

# SUNDAY PLUS

Travel lightly



## Step out in faith

in the "image and likeness of God", designed for a life of love, helping those around us – we are called to mission. But often we cling to our baggage and it holds us back, our selfish ego tells us we need all our "things", it tells us to stay home, to risk nothing, to protect "my stuff, my bread, my money".

We are often weighed down with burdens that we have either chosen to carry, or that have been placed on us by others (which we continue to hold on to). Jesus says "Come to me... Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light". By emptying ourselves we leave a space for God to fill. Jesus tells us today that he is all we need for the journey ahead – he asks us to leave the past behind and step out in faith, not knowing where we are going, but ready for the adventure.

After many years in the classroom, Paul Higginson's retirement offers him new possibilities for contributing to parish life.

By Paul Higginson

If you are going on a summer holiday this year it is highly likely that you will end up packing far more than you need. In today's Gospel Jesus tells the disciples to travel lightly, to carry

"no purse, no haversack". In our journey through life Jesus wants us to lay down all the useless baggage that we carry around: the weariness, the memories and disappointments of the past that weigh us down, the guilt and frustration, the obsession with possessions, the fear of the future. We have been made for something better – made

## War and Peace

By Brian Fahy

"Not everyone is as nice as you are, son", the old man said.

The old man had been a coal miner and a soldier, had fought a war and gone back down the pit again. He was very familiar with the rough side of life. His son, a priest, had led a more sheltered existence. If Jesus sends his disciples out as lambs among wolves, the old man knew a great deal about the wolves.

Yet the old man never used bad language. He did not swear and he was the most peaceful of men. He had seen the worst that this world has to offer but came home from war knowing that life is good and that we should live it peacefully. He was never angry with his children: firm but never angry. He ranks among the seventy-two disciples and his name is written in heaven.

Brian Fahy describes himself as an "apprentice poet". His website is to be found at [www.erpispoetry.com](http://www.erpispoetry.com).

Lord, let me travel towards you with my hands and my heart free of clutter. Amen.

"In his compassion, Christ drew near to the sick in body and spirit and brought them healing; he pardoned sinners and gave them new life. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is the Good Samaritan who stoops to help the injured man, binds his wounds and cares for him."

Pope Francis

Today: Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20	Monday: Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22 Matthew 9:18-26	Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:32-38	Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Matthew 10:1-7	Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9 Matthew 10:7-15	Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Matthew 10:16-23	Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8 Matthew 10:24-33 (St) Our Lady of Aberdeen (Feast)	Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37
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## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2022

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3<sup>rd</sup> July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
11.30am Mass

Confession by prior arrangement with Fr. Younger  
Intentions of Mrs & Mrs Manning (JL)  
Reader Nick Staddon  
Stewards Mary Foote  
Collections Jane & Rob Manning  
Offertory Kath Wright & Kendra Westwood

MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
9.30am	SoW&HC with Deacon Roger
TUESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
Church Closed	
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
Church Closed	
THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
Church Closed	
FRIDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
9.30am	SoW&HC with Deacon Roger
SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
Church Closed	

10<sup>th</sup> July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
10.15am Confession  
11.30am Mass

Confession at 10.15am  
Bill Bryant RIP (B&KH)  
Reader Trudy Leavis  
Stewards Mary Foote  
Collection Keith & Biddy Hewson  
Offertory Kathy Gowing & Norita Ross

### FUTURE EVENTS

Next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> July) Fr. Richard will hear Confessions from 10.15am.

### STELLA MARIS

The retiring collection next Sunday is for the important work of the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris). Due solely to your support and the support of millions like you, seafarers visiting the many ports of the British Isles have a friend when they need one. Please help by giving as generously as you can to the charitable work of AoS.

For more info go to:

[www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday)

The car park is designated as the initial Assembly Point for the congregation in the event of a fire in or about the church. In the event of a Fire or other emergency please react as instructed by your Fire Marshalls.

### NOTICES



### Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or housebound:

Laura Guest. Mrs. A Powell & her husband Tony. Odessa Louise-Therese, Verena Colley, Ian Naylor, John Thompson, Shaun Hewson, Bill Smith, Kerry Ashby, Winnie Copp, Kevin Sweeney and those who are sick and whose names are not published here and all who are sick in the parish. Please keep Fr. John in your prayers as he battles health issues.

Please keep Deacon Roger updated about those named above and notify him of any parishioner who should be included on our prayer list. Thank you.

### National Synthesis Document

Seeks to capture the essence of what emerged from the unprecedented participation by the People of God in England and Wales in a world-wide synod process. Read all 27 pages on our parish website now!

### Safeguarding and Health & Safety

Safeguarding Officer:  
(Julie Rock)

Health and Safety Officer:  
(Vacant)

### Retiring Collections

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)  
(Mandatory)

### MORE NOTICES

#### Roe v Wade decision

As you have probably seen in the media, on Friday 24 June, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states.

There has been much misinformation spread online about the implications of this decision. Lord Alton has published an excellent piece that sets out the key facts on the decision:

<https://thebritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

#### DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Pope Francis issued a Papal Letter stressing the importance enacting the liturgy of the Mass as well and as beautifully as possible. Pope Francis invites the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration.

All 24 pages will be posted on the notice board in the narthex and is available on the parish website now!

### Collections last Sunday

NRCDT A Registered Charity

Envelopes:	£80.00
Loose:	£135.00
Standing Orders:	£13.85
Retiring Collection:	£70.00
Thank you for your generosity for the collection for Peter's Pence.	

Weekly bills based on annual totals:	
Diocesan Quota:	£58.17
Utilities:	£41.46
Consumables:	£30.04
Insurance:	£18.44
Based upon figures for FY ended 31/03/2021	