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15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

14th/15th July

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Mary Phillips
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Thanksgiving (Greene family)
Monday		9.30 am	Pat Pugh
Tuesday (school)		9.30 am	Sr. Teresa Phelan Mass in St. Joseph's school
Wednesday			No Mass
Thursday (school)	9.30 am	Noon	Jo Royen Mass in Sacred Heart school Funeral Mass of Emma Hudson
Friday Day of Abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Peter Sheils, Sr. Meena & girls Eucharistic Service

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

21st/22nd July

Day	Aston	Nechells	
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Johnson Assoc Benefactors Mary Phillips
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of Parish

Please Pray for the sick; Sheila O'Reilly, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Teresa Francis, Michael O'Connor, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher, Pat Hayes, Jimmy Armstrong, Anne Robinson, Peter Marron, Mary Crotty.



The collection last weekend came to £389.73
The second collection for Apostleship of the Sea came to £198.67

RENEW OUR PARISH Now that we have renewed our Church Roof we need to renew our parish. Please start praying the Renewal Prayer everyday so that we can be open to what God wants us to do and become in this Sacred Heart parish.

Sacred Heart Ladies Aston
Having a Fun Day for Kids
Sunday 29th July 2018 After Mass
in Presbytery Garden
All are welcome.
Please Attend.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? The first meeting for those wishing to become Catholics will be on Thursday this week at 6.30 pm at Sacred Heart. Come to the Presbytery.

WORLD YOUTH DAY in Panama 19th – 29th January 2019 Would any more young people (aged 18 -35 on 19th January 2019) like to go on World Youth Day? Please see Fr. Stephen to find out more about it and what is involved asap.

GET A TASTE FOR THE FAITH An introduction to adult faith formation with Marie Cooke of Maryvale Institute. Tuesday 17th July at St. Francis, Handsworth. 7.30 pm – 9 pm. See poster in church for more details.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

THE KINGDOM WARRIORS meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

DONATIONS TO THE ROOF APPEAL ON LINE Get your friends to donate on line by going to our website www.sacredheartaston.com and going to the Giving page. We are using "Mydonate" and they don't take any commission so we get 100% of what you give and you can Gift Aid it too if you are a taxpayer.

Second Saturday Convention - Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW (including a Rosary procession, Holy Mass, Confession, talks, spiritual sharing, testimonies, praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration).

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Sacred Heart School Community Lunch Club. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of the school there will be no more Community Lunch Clubs. The school are very sorry and disappointed that this facility has been forced to stop.

Sacred Heart Parish BBQ – A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make last Sunday's barbeque a big success. It was lovely to have chance to meet together in the sunshine, enjoying being together as our parish family.



First reading Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Responsorial Psalm 84(85):9-14(Sun15)

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Reflection

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavour. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

