

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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19th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

9th August 2020

Celebration of Mass.

It is now compulsory to wear a face mask in church – even if you are very beautiful.

There is now no need to register to attend the weekend Masses, just sign your name and the number in your group, on entry to Church.

Ensuring the safety of people attending Mass there are teams of stewards to guide people before, during and after Mass and a team of cleaners to clean the church after each service.

At the public Masses, Holy Communion will be under one kind only, the Host will be placed in the hand, and the arm of the communicant must be at full stretch, there will be some form of distancing between Fr. and the communicant.

Baskets for the Offertory Collection are on the tables at the back of church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses (except Tuesday) from 9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

Confessions will be on Saturday 9.30 a.m. and 4.45 – 5.15 p.m. For safety they will be in the SACRISTRY.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 8 th	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	James & Hilda Marshall
Sunday 9 th	19 th Sunday	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	SVP & Friends
		10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday 10 th	St Lawrence	10.00 a.m.	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 th	St Clare	7.30 p.m.	Louise Whalley (B'day Rem)
Wednesday 12 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Tommy & June Mulholland
Thursday 13 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Francis Livsey
Friday 14 th	St Maximilian Kolbe	10.00 a.m.	Jenny Nixon
Saturday 15 th	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Graham Thompson
	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Dead List
Sunday 16 th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	People of the Parish
		10.30 a.m.	Refugees

Mass Intentions received: Louise Whalley (B'day Rem); Brenda Thornley (B'day Rem); Tommy & June Mulholland; Patricia Gallagher (LD).

Numbers at Masses: Thursday (St.P's) 9; Friday 10.00 a.m. 20; Saturday 10.00 a.m. 13; 5.30 p.m. 19; Sunday 9.00 14; 10.30 (only 22); Monday Service 7; Tuesday 8.

Donations this week: From the baskets: £665,50 - Many thanks.
Money donated to the various Special Collections: £81.00

Stewards: The whole parish is extremely grateful to all who so willingly volunteered to look after the church and sanitise the benches.

There are parishes in Leeds Diocese who only have a very limited number of Masses because they are unable to get enough volunteers to be stewards. If anyone else would like to volunteer please let us know. (01282 812204)

Celebration of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals may take place in church following the social distancing regulations. This means a maximum of 30 people can be present, and no congregational singing. Care needs to be taken about anointing and pouring of water in the case of Baptisms.

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis KIRRAGE – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton - Jennifer Purcell – Pat Maloney – Clifford Ball - Mandy McLaughlan.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Sermon 19th Week of Ordinary Time

“Courage! It is !! Do not be afraid.”

1. This is often the time of year when many people in our country try to find a space to relax. Different people relax in different ways. One of the ways which many people relax is by walking. Walking has its own rhythm and it can take you out of other rhythms that are experienced as stressful. Many people are not adventurous walkers, preferring level ground like walking along the canal. Others prefer more of a challenge when they go walking. They head for the hills and, the higher and steeper the better.
2. In today's gospel Peter takes a step on a much more adventurous walk than any of us would dare to attempt. Peter stepped out of the relative safety of the fishing boat onto the perilous waves of the Lake of Galilee. Now obviously none of us would or should attempt to imitate Peter's adventure, nevertheless there are moments in all our lives when we might attempt a not too dissimilar fate. Think of a life commitment such as marriage, ordination, becoming a Catholic, being a parent.

There are lots of phrases in our language which bring St Peter's adventure to mind. "I'm not sure of my ground", "I don't know how I stand" or perhaps having a delicate conversation like "walking on eggshells". There are times when we feel "that the rug has been pulled from under us" if we have just experienced a hurtful moment with someone. So most of us try to avoid such situations. Like the other disciples in the boat, we prefer to remain on safer ground.

3. But there are times when we may need to step off our solid ground onto something that appears to be less secure. In the gospel Christ called Peter to step out of the boat and come towards Him on the water. Why did the Lord ask Peter to leave the security of the boat and attempt a dangerous new experience? St Matthew in his gospel is perhaps reminding all of us that in following or being led by Christ, each one of us may be called to get out of our boats, our ordinary everyday lives with its regular patterns and launch into the deep.
4. By listening to this story of Peter's call to get out of the boat we are invited to reflect on how the Lord may be calling us to take a new step in our relationship with Christ.

Like all relationships we can get into a rut, to keep to what we are familiar with in the way we relate to Christ or indeed any other friend. Yet it may well be that the Lord is calling us to offer ourselves to Him in new ways. The Lord's call to 'come' as He said to Peter sitting in the security of the boat maybe addressed to you or me. What form might this take? Five years ago last week I answered a call by the bishop to leave Sowerby Bridge for Barnoldswick which was virtually unknown to me. It might be that you are being called by Christ to help someone who is struggling at this time of isolation. To volunteer for something in the parish like joining the S.V.P. helping as a steward at Mass. Or being called and to take the first step to be reconciled with someone from whom you have been estranged for a long time.

