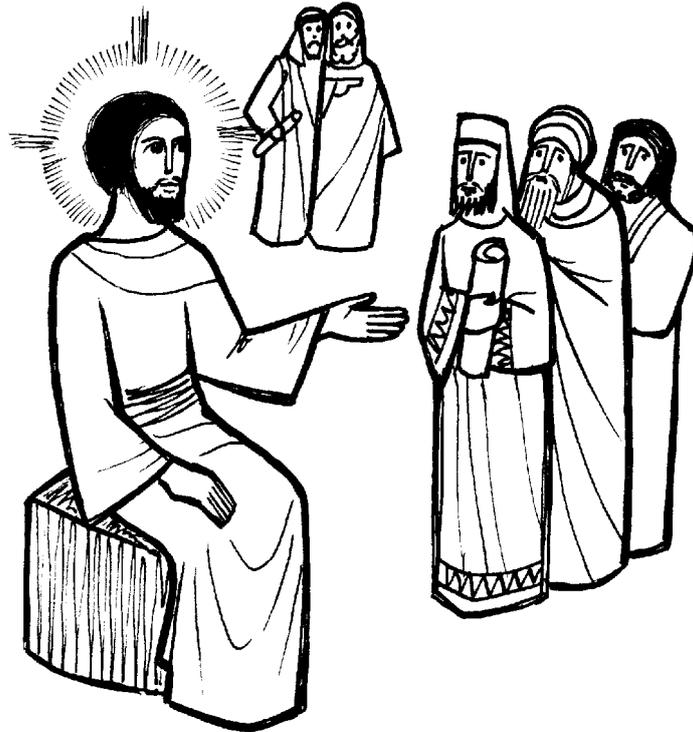
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## *Parish bulletin for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2018*



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

At Wellington unless noted		<b>Mass this week:</b> 		
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			<b>11.15am</b>	For the parish
	Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
St Benedict	Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
	Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	NO	MASS
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			<b>11.15am</b>	For the parish
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
<b>Readers/Communion ministers:</b>				
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> 9am: Mark Yvon, Greg Hunt/Yvonne Hunt, Anita Abrams				
11.15am: Julia Tucker, Steve Tapsfield/, Cynthia Rafter				
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> 9am: Oliver Donnelly, Pat Howard/ Mary Crabtree, Adrian Kellett				
11.15am: Monica Spalding, Paddy Finnegan/Jimmy Jose, John Nutt				
<b>Hymns for 11.15am Mass</b>				
Ent: ; Kyrie; Gloria:43 ; Gifts:; Holy Holy: 45; Mem acc:45 Amen: 46; Agnus Dei: 46; Comm:; Recess:				
<b>Psalm response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.</b>				
Tea/coffee after 11.15am Mass: Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> : Cynthia & Sean Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> : Jill				
<b>Collection: Cash: £344.87+ direct debits c.£350</b>				

*Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.  
ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Charmain Mould; Peggy Granger*

## ***Last Week***

**June 100 Club winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Alma Hamilton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Margot Shergold;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Paddy Finnegan.

## *Today*

**Second collection** for Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The collection provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Further information from

[www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Glastonbury Pilgrimage.** See poster in porch for timetable for the day.

## *This Week*

**Ride for Vocations 4:** Fr Matt Anscombe finishes his ride for vocations on 9<sup>th</sup> July, in the Alps and Pyrenees. See poster and cards in porch.

**CTinW** Summer meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at United Reformed Church.

## *Coming Events*

**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 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

Jesus finds himself rejected in this Sunday’s Gospel...not by strangers but by those close to him and by those who know him. Maybe it’s because Jesus is too familiar to them; maybe he’s too ordinary for them and they were expecting something different. If the mission of Jesus is our mission too, if we look out onto our world with the eyes and mind of the Lord, then surely rejection is something we will face. How can God work through *you*? Because God does and he chooses the ordinary and the familiar to speak to us and to reach out to us. Paul recognises not just his own weaknesses but he recognises the insults and the persecutions that come when preaching the Gospel. We may find ourselves dismissed by others because of the choices we make, because of the things we do, because of the way we live. Our way of thinking and loving and living may

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rub against the grain but we live and love as we do so that we might be faithful to the Gospel. God's grace is at work within us. May that grace give us the strength this week to persevere in all we do for the Lord.

## **Gospel commentary for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time.**

Jesus encountered opposition and unpopularity in his own country. The people in his home town of Nazareth would not accept him, and their lack of faith prevented him from performing any great miracle there. On the other hand, Jesus sometimes found great faith among people who were not of his own country or race or religion, such as the Samaritan leper whom he cured, or the Roman centurion of whom he said "I tell you solemnly, nowhere in Israel have I found faith like this", or the Canaanite woman whose daughter he healed, telling her, "Woman, you have great faith."

After the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the apostles found that the Gentiles responded far more readily to the message of the Gospel than did the people of Jesus' own race. Paul and Barnabas were moved by exasperation to say to the Jewish people of Antioch in Pisidia, "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans."

Today many people are glad to support the missions in faraway countries, but closer to home we tend to address our message to what we might call the fringes of our own church community: those who come to Mass at Christmas and Easter, those who send their children to our schools, those who have fallen away from the regular practice of the faith. Indeed, what passes for evangelisation is often no more than an attempt to reclaim lapsed Catholics. The trouble with that approach is that these people have heard the preaching of the Gospel already.

Pope Francis has urged us all to be willing to go out from our churches and bring the message of the joy of the gospel to all people. If we heed this call and boldly proclaim the Gospel to people of other religions or none, or of very different cultures from our own, we might well experience greater success. Such at least was the experience of Jesus and his apostles.

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