

Focusing the Gospel
11th July 2021

Key words and phrases:

Jesus summoned ... and gave; two by two; gave them authority; no food, no sack, no money

To the point:

Jesus sends disciples forth with no baggage, no money, not even any food. Instead he provides them with the one essential Resource. He gives them his authority to preach repentance, to cast out demons, to cure the sick. He also gives them each other, for they are not sent out alone but in partnership **"two by two."** The gift of his authority and the gift of one another is essentially the gift of Jesus himself. So gifted, disciples cannot fail.

To the First Reading:

Amos was taken away from shepherding his flock and sent by God to prophesy. The Twelve were called and sent forth by Jesus to continue his mission of salvation. Both Amos and the Twelve were sent out on the authority of divine commission. So are we.

To experience:

We tend to live and work as if everything depends upon us. While we need to be realistic and practical about our role, we cannot lose sight of the One on whom we ultimately depend—Jesus—who sends us forth to continue his own saving mission.

Bible Study

We have a Bible Study, reflecting on the coming Sunday Mass Readings, with Fr. Claro on Zoom on Mondays from 8 – 9 pm. For the Bible Study visit the website and click the link on the homepage.

Ministries within the community

"As we hopefully come out of these difficult times, and are free to return to our different Ministries within the community, I need to ask if you wish to continue. Perhaps you would consider becoming involved, please get in touch with Mairead.

Email: boycemairead@aol.com
or
telephone: 01367 243065.

Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Flowers, Welcoming, Refreshments, if you have any questions please contact me"

THE GOSPEL
Mark 6:7-13

Sent on a mission.

This is why
we are
here.

Lord,
help us.

Let us take
your healing love
to all our neighbours,
down all our back-streets,
to the boarders and the ends
of this earth and beyond,
to the environment
you lovingly
give to
us.

No
money
in our belts,
no clean socks,
no backpack
no
food.

Give to us this day,
complete and
total trust
in you.



Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon & Buckland
15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 11TH JULY 2021

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Liturgies at the Cathedral

Bishop Philip will celebrate the following liturgies. They will be live streamed on the Cathedral website: www.portsmouth-catholiccathedral.org.uk
Saturday 09:00 Holy Mass
Sunday 12:00 Holy Mass (Cathedral)
Monday - Friday
07:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
08:10 Morning Prayer & Benediction
08:30 Holy Mass (Latin on Wednesday)



Ministries

Music Director: Sjoerd Vogt
Organist: Karen Vogt
SafeGuarding Officer: Mary Hughes
Children's Liturgy: Clare Cottingham
Parish Hall: Sue Cole (01367 241446)
Pastoral Assistant: Tony Fecher
Altar Servers: Denise Cocquerel
Gift Aid: Jack Thornton
Webmaster: Neill Taylor

Praying the Readings at Home

1st Reading: Amos 7: 12 - 15
Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2nd Reading Ephesians 1: 3-14 or 1: 3-10
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13
He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.
(Gospel)



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Landscape between Storm
1874/75

Masses at Blessed Hugh

Sunday Mass at Blessed Hugh is at 10am, it is essential to register in advance if you wish to attend. The Mass is also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook so you can follow from home.

Details and registrations here:
<https://blessedhugh.org.uk/events-and-services/>
On Zoom, please keep your microphone muted except to offer Bidding Prayers.

You can follow Fr. Claro's daily Masses from his home on Facebook Live here:

<https://facebook.com/claro.conde>

His current schedule is:

8.00 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday.

6 pm Masses on Wednesdays (Our Mother of Perpetual Help), and Sundays



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Notes from PPC Meeting 8th July.

Arrangements and publicity for full Church re-opening 27th June.

- All restrictions will be lifted on 19th July and the first unrestricted Mass will be on 25th July.
- Tea and Coffee will be organised.

