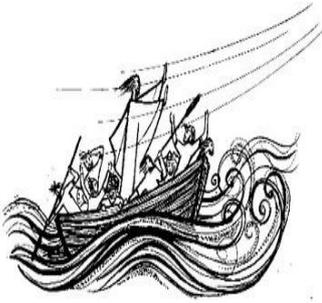


21ST JUNE 2015 – TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him!



There is a strangely simple theme to this Sunday: that God has power over the forces of nature, because he created them in the first place. This is what the first reading tells us, and also what the gospel shows us, when Jesus “rebukes the wind”. This tells us something about Jesus (that he is God made man), and also something about our faith. It's also interesting that the disciples react to this miracle with fear and awe - as if their minds were suddenly opened to a reality they had not realised before. They had chosen to follow the Christ who had called them, but we see their understanding of who he is growing and developing. Perhaps this is of comfort to us, as we see our relationship with the Lord who controls the waters grow and develop, and alerts us to be ready for the surprises that following the Lord can bring.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i>		
Sunday Missal: <i>page 288; Readings: page 291 Preface: at priest's choice</i>		
Sunday <i>Father's Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<p>Sick: Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Sheila Darbishire and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Maura McNamara, Gladys Hall, Christine Hardgrave, Sheila Holland</p> <p>Anniversaries: Thomas Wardle, John Crowley</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Gladys Hall, Thomas Wardle, Frank French, John Crowley (Father's Day Intentions), Christine Hardgrave, Gerard Murphy (Birthday Remembrance)</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Happy Father's Day! <i>Let each of us remember our fathers, living or dead, on this special day.</i></p>
Monday <i>St John Fisher & St Thomas More</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm-3.30pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	11.30am Requiem Mass for Sheila Holland (SC)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SJ)	
<p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks</i></p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: small;"> <p>This Newsletter is sponsored by HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609 www.hfs.co.uk</p>  </div>

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Congratulations: To Levi Thomas Lowe, Bailey Lavern Lowe, Joseph Vaughan Lowe, Lorenzo Hayes and Alan Hayes who were baptized at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that they and their family may continue to grow in faith.

Afternoon of Reflection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

Some time ago, Fr Gee held a re-commissioning/training session for Eucharistic Ministers. Fr Parkinson will run another session (this time including readers) which will be held for all three of our churches on Saturday 4 July (2pm-4pm) in the Harbour Room (SB). This is an invitation for current or new volunteers of both Ministries to come along for any updates and reflection. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or contact the Parish Office.

Annual Deanery Mass for the Deceased: Will take place at Heaton Cemetery on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 7pm for all the deceased relatives and friends of those in the St Joseph's Deanery. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PN.

Music for a Summer Evening: The *Brixsi Singers* will be giving a concert at St Brendan's Church on Saturday 27 June at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased on the door. Adults £10, Concessions £8, Under 19's free. Refreshments will be available.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 June to discuss *The Rose of Sebastopol* by Kathryn McMahon. As this will be the last meeting of the current season please note the **earlier start** of 1pm. Raffle and refreshments! All welcome.

Christie Friend's Summer Fayre: This year will be held at the Ukrainian Club (Castle Street, Bolton) on Saturday 11 July 2015. The Phoenix Knights of Harmony will be supporting us and there will be a variety of stalls. Join Christie Bear from 12noon-4pm. Any support from local businesses would be appreciated. All monies raised go to supporting patients and their families. *Kath Brown*

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 11 July (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

SVP

Annual Mass for the Sick, Housebound and Disabled: Saturday 4 July (11am) at St Brendan's. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after the Mass. If you require transport to attend, please contact any member of the SVP.

The Destitution Project: The following items are in desperate need: Tins of:- Tuna, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, pilchards, red kidney beans, chick peas, sweet corn, spinach, fruit (a real treat), corned beef or any other meat product. Cartons of concentrated apple or orange juice, vegetable oil (1ltr), long life whole milk, tea bags, coffee, sugar, small tins of Sardines, long grain rice, jam, toilet rolls & tissues. *Thank you for your continued support throughout June.*

Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes

"Proclaim '15" is a national initiative from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales which has been launched to support, inspire and encourage parishes to find new ways of spreading the gospel message and to affirm the good work that is already being done by the Catholic community. Currently preparations are underway for a gathering of priests and people from all over the country in Birmingham on 11 July this year.

How Our Parishes Can Participate:

Over the next three weekends you will find one of three different resource sheets attached to the newsletter to help us explore some of the themes that will be raised through the Proclaim'15 initiative. They are written in such a way that they are faithful to themes found within Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Each one of the resource sheets begins with a story that is mirrored in a passage of Scripture, a reflection and some questions to ask ourselves or, perhaps, discuss with each other.

As well as the resource sheets, you will see below the prayer especially for Proclaim'15. As the Bishops have invited us to use and share this prayer, it would seem an ideal opportunity to introduce some quiet time for prayer at the beginning of each weekend Mass and then continue this initiative into the future.

So that we can all enter this time of quiet prayer, from next weekend, notice will be given five to ten minutes before the start of Mass to indicate that our time for reflection will begin. We understand that for those with children, this isn't an easy task, so please don't worry unduly if your little one makes a bit of noise!

Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Think Vocation

When the disciples are troubled, Jesus calms the sea. Let us pray that, in the midst of the noise and distraction of life today, people will find those moments of peace and quiet in which to be attentive to whatever God is calling them to.

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Make time for each other: Today the readings speak of turbulence and stormy waters. Life is like that! So it is in our married relationships. Nothing is ever completely smooth; our lives are often messy and difficult. As a couple, if we take time to take stock and trust in each other and the Lord, we might just hear His encouragement. "Quiet now, be calm!"