

# St Margaret Mary Parish



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## TIMES OF MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th July, 2018

14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Year B) (Psalter Week 2)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The 14th Sunday of the Year</b>
	8.00am P & A Morrish (50th Anniversary)
	10.15am P & A Morrish (50th Anniversary)
	6.30pm P & A Morrish (50th Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Week 14 of Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Christopher Payne, RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feria of Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Mary Browning
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St Benedict (Patron of Europe)</b>
	9.30am Mark Jones, RIP (Spacey)
	11.30am Funeral Service, J. O'Connell RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feria of Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Liam O'Mahony, RIP, (Ip)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feria of Ordinary Time</b>
	9.30am Graham Nixon, RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>BVM, Image &amp; Mother of the Church</b>
	9.30am People of the Parish
	1.00pm FIRST COMMUNION MASS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	8.00am People of the Parish
	10.15am Brian Jones, RIP (Jones)
	6.30pm Mark Jones, RIP (Raimont)

Confessions: after Saturday morning Mass  
and by request or appointment at any time

## 14th Sunday of The Year

### 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

### 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!

### Communion Antiphon:

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

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS:

Monday, Hosea 2:16-22; Tuesday, Hosea 8:4-13;

Wednesday, Proverbs 2:1-9; Thursday, Hosea 11:1-9;

Friday, Hosea 14:2-10; Saturday, Isaiah 6:1-8

*The Special Collection today is  
for the Apostleship of The Sea*



## 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8th July, 2018

A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation—pointing out to them the things they would rather forget to ignore. A prophet is a sort of “national conscience”, always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them.

A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission.

Jesus is just such a prophet—teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection—such that “he was amazed at their lack of faith”. It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom and his miracles, but, because he grew up among them, they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

***"A prophet is only despised  
in his own country"***

## A POPE'S REFLECTION

This Sunday's Gospel passage contains the text that has the famous saying “No prophet is accepted in his own country”. In other words no prophet is properly accepted among his own people who watched him grow up. Indeed after Jesus, when he was about 30 years old, had left Nazareth and had already been travelling about preaching and working miracles of healing elsewhere, he once returned to his birthplace and started teaching in the synagogue. His fellow citizens “were astonished” by his wisdom, and knowing him as “the son of Mary”, as the carpenter who had lived in their midst, instead of welcoming him with faith were shocked and took offence. This reaction is understandable because familiarity at the human level makes it difficult to go beyond this in order to be open to the divine dimension. That this son of a carpenter was the Son of God was hard for them to believe. Jesus actually takes as an example the experience of the prophets of Israel, who in their own homeland were an object of contempt, and identifies himself with them. Due to this spiritual closure Jesus “could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them”. In fact Christ's miracles are not a display of power but signs of the love of God that is brought into being wherever it encounters reciprocated human faith. Origen writes: “as in the case of material things there exists in some things a natural attraction towards some other thing, as in the magnet for iron... so there is an attraction in such faith towards the divine power” It would therefore seem that Jesus is making sense of the negative welcome he received in Nazareth. Instead, at the end of the account, we find a remark that says precisely the opposite. The Evangelist writes that Jesus “marvelled because of their lack of faith”. The astonishment of Jesus' fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. In a certain sense he too is shocked! Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: how could they fail to recognize the light of the Truth? Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity? Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the transparency of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh, he is the greatest miracle in the world: the whole of God's love contained in a human heart, in a man's face. The One who fully understood this reality was the Virgin Mary, who is blessed because she believed. Mary was not shocked by her Son: her wonder for him was full of faith, full of love and joy, in seeing him so human and at the same time so divine. Let us therefore learn from her, our Mother in faith, to recognize in the humanity of Christ the perfect revelation of God.

Pope Benedict XVI

**NEW MASS BOOKS**

New books containing the readings and the full texts of Mass have been obtained for the Parish. There are two volumes per year, each printed with a different colour cover. They run from Advent to Pentecost, and Pentecost to the Liturgical year's end. We're now using Cycle B—volume 2, which is light blue. Please return them to the trolley after each Mass. Thank you.

**Saint of the week**

**July 11 - St. Benedict (480?-543)**



It is unfortunate that no contemporary biography was written of a man who has exercised such measureless influence on western monasticism. Benedict is well recognized in the later writings of St. Gregory, but these are sketches to illustrate miraculous elements of his career.

Benedict was born of a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome and early in life was drawn to the monastic life. At first he became a hermit, leaving a dismal world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb. He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose him as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still, the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—**Monte Cassino**, overlooking three narrow valleys that run towards the mountain. The Rule of St Benedict that gradually developed, prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labour and living together in community under a common father (*abbot*). Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict. Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation and the Cistercians.

**Comment:** The Church has been blessed through Benedictine devotion to the liturgy, not only in its actual celebration with rich and proper ceremony in the great abbeys, but also through the scholarly studies of many of its members. Liturgy is sometimes confused with guitars or choirs, Latin or Bach. We should be grateful to those who both preserve and adapt the genuine tradition of worship in the Church.

**Quote:** "Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. For in the liturgy the sanctification of man is manifested by signs perceptible to the senses...; in the liturgy full public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members. "From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of his Body the Church, is a sacred action, surpassing all others" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7*).

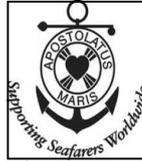


*Teach me dear Lord frequently and attentively to consider this truth: that if I gain the whole world and lose thee, in the end I have lost everything: whereas if I lose the whole world and gain thee, in the end I have lost nothing."*

**Cardinal Blessed John Henry Newman**

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July**  
**Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry**

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



**The Apostleship of the Sea**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's special collection is for the AoS, the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to its continued work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers.

Thank you. For further information please visit

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



**Our Lady, Star of the Sea**  
**Pray for Seafarers, Pray for Us**

O Mary, Star of The Sea, light of every ocean, Guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, word and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, 'Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?'

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

**St Anthony's School**

**Foundation Governor Vacancy from September 2018**

We are looking for a new Governor with an *educational background* to join our team. This position is for a foundation governor so we require someone who also attends a Catholic church and who will support the Bishop's vision for Catholic Education. Please contact Mrs Ashworth or Esther Planner (via the school office) to find out more.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

Next Saturday is the celebration of First Communion for our children who have completed the new course, "I want to make my home in you". This will take place at 1pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend and support the children on their special day. They will receive their Certificates at the 10.15am Mass on Sunday.

**Please remember to pray for them.**



Please pray for  
**Graham Nixon**  
& **Josephine O'Connell,**  
who have been called home to God.  
*Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord,*  
*Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.*  
*May they rest in peace. Amen*

**Please remember in your prayers**

Doug Caldwell, Helen Worstmann, Aileen Hopkins, Joe Morgan, Pam Hale, Oliver Russell, Irene Hollywood, Jim Brown, Pat Juke, Joseph Dolan, Siobhan Jefferies, Irene Otter, Samantha Donohoe, Pat & Hugh Cooke, Marion Celand, Eileen Parsons, Josie Cutcliffe, Maria & John Marvao, Michelle Gray, Kol Thelis, Val Stoker, Thomas McCartney, Pat Elward, Dennis & Mamie Allen, Netta Tracy, Sue & John Forer, June Paris, John Kinneavy, Susan Bolton, Joyce Redding, Natalie Mahon, Jeanne Key, Kazzy Madeley, Joseph Chisholm, Anne-Marie Mooney,  
**MARY, MOTHER OF THE AFFLICTED, PRAY FOR THEM**



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**A** lle-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.