

A warm welcome to all who gather today
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of
Saint John the Baptist
&
Saint Bernadette
Working in Communion for Mission
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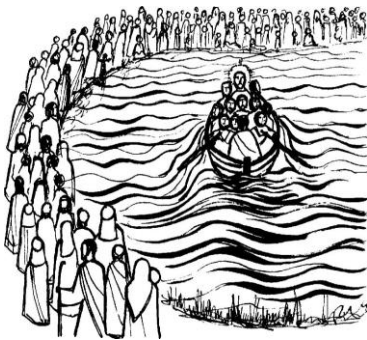
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 18th July 2021



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: We all get to a point in our lives when we ask ourselves, "and now what?" This question comes to us in the most difficult times, in those times of crisis when we think we have been left on our own, and when we have done everything possible to change whatever it is that is disturbing us, but we still feel unsatisfied with the results. We may reach this point after a break-up, following the loss of a loved one, or even through the consciousness of injustices around us. We may feel powerless to change things. It's okay to admit we feel lost sometimes, or, as Mark puts it, like "sheep without a shepherd". Nowadays we may not run after Jesus's boat to search for answers, but we can go to the Bible for the teachings that Jesus left us. Let us confirm all of our values and strengthen our faith, so it will eventually clear our path and will help us go through our adversities.

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Saturday 17 th July	St John's	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parishes
Sunday 18 th July	St Bernadette's	9am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes Hilda and Alf Haywood Carmel Gardner
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		
Monday 19 th July	St. John's	9am	Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 20 th July	St. John's	6pm	Ordinary Time	Wheatley Family Special Intention
Wednesday 21 st July	St. John's	9am	Ordinary Time	Mary Laase
Thursday 22 nd July	St Bernadette's	10am	St Mary Magdalene	Holy Souls
Friday 23 rd July	St John's	9.00 am	St Bridget	Clifton Benefactors
Saturday 24 th July	St John's	12noon	Ordinary Time	Minnie and PJ Campbell
		6pm	Vigil Mass	Ashley Byrne
Sunday 25 th July	St Bernadette's	9am	Seventeenth	People of the Parishes
	St John's	10.30am 12noon	Sunday in Ordinary Time	Theresa Gheraghty People of the Parishes

KEY: SI = Special Intention RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased. Confessions Saturdays 4.30-5pm

☪ In our Prayers this Week...

Prayers: Please for those who are sick: John Streeter, Stephen Marsh. Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Antony Higgins, Noreen Leat, Charlie McCarthy, Anne Whitehead, Wally Gooding, Frank Geraghty. If you are sick and wish your name to be added to the prayer list, then please let Fr. Tom know. If you know of anyone who wishes to be added, then again, please let Fr. Tom know.

Recently Deceased: Carmel Gardner. May she rest in Peace.

Anniversaries: We keep in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Stanilaus, Dulverton / Sacred Heart, Minehead with Watchet.

Change of Restrictions: As we know, the government has announced an easing of restrictions during this time of pandemic. This means that we can also ease some of the restrictions placed upon us over these last 16 months. As from Monday 19th July, we can sing! St. John's Church will remain open during the day as it was before Covid. The numbers at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will no longer be restricted. However, whilst it is not mandatory to wear face coverings, we are strongly advised to continue wear them inside Church. Fr. Tom and the ministers will continue to wear them whilst distributing Holy Communion and holy water will not be available at the fonts as you enter Church. If the number of COVID cases reduce, then we may ease restrictions on Holy water and the use of face coverings. We keep in our prayers all those who are suffering because of this global pandemic. To find the full document concerning the easing of restrictions, please visit www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship

ABC Group: About becoming Catholic. About being Catholic: This course is for all those interested in becoming Catholic, knowing more about the Catholic Church or those who were baptised Catholic but missed making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. The first session takes place on Wednesday September 29th at 7pm in St. John's Church. (COVID permitting) Please ask Fr. Tom for more details if you wish to know more.

Women in Scripture: The Archdiocese of Birmingham has launched a series of podcasts about the heroines in our Scriptures It tells us who they were and what they can teach us. To find our more, visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/podcasts

Foster Parents needed in Wiltshire: Many children need care and support in Wiltshire. Wiltshire County Council are seeking more foster carers. If you would like to find out more, there are opportunities to enquire. Fostering team officers will be available for drop-in chats at these venues and dates: The Weavers Market, Trowbridge Town Hall, Saturday 10 July 10am – 3pm. The Community Hub The Shires on 14 and 28 July from 10am to 2pm. There will also be an online information session for July and an information session for all on Wednesday 28 July at 7:30pm on this link <https://bit.ly/3h3gLI3>

Adult Formation and Evangelisation Officer: Are you passionate about your faith and have a desire to share it with others? Would you like to support our parishes in their mission to be communities of evangelisation and mission? Do you have an interest in developing resources and working with a variety of different groups to deliver effective and dynamic sacramental preparation alongside accompanying parishes in their outreach to those seeking faith or simply curious? The successful applicant will need to be committed to the mission of the Church, a confident communicator, be able to promote the Gospel and support parishes to grow in their capacity to be places of mission and outreach.

Caritas and Environmental Officer: Are you passionate about our planet and how we care for it? Do you care about the poor and the vulnerable in our local communities? Would you like to be able to develop co-ordinated plans for action, working with parishes and schools in a Catholic setting? With two key aspects to this role, the successful applicant will need to have the confidence to ensure that both the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth are fully integrated into the life of our parishes and schools.

For further information/informal discussion about the roles please contact Sarah Adams, the Director of Adult Education & Evangelisation on 0117 902 5595. The job description, personal specification and application form are available from www.cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/
Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 23rd July at 5pm

300 Club: Thank you to all who have supported the 300 Club over the years, raising much needed funds for our parish. 2021 subscriptions are now due. Please ask Fr. Tom for bank account details if you wish to pay via BACS. July Draw Winning results as follows: £200 90 Sarah Marshall £ 70 149 Debbie Barlow £ 50 185 Tim & Christina Cotter £ 10 141 Rosa Binding. New members always welcome Application forms are available from Frank Geraghty, f.geraghty303@btinternet.com, 01380871083.

Retiring Collection : There will be a retiring collection this weekend 17th/18th July for The Clergy Training Fund. Please give if you can. Gift Aid Envelopes will be available soon.

With Sadness: It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Carmel Gardner last week. Her Requiem Mass will be at St. John's on Wednesday 28th July at 11am. We keep Carmel and her family in our prayers at this time. May she rest in peace.

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