



<p>10TH AUGUST 2014 19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 359; Preface at Priest's choice</p>	<p>17TH AUGUST 2014 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 371; Preface at Priest's choice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tell me to come to you across the water</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Woman, you have great faith</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Today is one of those occasions when, even though the second reading is not chosen to correspond to the theme of the Gospel and first reading, it does in fact fit very well. Indeed, much of the letter to the Romans is explained in this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word: the whole theme is summed up in this: the Messiah came first of all to the people of Israel, to whom the promises were made in the past - but it could not remain there. The good news had to be taken to the ends of the earth, so that all peoples, indeed the whole of creation could welcome the Messiah and take a place in the Kingdom of God. All nations are welcome on God's holy mountain: "Let all the peoples praise you, O God!"</p> </div> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>Our Saviour revealed himself to the disciples in the fourth watch of the night. We ask the apostles to pray for those later in life who are discerning their vocation in the Church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>St Paul says "God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice." Let each of us make full use of our God-given gifts to respond to whatever God is calling us to do with our lives.</p>
<p>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>This great feast is a twin to the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Then, if you recall, the preface of the Mass contained these words: "Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow." Today we celebrate the first of us to do just that, as we remember Mary following our Lord into heaven. She is the first to follow him - but not the last: this feast should help open our eyes to our final destination, heaven. So this feast pushes us right back to Easter, to thoughts of death and resurrection: it is the second reading which underlines all this. It talks of the "gradual" resurrection of the dead: Christ first, then "those who belong to him". Of these, the first is Mary, she who was without stain of original sin, she who was "most blessed of all women." In her, today, we see the fulfilment of the vision of the first reading: the end of death and the victory of life in Christ.</p> <p>We celebrate this feast, which is a Holyday of Obligation, on Friday 15 August. As noted above, we will have one Mass in each of our churches (7pm Thursday in SJ, 9.15am Friday in SB and 7.30pm Friday in SC).</p>	

Prayers Please

Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Dr Bernard Higgins, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Rose Mellor, Mary Long, Oliver Smith, Dylan Crosby and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: David Walton, Ralph Haydock *[Please note that David Walton's funeral will not be taking place until 27 August]*

Anniversaries: Bob Whaley, Ellen Liston, Pat Allen, Jane Connaughton, Stanley Mellor

Mass Intentions: Bob Whaley, Philip Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Damien & Evan McManus, David Walton, Ralph Haydock, Brian Herrity, Ian Fazackerley (Golden Wedding Remembrance), Leila Parker, The Liston & Rothwell families, Charles, Ellen & Peter Liston, Gill & Patrick Hartwright, Pat Allen, Monica Clare (stillborn), Jane Connaughton

Damian & Evan McManus: Our Easter Sunday newsletter asked for prayers for this father and son (the brother and nephew of Mrs Latham who taught at St John's) who went missing whilst hiking in the Colorado Mountains in April. The search had been called off at that point but their bodies have now been recovered (in July). Please keep the family in your prayers.

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.

Collections & Donations: *All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.*

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Gift Aid: *If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks*

Congratulations: To Lilia Rose Steward who was baptised at St Columba's on Saturday 26 July. Also to Matilda Mae Corser and Poppy Mary Janicki who were baptised at St Brendan's on Sunday 27 July. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Kieran Seals and Lauren Shepherd-Lees who were married at St Columba's on Friday 1 August. Also to Joseph Citarella and Anna Roe who were married at St John's on Saturday 2 August. We pray that they will have long, happy and fulfilling married lives.

Readers: If you are a reader at St Brendan's or St John's, please ensure you have a copy of the latest rota. Thanks.

St Brendan's - Anti-Social Behaviour: The ongoing problem with youths gathering, verbal abuse and damage to the church fabric is being investigated by GM Police. If you witness problems please dial 101 and report the matter to the Police. Please also record the time, date and circumstances and let Father Parkinson know. Due to these problems, parishioners are asked to be vigilant and to lock both gates when they leave, unless the church or school are in use.

CAMEO Group and Teapot Time: These two groups have decided to pool resources, since the aim of both was to provide enjoyment and social time for all three parishes, using the Harbour Room at St Brendan's as a base. Our next event is a "**Cakey Quiz**" on Wednesday 20 August at 2-4pm in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. We hope people will come and support this initial event and bring ideas for the future.

Thank You: Philippa Shorrock would like to thank parishioners who attended her talk about her visit to India with The Northern Cleft Association. Although this was not a fund raising event, she received donations totalling £89. Philippa would also like to thank a private donor who has sponsored a child for the forthcoming visit.

Pilgrim Mother: This is an invitation for families or individuals to sign up to have the "Pilgrim Mother" come to their homes each month. The Pilgrim Mother is carried to many people by means of a framed picture, blessed at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Kearsley. It is a way of encouraging us to accept Jesus and Mary into our homes and hearts.

Once received into the home, there is an opportunity to place all our worries and concerns before the Blessed Mother, our protector, as she intercedes for us. We need to speak from the heart, as we would to a true friend. It is also a chance to encourage children, family members and friends to join us in our prayer, including the rosary.

If interested, please sign the form (currently at the back of St John's) giving your address and contact details.

World War I Centenary: There will be a Deanery Mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 September in St Patrick's Church to pray for those who died in WWI, for those currently serving in the armed forces and for peace.

Theatre Lovers: We have provisionally booked 20 places for the Octagon's production of "Journey's End" by RC Sherriff on Saturday 27 September at the matinee performance at 2pm. This is a classic play of the trenches in the First World War and a fitting drama for the centenary. The price will be £10.85 per ticket (concessions price) and the tickets will only be held for a few days as the play is booking fast. If you are interested in going please ring 01204 303505 asap or see Frank and Madeleine after Mass at St. Brendan's this Sunday. It is the numbers of those going which need to be known quickly. We can collect money later. Thank you. *F and M.*

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