

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
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**ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD**

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**SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**



**Collect**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

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**

## **Gospel** (Mark 6:1 – 6)

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is the wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed by they lack of faith.

## **Reflection**

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote.

While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

### **Celebration of Mass**

Saturday 3 July: Mass at St Joseph's at 5.30pm

Sunday 4 July: Mass at St Dominic's at 10.30am

Wednesday 7 July: Mass at St Dominic's at 9.00am

Please remember to wear masks, use sanitiser and maintain social distancing. Thank you

## **Local History**

We are currently asked to help with two very different local history projects:

### **Our Parishes**

In a letter to priests, Bishop Declan refers to the need to plan for the future. He writes, 'I think one thing we need to do is celebrate who we are while recognising the challenges we have to face. A suggested way to do this is for each parish to tell its story from its foundation until the present day. Parishes can also share with one another or their immediate neighbour the story they have to tell, so that we might recognise ourselves as being in communion with one another, with the purpose of mission.'

Many of you have been in the parishes for a long time and will have much knowledge of how the churches have developed. We would love to hear from you! So the Parish Council would like to begin by asking you for your memories of the histories of our parishes, and your thoughts on how they should move forward.

If you have anything that you would like to contribute, it would be very helpful if you could write it down and pass it on to a member of the Parish Council. (As a reminder, current members of the Council are Father Philip, Deacon Domenic, John Hudson (Chair), Colin Archer, Laura Gardiner, Louisa Rubin, Peter Tarski, Pat Uglow, Sue Whitney)

Thank you

### **GL11 Community Hub Oral History Project**

GL11 Community Hub has been funded by the Heritage Lottery to record the memories and reminiscences of local residents who worked for past companies such as Listers, Mawdsleys, Baileys or Bymacks in order to provide an archive of a significant period of working life in GL11. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who came from other countries and moved to the Dursley/Cam area to work in these local industries. We are aware that a significant number of people have come to the area from countries such as Poland, Italy and Ukraine for instance.

We have a small number of local people who have been trained to interview and record people's memories and we hope to carry out these interviews over the next three months. The recordings will become part of Gloucestershire Archives and from this work we aim to produce an exhibition of the project at the Dursley Heritage Centre.

Paul Rummer, a Dursley resident of 28 years and a trustee of GL11 Community Hub is coordinating the project with staff at GL11 Community Hub. If you would like to know more about the project and perhaps have your memories recorded for the archive, please contact Paul by email [paulrummer8@gmail.com](mailto:paulrummer8@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

### **200 Club: June Winners**

1<sup>st</sup>: Susan Terry £40, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ade McClung £30, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ana Szokalo £20

## First Communion

After much delay and under strict Covid precautions a number of children from our parishes have been able to prepare for First Communion, which they will celebrate either at Nympsfield on Saturday 3 July or at Dursley on Sunday 4 July. We welcome them and their families

Please pray for:

Isaac, William, Safia, Beatrice, Sofia, Freya, Emily, George, Alfie, Nadia, Olivier, Tommy, Charlie, Frankie, Henry

Many thanks to Syd Gwyer for all her hard work in making this happen



## Stella Maris, our 2021 Parish Charity

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me*

Seafarers work long shifts, seven days a week, often for nine months at a time. In these times of pandemic, many haven't been home for over a year. They are far away from their family and loved ones, always at sea or a stranger in a foreign land. And what happens when something goes wrong? When they are exploited or abused? When they are abandoned by their employer or their wages unpaid

For hundreds of seafarers a ship visit from Stella Maris provides critical support, supplying food, clothes, phone cards, and medical supplies, and working with the port authorities and ship owners

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit

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

To donate and for more information, please visit: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

### Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently:

**Diocesan Prayer Link:**

Immaculate Conception, Devizes

**Churches Together Prayer Rota:**

St Bartholomew, Nympsfield

**Parish Prayer Rota:**

The congregation at Dursley