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6 th July 2025 Psalter Week 2		Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time YEAR C - LECTIONARY YEAR 1	
First Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14c <i>‘Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18 <i>‘I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 <i>‘Your peace will rest upon him.’</i>		
Saturday 5 th July +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 6 th July +		10.30am	Mass – (Caroline Saw RIP)
Monday 7 th July <i>Feria</i>		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Sr Norah RIP)
Tuesday 8 th July <i>Feria</i>		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Jerome Curtain RIP)
Wednesday 9 th July St Augustine Zhao Rong – Priest & the martyrs of China		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Mary Kathleen O’Connor RIP)
Thursday 10 th July <i>Feria</i>			No Parish Mass today
Friday – 11 th July ST BENEDICT – Abbott, Patron of Europe		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Ben Bird RIP)
Saturday – 12 th July <i>Feria</i>		9.00am 9.30am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Denise’s Ints)
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday – 12 th July +		6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Sidney Wogan RIP)
Sunday – 13 th July +		10.30am	Mass – (Pro Populo)

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES
WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/SATURDAY THIS WEEK**

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£329.26
Digital Collection Plate	£85.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£916.26



Sea Sunday – Sea Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, 13th July 2025**.

It is a day to pray for seafarers and fishers and to thank them for the vital role they play in our lives. A second collection will be held over the weekend **14th/15th July** in support of Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This support is essential to continue their mission both in the UK and globally.



Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for the 100 club. We have **sold 199 tickets** so far which means we will have raised just over **£3500** for Our lady help of Christians this year. Thank you to everyone who is taking part. Good luck for the first draw which takes place after the **10.30am Sunday Mass this weekend**. Good Luck everyone! **Come and join us in**

the Hall after Mass for Tea/Coffee & Refreshments.



Jubilee Talk: Debt Management with CAFOD - We are delighted to welcome Debbie Purfield from CAFOD to our parish on **Thursday 17th July** as part of our Jubilee Talks series. Debbie will be speaking on the important topic of debt management, offering practical insights rooted in faith and social justice. Join us for a prayerful evening beginning with Mass at 7.00pm, followed by Adoration at 7.30pm, and the talk at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. This

is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of how faith can guide us through financial challenges. All are welcome — we encourage you to come along and bring a friend!



Gardening Club Produce - from time to time throughout the growing season, a few fresh vegetables will be available from the parish garden. Parishioners are welcome to buy them, when they are available, after the weekend Masses, for a reasonable donation to the Gardening Club - a basket will be available on the table at the back of the church. The donations will help defray the cost of the new petrol-driven lawn mower

and other gardening expenses. So be on the lookout!



Altar Servers – We are looking to recruit some young members of our parish to join our team of Altar Servers and are appealing especially to those who recently received their First Holy Communion. Altar Servers play a very important part in the Church's Liturgy enabling us all, Priests, Deacons, and the Laity to worthily celebrate the Mass. Full training will be given to you. If you are interested, please speak to either Fr Biju or Deacon Peter.



St Benedict – Patron of Europe

Born at Norcia in Umbria (Italy) about the year 480. After studying at Rome, he led a life of solitude in Subiaco and gathered disciples around him, and then went to Monte Cassino. Here he founded a well-known monastery and wrote his 'Rule', as a result of which he has been called the Father of Monasticism in the West. He died on 21st March 547 but from the end of the eighth century he has been venerated on 11th July in many places. As we celebrate the feast day of St Benedict this coming Friday we pray for all who have responded to God's call to live a monastic life of prayer and devotion. Of course we pray especially for Brother John and

community of the Monastery of Christ our Saviour, together with the Sisters and community at the Priory of Our Lady of Peace, Turvey Abbey

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Scripture Reflections

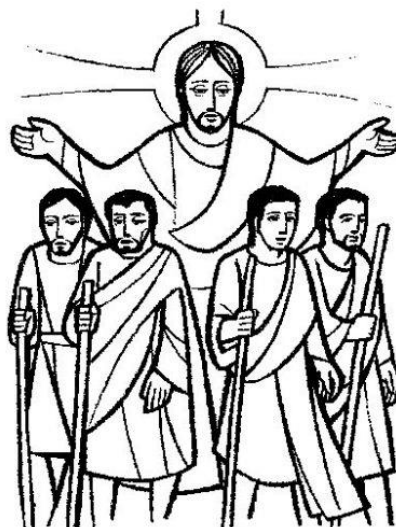
Isaiah 66:10-14 - We are used to the imagery of God as Father, the creator and initiator of all things. But there is no gender or sex in God; God infinitely transcends such human limitations. So, there is also room and need for a gentler image of God as mother: '*As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you,*' promises this passage, even daring to invoke that most maternal and intimately loving and trusting image of the child feeding at its mother's breast. Such imagery for God as mother occurs in other biblical passages as well, such as Psalm 131, where the contentment of the believer in God is compared to that of a little child in its mother's embrace; or Hosea 11:1-4, where God's loving care is described in terms of a parent leading and feeding a child. The child is now growing up, and God's maternal love continues throughout our lives. One of the chief Hebrew words describing God's love for his people is *rahamim*, the plural of *reham*, which means a mother's womb. God's love involves, therefore, that instinctive gut-feeling of a mother for her child, which can never be destroyed or overruled.

Galatians 6:14-18 - This is the final reading for this year from the fiery letter to the Galatians. It also provides the entry antiphon for Maundy Thursday, as we enter upon the celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death. Saint Paul is again comparing the Law and the Cross. Instead of glorying in the physical mark of circumcision, the symbol of subjection to the Law, he glories in the Cross 'branded on' his body (he must mean in a symbolic sense by baptism - unless he means the scars of the floggings he received) which makes him a new creation. Everything is new about the Christian baptized into Christ, having left behind the old, mundane pre-occupations to embrace the new freedom inspired by the Spirit. This sounds all very well, but we know (and Saint Paul knows too) that it is a constant challenge to bring this new life and new scale of values into reality: 'The good thing I want to do, I never do; the evil thing which I do not want – that is what I do', he laments when writing to the Romans. We are already reconciled to God, but only once does Saint Paul say we are already saved. Even then it is 'saved in hope', which puts it into the future.

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Gospel Reflection

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20 - The instructions to the seventy-two who are sent out are direct and simple. They are really sent out like lambs among wolves, without food, without distractions, without baggage, without spares. The version in the Gospel of Mark allows them sandals, presumably to enable them to make more speed on their journey, for the urgency of the task is paramount. They are not to be distracted by picking and choosing their accommodation or their food. Direct, too, is their method: to impart the blessing of peace and to heal. No second chance: if the blessing is rejected, away they go, leaving the town to a fate worse than that of Sodom! Last Sunday's gospel demanded an uncompromisingly whole-hearted response to Jesus from the apostles. This Sunday the apostles demand the same response to their own message. Again, the absolute demands of Jesus! There is a wonderful simplicity about this message of the coming of the Kingdom: all that is involved is peace and healing. No squabbles, no fripperies, no complications of doctrine. If these Kingdom values can remain the focus of our Christian vision, we may make some progress towards bringing the Kingdom of God to reality in our own surroundings.



Thought for the Week: 'Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.'

St Augustine

With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, and Deacon Peter