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### Mass this Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### Today's Readings

*Amos 7:12-15* God called Amos away from caring for sheep and sent him to shepherd the people of Israel.

*Ephesians 1:3-14* God chose and blessed us even before creating the world.

*Mark 6:7-13* Jesus sends his disciples out on a mission with no guarantees of personal safety and comfort.

#### Mass This Week

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

10:30am

#### Intention

For Our Parishioners

Mgr Joseph Williams RIP

Seafarers

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ware Carmel

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Weekday

Fr Horatio Hosford RIP

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Weekday

Our Finance Committee

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 9:15am

Weekday

Ukraine

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment

*Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.*

**Children's Day** A big thank you to all who made this a very special afternoon last week (despite the best efforts of the weather to meddle!) There are some hot-dog buns left over in the sacristy, which should be good until October, please take a pack if you can use them.

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday, 21st September. Prices work out at £25 per adult and £15 per child aged 6 to 12 years (free for children under 6).

If your name is on the list in the sacristy, please confirm your commitment to attend the pilgrimage by emailing

[anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitaclayson@hotmail.co.uk).

**Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome.** Sign up sheet and current details in the Sacristy. More details, especially more accurate prices, will follow once the airlines are able to give us a quotation.

**Sacramental Programmes/Catechists** We are wanting to recruit new catechists, especially for our First Holy Communion Programme. We do not need experts nor do catechists need a string of academic qualifications. What we need are faithful Christians willing to journey with our candidates, and help families with the programmes – all training and resources will be provided. **There is a provisional date for a planning meeting for Confirmation Catechists (New and Existing) on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July.** *If this is difficult please let Fr Philip know asap.* If you are willing to help as a catechist, please see Fr Philip or e-mail him.

In the Autumn we will begin the next round of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA Adult Baptism and/or Confirmation and/or Reception into the Church. Over the summer we will collect names of candidates, and forms are available in the Sacristy.

**Silver and Double Diamond!** Fr Philip and Jane will have a delayed and anticipated Silver Wedding and Double Diamond birthday celebration on **August 18<sup>th</sup>**. We would like to invite all of you to celebrate with us. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy to help us get the catering right. Please note we are having a short summer break at the start of August so it would be very much appreciated if you could **sign up before the 28<sup>th</sup> July**, as we shall need to order the food etc. at least two weeks in advance And if anyone is willing to help with the day, please let us know.

**St Mary's School Prayer Garden** St Mary's School are planning to convert their outside classroom into a prayer/reflective /quiet area. This will allow individuals, groups or classes to pray and reflect. Classes will use this area to celebrate the word of God by listening and reflecting on scripture readings. If you are able to help them with this project, they are requesting donations of objects, statues, crucifixes, icons, pictures etc that may be used. They would need to be suitable for outdoor use and everything British weather throws at us! Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

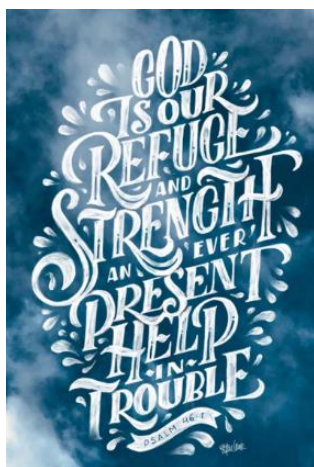
**Love in Action** After the summer holidays we shall begin a six week process following the *Love in Action* programme, thinking about the themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how to live them out in our community. There will be a short planning meeting in the Presbytery after Mass on Tuesday 16th July (~6:30pm). Please come along to find out more. NB the *Love in Action* programme is a parish process parallel to the Diocesan resources used in our schools.

**Living Catholicism Today summer course, 1st – 4th August (Stoneyhurst)** How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? This course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski.  
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/fait-and-reason-series/>

**Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for July**  
*For The Pastoral Care Of The Sick* We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all

### Praying with the Bible

*St Augustine said: "If the psalm prays, you pray; if it laments, you lament; if it exults, you rejoice; if it hopes, you hope; if it fears, you fear. Everything written here is a mirror for us."*



### Psalm 46:2-4, 9-12

God is for us a refuge and strength,  
An ever-present help in time of distress:  
So we shall not fear though the earth should rock,  
Though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea;  
Even though its waters rage and foam,  
Even though the mountains be shaken by its tumult.  
The Lord of hosts is with us:  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
Come and behold the works of the Lord,  
The awesome deeds God has done on the earth.  
God puts an end to wars all over the earth;  
Breaking bows, snapping spears, and burning shields  
with fire:  
"Be still and know that I am God,  
Exalted over nations, exalted over Earth!"  
The Lord of hosts is with us:  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.