Outreach, House Masses

- The Mass in Southmoor was very successful and everyone who attended enjoyed joining in faith in a more intimate setting.
- The next Mass is on Friday July 30th @ 6pm at Clare Cottingham's House, Buckland. Preparations are underway.
- Other possible Masses are in Gainfield and Stanford In the Vale.
- **Parish Questionnaire:** More to follow after House Masses – we would like to ask local people what they would like to get from church.
- **Church Hall** – protocols, re-opening were discussed bookings can be taken for dates from 19th July

Support Group & Parishioners' Contact Details.

It was decided that in order to get this under way as soon as possible, it would be in paper form. An "opt in" form will be created on which parishioners can provide their names telephone numbers and email addresses. This will then be compiled and printed for distribution in the Parish only.

Parish Social Events.

- Parish Social 4th July 2021 from 1pm, a new date is being organised.
- A shared lunch was planned for the feast of Christ The King on 21st Nov.
- A kids Christmas party was discussed and it was decided that it should be planned for some time during Advent.

Parish Youth

Children's liturgy will re-start from September. We hope to ask young people to a pizza evening once restrictions are over.
AOB

It was suggested that the Parish organises a bimonthly social event for those in the parish who are isolated because they can no longer get around. A question was raised if we need to do anything to help the local foodbank.

Are you missing catching up with your old friends from Blessed Hugh Parish?

We are thinking of hosting a bi-monthly afternoon tea in the church hall for those people who aren't able to come to church due to mobility or transportation issues. Transport will be provided. If you are interested in attending please call Kathleen on 07952150247 so that we can see if there is any interest and we will then plan dates from there.

Date for Your Diaries.

Parish Shared Lunch for the Feast of Christ The King. Sunday 21st November.

Message from Fr. Claro
11th July 2021
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sea Sunday 2021: Vatican calls for dignified conditions for maritime workers

By Hannah Brockhaus
Vatican City, Jul 7, 2021 / 13:00

Cardinal Peter Turkson, the prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, said that since September 2020, an estimated 400,000 seafarers have been stranded at sea because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He also said that the coronavirus had worsened working and living conditions for thousands who have been forced to work for months longer than usual while separated for long periods from their families.

"We appeal to ship owners, management companies, agents, and recruiters to regard crew members as more than 'labor force' and remember that they are human beings," he said.

"We urge the development of working practices, which are based on human dignity rather than profit," he added, "and so provide everything, which is necessary to improve the mental, physical and spiritual well-being of seafarers."

In his message, Cardinal Turkson said, "we thank the People of the Sea for their work, and our gratitude is transformed in our prayer that the Lord grants them strength in moments of weakness, unity in diversity, safe and smooth sailing and, at the end of their contract, happiness to be reunited with their loved ones."

He said that there were also other problems connected to COVID-19, including a lack of clear policies on vaccination for seafarers.

"Because of this pandemic, we would like to invite the maritime industry to learn to act as one by facilitating crew changes and vaccinations and strengthening the implementation of international standards to enhance and protect the human and working rights of the People of the Sea," Turkson said.

The cardinal also pointed out that 38 piracy incidents have been reported since the start of the year. While the number of these incidents had gone down, he said, "violence against crew is increasing."

"These are sad reminders of the fragility of a maritime industry, which has already been tested by the pandemic," he commented. "Seafarers have the right to perform their work without running the risk of being kidnapped, injured or even killed."

"We request all governments and international organizations to determine long-lasting solutions to the scourge of piracy, mindful of the need to address the fundamental problem of the inequality in the distribution of goods between countries and the exploitation of natural resources."

Turkson also expressed concern about shipwrecks and marine accidents, noting that though sometimes these happen due to the forces of nature, there are still "too many instances of negligence by those who prefer to prioritize profit over safety and security."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BAPTISM of POPPY THEA, daughter of Benjamin Peter & Jennifer Anne (nee McAnaw) Whitehead at 1130am, Sunday 18th July

Death of Pauline Allan on 8 July, funeral Mass 1pm on 21st of July at Blessed Hugh Church.