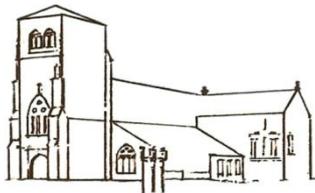


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The Fourteenth Sunday of the Year 08.07.18

Revolution in kindness (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –
- *Be humble, not only when you succeed, but when you fail* (Alaric Hutchinson)

Today's Scripture readings. That Jesus was rejected by his own town's people was very difficult for early Christians to accept. Further reflection on his ministry showed he was often rejected until finally he was crucified, the ultimate rejection. But what becomes clear is that truth will often be rejected because truth confronts our greed and our lust for power and control. Sin is very powerful within us. Anyone who is faithful to the Gospel will be challenged in all sorts of ways.

Today's Gospel passage implies that rejection of the Gospel extends to rejection of the messenger. If the Church is true to its mission the Church will suffer rejection. Much rejection comes from our failure to be faithful to the Gospel, the result of sin in our lives. The rejection referred to here comes from the very powers of evil which Jesus has come to destroy. Evil cannot live with good and will seek to destroy it.

Mark is uncompromising in his presentation of the Gospel. The cross, in its many forms, was at the heart of Jesus's ministry, something his local church community did not want to accept. You have no option, says Jesus, as Mark presents him. It characterised, not just his death, but his whole ministry. His followers can expect the same for themselves.

The missionary experience of the Church has shown many situations in which the Church can compromise, but there are limitations as to how far teachings can be accommodated to the modern world. They can not be watered down in any way just to be accepted by everyone. This mission of Jesus and the mission of the Church is not to win converts at any price. It is to proclaim the Christian message faithfully, whether or not it is what people want to hear.

Mass this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Eddie Barrett
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Vera McCrae's intention
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass for Christopher O'Toole
Wednesday	12.00	Ann Hegarty
Thursday	12.00	Special intention (Joe/Lourdes)
Friday	12.00	Ann Harrison (ill)
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Eileen Sweeney

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we celebrate every weekend - on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m. There are **confessions** every Saturday and Sunday during the Exposition.

Deanery Holy Hour. This month's Holy Hour will be in St. Patrick's next Thursday at 7.30 p.m. This prayer is leading up to the Eucharistic Congress in September. I am celebrating Mass at 7.00 that evening and sadly will be unable to take part but I do hope our parish is well represented. It is the turn of St. Anne's to host the Holy Hour for August, 9th.

Funerals this week. There will be a Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. for Anthony Cain. Please pray for his family and the repose of his soul

Money Report . The collection last weekend was **£494.00**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,118.80**. Thank you all very much.

Please keep our sick friends in your prayer - Chloe Woo, Eileen Cullen, John Reynolds, Peter Nash, Philip Wrench, Kelly Wilson, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahan, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. Please pray for Anthony Cain and Daniel Jamieson who have died..

The **Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** leaves on 20th. July. The annual pre-pilgrimage Mass is next Sunday at 5.00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

The **Parish Assembly** meets next Saturday at 10.00 a.m. in the St. Anne's Room. Our first meeting in our new parish rooms. You are all invited to come. This is where decisions are made for all aspects of parish activity. For our parish to be the living, thriving community we long for this is where we begin to take ownership and responsibility. Please don't leave it to others. The following Thursday, 19th. July, at 5.00 p.m. , there will be a **Co-Ordination** group meeting

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The next **Parish Assembly** will be next Saturday, 14th.July.
The **Prayer Group** meets in **St. Anne's House** on Friday at 7.30 p.m.
The **Men's Group** will meet tomorrow, Monday, 2nd.July at 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

Community and Social Group Meeting Wednesday 11th July 2pm
Come to the side entrance by the car park in Harboard Street.
This group has previously organised refreshment rotas, parties, days out etc.
The new St Anne's Rooms are available to us all week, so we need your ideas for new activities and special events which could take place. Anybody is welcome to attend this meeting. All are welcome, bring your ideas.

The Pastoral and Liturgy Group meets on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. in St. Bernard's

Holy Land Pilgrimage -21st-28th. February 2019. Forms are available in the sacristy. Forms available.

Parish Centre and rear grounds and car park Clean-Up. Peter Crowe and Barry Brown are organising a final clean-up of the new parish rooms and the grounds at the rear of the church and in the new car park. This will take place **next Saturday**, 21st July, between 9am and 1pm. We need a happy group of people, twenty or more if possible. There is work for people of all ages no matter how young or how old. If you would like to help out please see Peter or Barry, or ring Peter on 07988 376 638 or Barry on 07737 101 157 – or just come. Cups of tea, coffee, whatever you fancy – and for sure a lot of fun.

There's still time to share the journey!

Last Sunday we had a wonderful response to our invitation to take part in the parish *Share the Journey* walk to support refugees (www.cafod.org.uk/share the journey) About 45 people took part in a lovely picnic and then on the walk in Sefton park, so we expect to clock up a good number of miles between us. Many people who could not join us on Sunday are taking dedicated walks of their own and we will add their miles to our Parish total. Just see Ann or Alun to collect your prayer card and give us your miles by next Sunday(15th July) or ring us on 0151 727 6855.