5. When we respond to such a call by the Lord, we are stepping out like St Peter into the unknown; we might feel "out of our depth" and begin to sense that we are sinking. But the gospel assures us that whenever we respond to the Lord's invitation to 'come' He will be there to support us. Even when we doubt Christ as Peter did, He will not loose faith in us. He will hear us when we cry out to Him "Lord save me!" and He will reach out to hold us firm and prevent us sinking.

If Christ has called us to step out and follow Him, He will not leave us to walk alone. He will walk beside us all the way and, like Peter and the others, we will echo their cry 'Truly, you are the Son of God!'

Canon Kevin Firth

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Imagine the disciples' panic. They are in the boat all by themselves when a storm begins to rage. It's so bad the boat is in danger of sinking. They are full of fear. All seems lost... and then they see Jesus walking towards them, on the water.

Eager as ever, Peter asks Jesus if he, too, can walk on the water, and Jesus invites him to come to him. Peter climbs out of the boat, but the wind rises, and he begins to sink. Even Peter, the most important figure in the early Church, has a faith that falters in the midst of the storm.

Jesus saves him, and castigates him for his weak faith. As soon as they are back in the boat, the storm eases, the winds calm, and the awestruck disciples acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God.

The message is clear: the boat represents the Church, and the disciples represent all believers, while the storm represents the difficulties and doubts the Church is facing. The boat will face many storms, but if the disciples make sure to recognise Jesus and trust in him, they will always be safe. Trust in God and an adventurous faith have the power to overcome doubting fear. ■

REFLECT

One of the classic songs of the last half-century is "Bridge over Troubled Water". At the time he wrote it, Paul Simon was influenced by Gospel music, and this influence comes across in the chorus of the song:

"When you're weary, feeling small
When tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all
I'm on your side
Oh, when times get rough
And friends just can't be found
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down..."

The words speak of offering comfort, solace, help, refuge. It is the assurance Jesus offers his frightened followers in today's Gospel.

It's what he offers us in our distress and at all times. Jesus is our bridge over troubled water. It's easy to trust in Jesus when life is good and all is plain sailing. Like Peter, we can even begin to think we can walk on water. Nothing can sink us.

Then, suddenly or over time, the skies darken and storm winds blow in. Maybe a relationship crumbles or our health fails, or financial woes overwhelm us, or scandal envelops us, and, like Peter, we flounder. We begin to sink. Our faith is tested. We feel lost and frightened and afraid. But we are not alone. Jesus is with us in every storm in which we find ourselves. He never abandons us. Trust in him, call out to him, as Peter does, and we will be safe. ■

SAY

"Lord, I believe;
help my unbelief."

DO

As Christians, we know that Jesus is with us in the midst of any storm in which we find ourselves. But he is more than with us; he calls on us to face that storm. To have courage. To trust. To be not afraid. Think of the challenges and difficulties you and your loved ones are facing at this time. Ask the Lord's help in facing them.



PRAY

Pray for those who feel as if they are caught in a storm – those who are ill, or depressed, or suicidal, or bullied, or suffer from discrimination or intimidation – that they may experience Jesus's soothing, calming, saving presence with them.

LEARN

God is with us always, in good times and bad.

It is okay to experience doubts and difficulties so long as we continue to trust in God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for
ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek
you.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and
daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the
inheritance
which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings.
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain
of God, he went into the cave and spent the
night in it. Then he was told, "Go out and
stand on the mountain before the Lord."
Then the Lord himself went by. There came a
mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains
and shattered the rocks before the Lord.
But the Lord was not in the wind. After the
wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was
not in the earthquake. After the earthquake
came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire.
And after the fire there came the sound of a
gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he
covered his face with his cloak and went out
and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 84:9-14

Response:
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

- 1 I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- 2 Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- 3 The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it
in union with Christ – it is the truth – my
conscience in union with the Holy Spirit
assures me of it too. What I want to say
is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental
anguish so endless, I would willingly be
condemned and be cut off from Christ if it
could help my brothers of Israel, my own
flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons,
they were given the glory and the covenants;
the Law and the ritual were drawn up for
them, and the promises were made to them.
They are descended from the patriarchs and
from their flesh and blood came Christ who is
above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest
heavens!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side while he
would send the crowds away. After sending
the crowds away he went up into the hills by
himself to pray. When evening came, he was
there alone, while the boat, by now far out
on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea,
for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch
of the night he went towards them, walking
on the lake, and when the disciples saw him
walking on the lake they were terrified. "It
is a ghost" they said, and cried out in fear.
But at once Jesus called out to them saying,
"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." It was
Peter who answered. "Lord," he said "if it
is you, tell me to come to you across the
water." "Come" said Jesus. Then Peter got
out of the boat and started walking towards
Jesus across the water, but as soon as he
felt the force of the wind, he took fright and
began to sink. "Lord! Save me!" he cried.
Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.
"Man of little faith," he said "why did you
doubt?" And as they got into the boat the
wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed
down before him and said, "Truly, you are
the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of
your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be
offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"True, God is infinite majesty, but he is also
infinite goodness and infinite love. There
can be no greater Lord than God; neither can
there be a more ardent lover than he".

St Alphonsus Liguori

