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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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Our Lord's

instructions to the Twelve in today's Gospel make for challenging reading. Does Christian discipleship really entail that radical a detachment from material goods (without even a spare set of clothes), and if so, where does that leave those whose possessions are not quite so minimal?

It might be tempting to explain it away as simply a report of an event in Christ's earthly life, a particular commission given to these men on this occasion. We might consider ourselves encouraged in taking such an approach by the fact that these instructions are not given to the crowds who came to listen to Jesus, or even to the large group of those who followed him, but to the Twelve – the inner core of his disciples chosen by him for a special role sharing his mission.

Yet, if this feels like something of a cop-out, that should be no surprise. Every Sunday we profess our belief in the Church as being apostolic, as well as one, holy and Catholic, and the mission entrusted to the apostles is the mission of the Church in every age.

So how can we understand the terms of the commission given to the Twelve, and what does it teach us as we seek to live lives of Christian discipleship? Perhaps the first thing to note is the connection between the instructions on what to take (or not) and those that follow; here, as he directs the apostles about the way they are to conduct themselves when they come to the various towns, he is clearly setting out something about how their message is to be presented. It is something valuable – they needn't be embarrassed to stay in one house for as long as they are in a particular district – and it is to be presented freely – if people don't listen, that's their choice, and the Twelve are told to shake the dust from their feet and move on.

In this light, we can perhaps see something of the significance of Christ's instruction to the Twelve to travel light. Having no superfluous goods or resources, the apostles will not be turning up with any material incentives for people to listen to them, or any claim to status which might be indicated by travelling in style. If people welcome them it will be for the message they bring and the signs they work, not any indication that paying them attention might be materially profitable.

Beyond manifesting the simplicity of their motives, though, the way the apostles are to travel is a witness in itself of the value of their message: to bring this news to the places to which they are sent, they are willing to do without material comforts precisely because the message of the Gospel is so much greater a comfort, a gift of so much greater value than any material paraphernalia might have been.

That's not to say all of us have to embrace the radical detachment with which the apostles were charged, but it is to say that we should give consideration to what the way we relate to material things says about our values and priorities – and that, of course, touches not only on what we communicate to others, but how each of us lives the life of Christian discipleship.

Rev Alan

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 3
Lectionary Sundays Year B: week 15 Ordinary Time

ROBERT KIRBY RIP

The reception of his body into Church will be on Wednesday 24 July at 5pm. His funeral will be held on Thursday 25 July at 11am and then to City of London crematorium. There will be refreshments in the hall thereafter. Please keep Ellie and Issy in your prayers.

May he rest in peace.

SUMMER BBQ

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Summer BBQ. The volunteers, supporters and the organiser, Tina who did a great job.

BAPTISM COURSE

The course continues on Tuesday 16 July and Thursday 25 July. Meetings will take place in the presbytery at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 24/25 **(Year 3+ in September 2024)**

Enrolment forms will be available in the porch shortly. The new programme will commence in the Autumn. Parents should be already providing proof of their children's attendance at Mass by completing a Mass attendance form found in the porch for their children **every Sunday**. **If you are attending Mass at a different Church or if you are on holiday, please ask the priest at that Church to sign the newsletter and hand it in to Fr Barto.**

HELP NEEDED

To move the topsoil in front of the Church to the raised beds. Please come along this Sunday 14 July at 1.30pm (weather permitting). If you have a spade and wheelbarrow please bring them too.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 17 July at the Cricketers for lunch at 1 pm.

Young Adults Next meeting will be on Friday 19 July at 7.30pm.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Mike on 077157 582 260

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the Church for your donation.

GIFT AID 23/24

Gift Aiders who would like a statement confirming their donations to the Parish for 23/24 please contact the gift aid coordinator, Anthony Collins.

OUR COMMON HOME

Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si (Praise Be) warns of the problem of the climate crisis and urges all of us to take some action. So we now wish to see how we, as a parish, can follow Pope Francis. There are many things we can do as individuals but we also wish to have a common goal as a parish. To that end we would like to focus on specific targets for the Parish which are in line with Laudato Si.

So over the next couple of weeks we will be posting details to ask for your opinion on what our parish goals should be. Please take some time to have a look at this information in the porch, on the website and with the emailed newsletter. As it says in Genesis, God saw all that He had made and indeed it was very good.

LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

"AWAKE LONDON"

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 20th July 2024 from 11am to 5 pm led by Rev.Fr.John Victor and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London,E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27 July – 3 August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children. All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS 31st August, Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us,

beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY

On Saturday, 12th October, 9.30am – 5pm the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Retreat Manager

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

- (To be left on the table by the organ loft)
- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
 - Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
 - Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
 - Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES
AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Please also check the notice boards in the
porch for other news and information.

Mass Intentions 13th July – 21st July

**Mass on Monday is celebrated privately.
Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is
at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary
will be prayed after morning Mass from
Wednesday to Saturday.**

Saturday 9.30am Patrick & Geraldine Rustie
Ints

6.30pm Fr Barto Ints

Vigil Mass **15th Sunday - Ordinary time**

Sunday 14th 9.30am People of the Parish

11am Domenica Marrai RIP

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm Jerome Philomin RIP

Wednesday 9.30am Atal/Singh family Ints

Thursday 9.30am Robert Kirby RIP

Friday 9.30am Maureen, Tricia & Norah Ints

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Shelagh Dewhurst RIP

Vigil Mass **16th Sunday - Ordinary time**

Sunday 21st 9.30am Winifred Dewhurst RIP

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Please pray for those who are sick:

Anniversaries 15 July – 21 July

Bernard Wilkinson, Canon Daniel Harnett, Mrs
B Leydon, Bruno Mitlehner, Roy Burrows, Mrs E
Gray, Mrs Rowe, Fr Edmund Dobson, Joseph
Fernandez, Fr Pat Taylor.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 228.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and
Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR
form found in the porch and return to the Parish
Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could
benefit from support from the SVP please contact the
Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday
afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Repair Cafe

Saturday 20th July at Woodford Memorial Hall
10am-1pm. This is a Free Event featuring:

Electrical Appliance Repairs

Mend Clothes & Accessories

Bicycle MoT

Toy Swap

Mechanical & Miscellaneous

Free Refreshments

Children's Play Area

Something broken? Don't throw it away! See if we
can give it a new lease of life.

Reuse, Recycle!

Our Common Home

At the Summer BBQ on Saturday 13th we will have a
table for Our Common Home from 2-4pm.

Come along to find out more about what we are
looking to do as a parish to help save Our Common
Home, in line with Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato
Si. We also want to hear your thoughts and ideas.

You can also read more about Our Common Home
on our parish website. There is also a full text and a
summary of Laudato Si (Praise Be) as well as the
recent follow up letter by Pope Francis entitled
Laudate Deum (Praise God).