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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

7th July 2019

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.



Second Collection last Weekend for Peter's Pence amounted to £158.47 thank you.

Senior Citizens Get-Together - Monday 8th, 2pm to 4 pm. All Welcome.

Donations of Books etc - Thank you but please **do not bring any further book donations** into the Church for the present time. The numbers are increasing and we have very limited storage space. If stocks are low we will ask via the Newsletter for donations.

Notices etc - when the alterations were made to the porch many years ago it was a rule at the time that notices could only be displayed with the consent of the parish priest and never displayed on the glass areas of the doors. The numbers of notices have been increasing and also going on the doors, these have now been removed and further notices must be approved before they are displayed.

Faith Formation Group - Following the meeting last Sunday evening the group decided to continue to meet in fellowship and to deepen our understanding of our faith starting on the **2nd Wednesday of the each Month with the first meeting on August 14th at 7:30 pm** for about an hour, there will be a reminder in the newsletter nearer the time but if you would like to join in please do.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 2020. A meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 9th July at 7 pm** in the Narthex at **St Mary's, Brownedge** for anyone interested in the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A representative from the Tour Company will be present along with Father Mark and Father Joe. The planned itinerary for the tour is on display in the Narthex at St Marys if anyone wants to call in and take a look.

31 Days of St Ignatius 2019 is returning in 2019. Where will God find you this July? Join the Jesuits on a journey guided by the Spiritual Exercises via a series of 31 daily emails leading up to the Feast of St Ignatius on 31st July. Each week we will look at a theme from the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius and use scripture and prayer to help you find God in moments of Conversion, Call, Challenge and Consolation. Subscribe to receive your 31 daily prayer emails. <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/31-days-st-ignatius-2019>

St Mary's Five Day Retreat - Explore the Christian Contemplative Tradition through 5 monthly retreat days led by Donna Worthington and hosted by The Diocese of Salford. Topics include Desert Fathers, Scripture, Labyrinth Prayer Walk. **Dates: Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 22 (10.30am-3pm)** It helps organisationally if those interested could book or register interest by contacting Donna Worthington at drworthington@live.co.uk There is no charge for these retreats as they are supported by The Christian Meditation Trust (UK). Hot drinks will be provided, but a packed lunch is required. Free parking available.

HELP WANTED - Once again the cry of "Help" comes from the Parish **Wednesday Night Bingo** Team. Two long time team members are about to "Retire" which would leave only three to attempt to carry on this Parish Organisation of long standing which brings in £2000 to £2500 to Parish Finances each year. Apart from that this also provides a social gathering of people, catching up with news and events both personal and local. It would be a shame to see this weekly Parish event cease just for the sake of two more helpers. It only involves two to two and a half hours each Wednesday evening. Two ladies stepped in last time to save the "Ship" from sinking. Can you help?

Creating a Safer Environment Reminder - The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

Votive Candles - If you come into Church during the week and there is no one else in the building please **DO NOT LIGHT Votive Candles** but instead leave them unlit on the stands and they will be lit when they can be attended. Thank you.

Parish Lottery - If you are a **WINNER** in our Parish Lottery please collect your winnings from one of the Sacristans after Mass.

The next Baptism course will be in September, part 1 on Tuesday 10th September 7pm and Part 2 on Tuesday 17th September 7pm in the church porch Presentations – Sunday 15th September at 10am Mass. Enrolment forms for the Course are available from Father Joe and Sister Louise and can be collected after a weekend Mass in Church. Enrolment forms must be completed and returned to the Church prior to attending the course.

PRACTICAL NOTES - HARD OF HEARING? There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting.

Parish Lottery No. 443 03/07/2019			
1st	£25	No. 66	Mrs S Walker
2nd	£10	No. 54	Mr D Walker
3rd	£5	No. 17	Mrs P Clunan
Offertory 29th / 30th June 2019			
Offertory Loose		£245.55	
Offertory Envelopes		£282.34	
Attendance		182	
Bingo Jackpots for 10th July 2019			
£33	£83	£172	£36

For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	6th July Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Sacred Heart Guild Gordon Hunt
Sun	7th July Day of Prayer for Vocations	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions The Parish Confessions Blessed Sacrament Guild Baptism: Conor Patrick Rogers
Mon	8th July	18.30	Weekday in Ordinary Time Priest Intentions
Tues	9th July	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time Tinsley Family R.I.P.
Wed	10th July	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time Gordon Hunt (Anniversary)
Thurs	11th July	09.15	St Benedict (F)
Fri	12th July		NO MASS
Sat	13th July Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Grace Nisbet (Anniversary)
Sun	14th July	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions Confessions The Parish Baptism: Freya Louise Doran

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	8th July	9.10 am
Tuesday	9th July	9.10 am
Wednesday	10th July	9.10 am
Thursday	11th July	9.10 am. 11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	12th July	9.10 am
Saturday	13th July	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	14th July	9:30 am, 11am 6:30 pm

ECO bricks - Thank you for all the ECO bricks donated so far for the Bishops Project. It is essential that they are as hard as possible to represent bricks for the wall and to this end **MUST** weigh at least 16 oz (approx. 400g) or more, (it is possible to get them up to 19oz with careful packing) Some of the 'bricks; donated so far are not up to this standard so rather than start a new one please take a part filled one from the back of Church and bring it back when is really solid.

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TOWNS
LAMBS
HAVERSACK

TWO
RICH
WOLVES
SANDALS

PAIRS
LABOURERS
PURSE
SALUTE

