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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 8th July 2018

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Sunday Reflection: – “He was amazed by their lack of faith” – Prophets didn’t always receive a good reception when they were called to speak out boldly God’s word to his people. The prophet will often have to speak a challenging word, calling the people to a radical change of behavior, and will often encounter opposition, ridicule and even rejection. In today’s Gospel Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth to preach God’s Word to his own folk, his relatives and friends. They had heard about his growing reputation as a preacher, teacher, and a healer, and it was all too much for them. They couldn’t accept that the Jesus “the carpenter”, whose family members are well known to them, had changed. He has a deep spiritual wisdom and a profound relationship with God. Blinded by their own prejudices and ignorance, “they would not accept him”. Their distrust disarms Jesus and he moves elsewhere. “He was amazed at their lack of faith”. But their disbelief did not hinder God’s Word from being proclaimed. The Word of God can cope with human resistance. Jesus leaves Nazareth for a new road. The Nazarenes are unable to see God working through someone they knew so well. Miracles require faith. We all do well to ponder and wonder how many times Jesus has come to visit us in the form of someone we knew so well, but we would not see him because of our prejudices and blindness?

Today is Sea Sunday – The Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers do not have the quality of life on board that every human has the right to. Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. The AoS offers pastoral, practical support and care. Taking the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church. Sea Sunday is the principal fundraising and awareness raising event for AOS. In today’s second collection please give generously and remember them in your prayers.

Parish Outing – On next Sat 14th July, going to Minnis Bay Kent and to Hewitts farm for fruit & vegetable picking. Meeting point will be at Worlds End Square on Kings Road at 7am and returning from Minnis Bat at 4pm. Please Register at the Parish Office, some seats left. Adults £25, Child £15. Proceeds will go to Nanay Maddalina Orphanage in Palawan, Philippines.

Prior General’s Visit – Our Prior General of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary, Fr. Gottfried M. Wolff and his Assistant Fr. Rhett M. Sarabia will be here visiting the Community the week-end 14th and 15th July 2018. We extend to them a warm welcome.

World Meeting of Families – The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin 21st – 26th August. The gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon – Sat 10am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is now on break and will return on Thursday 2nd August.

Saints Days

Mon 9th – St Augustine Zhao

Rong & Companions

Wed 11th – St Benedict

Fri 13th – St Henry

St Clelia Baribieri

Sat 14th – St Camillus de Lellis

Requiem Mass: of

Sean Garvey will be held on Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 11.30am.