Care for our Common world. Taken from a school notice board

- FOOD 1. Buy it with thought 2. Cook it with care
- 3. Use less wheat and meat 4. Buy local foods
- 5. Serve just enough 6. Use up what is left

DON'T WASTE ANY

The monthly **SVP collection** will take place today

Official, continuous, ongoing meetings between **Catholics and Anglicans**, known as *ARCIC*, have resulted in a document focusing on how the two Churches can learn from each other. It suggests that the Catholic Church can learn from our Anglican sister to empower local Church leaders to act more independently. There is more frank and open discussion in the Anglican Church. This is very much what Pope Francis has been saying but local synods of bishops have seemed to be reluctant to use their initiative. The document states that the Catholic Church can “fruitfully learn from the inclusion of the laity in decision making structures at every level of Anglican life”. This document is seen to be very important ecumenically as it sees difference, not as a source of suspicion, but is used as an enriching opportunity for learning and conversion.

Mount St. Bernard Monastery is a very holy place. It is still holy, and very prayerful - even though it has become a **brewery** – that is the Cistercian monks (known as Trappists) are brewing ale for sale - called Tynt Meadow. On sale nationally from 9th. July. It is a Cistercian tradition.

I have frequent requests from a lady, Ann-Marie, who was deported to Jamaica about twelve years ago with her little son. This is a summary of her most recent texts. Someone may feel able to help her.
I am not feeling well. I cannot carry fruit on my head and sell it because my disc in my back is narrowing. I am worried about Aaron if my condition gets worse. He has no one in Jamaica to take care of him. Please help him get back to school. By the third week of this month all school supplies are going to increase at about 50% or more. This is a list of things Aaron needs to go back to school – school fees £110.00, text books £180.00, then shoes, football boots, football kit, school uniform . Without paying the fee he cannot attend school. Please help us. I asked her what do other families do” she said “many local children do not attend school. Many steal to stave off hunger”.

From the Tablet editorial It is time Theresa May began to pull out of the long dark tunnel that is the “mad riddle” of Brexit. The alternative is to lead her country deeper into the unknown. She must realise this - the Brexit clock is ticking ever more loudly –and it explains why she has summoned her Cabinet to a showdown at Chequers. There is no guarantee she will succeed. And if success merely means holding her Government together, that will fall a long way short of solving the basic problem: proposing a future relationship with the European Union that will benefit the people of the United Kingdom and that the EU will accept. The trickiest issue is Ireland –how to avoid a visible border between north and south –and so far neither Brussels nor Dublin has seen anything from London they could live with. Ardent Brexiteers favour dealing with the Irish border issue by more or less ignoring it. They forget that the Irish Government, with its own national interest to protect, has a veto over any final deal. The immediate issue is about customs and tariffs. Again there is no sign from Mrs May that she has up her sleeve a proposal that the EU would be likely to accept, even if it was something that had the approval of the bulk of the Conservative Party.

The UK Government has failed to take seriously a fundamental aim of the EU negotiating team: to leave the UK in a worse position than it would have been had it not decided to exit the EU. It sees the UK as a future rival. So the omens are not good. The odds on there being no deal on the table when the time runs out are growing daily. Parliament may well reject such a doom-laden outcome, seeing that it in no way corresponds to the rosy pro-Brexit prospectus presented to the UK electorate before the 2016 referendum. But on present form parliament by itself will not have the courage to do the only other thing possible –to abandon Brexit altogether – because it has let itself be beguiled by the notion that the 52 per cent who voted Le

The idea that there is an entity called “the people”, with one conscious mind and will, is an artificial ontological construct that has been given a tangible solidity in the debate that it never deserved. But if it did exist, the logical corollary must be that it could change its mind, and choose to will something different. In practical terms another referendum becomes not anyone’s first choice, but the only way out of a labyrinth with no other exit. Perhaps a fiendishly cunning prime minister who privately supports remaining in the EU intended the cards to fall this way, crushing Brexit under the weight of its own contradictions. Or perhaps she has groped her way into this position by poor judgement, lack of foresight, and putting party unity before the national interest. Just like her predecessor.

The 50 /50 We are grateful for Eddie Barrett RIP and Bill Whitehead’s work in keeping this going for many years. For £1 per number, per week you can win £50. The other £50 goes towards parish expenses. Thank you to those who have continued to pay this regularly. Some people have asked to join and we now find that we have spare numbers available. For more details and lucky numbers available, see Bill Whitehead Saturdays 5.30, or Marie Gray Sundays 10.30.

Eucharistic Congress. There are now many tickets available for the Congress and these can be obtained on line. It will be a very worthwhile day, hopefully very prayerful, - Bishop Barron from the USA is the main speaker and renowned worldwide. Unfortunately I cannot go myself. We have a wedding that day.

Little Mick’s Spot (paws for thought) . The demolition men have gone. Two big running spaces for me, I thought. No, the builders are now digging sewers for the new church houses, and all kinds of things are piled up, there are loads of stones on that site. No garden for me just yet. But at least that banging has finished and the house is still standing.. The back of the house is looking quite tatty where it was attached to the hall. It will be sorted out eventually. I thought I was going to have a good run in the park last Sunday when the parish had their walk- share the journey. Sorry, Mick, TD said. You’ll be in the way. I couldn’t believe it. The ingratitude of the man! You’ll stop every minute, he said, sniffing at everything. Then you’ll greet every dog in the park. Maybe you’ll annoy an “eat for tuppence dog”, and I don’t fancy rescuing you when I’m trying to put in the miles. You can understand my being miffed. He should be pleased I’m a friendly dog and not aggressive. However, I kept my cool and didn’t sulk. I hope he has something nice in store for me. He spoke of meeting up with my brother, Spike. I’m not quite sure about it. You know what siblings are like. Ah well. That’s another week gone. I’ll tell you next Sunday.

