



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT

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LOCAL COMMUNITY~

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THE 16TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR B)

&
OUR 'THIRD' SUNDAY

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18 JULY 2021

For your sake (and all our sakes), you must not come (in)to church, if you have (or have had within the last ten days) any symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have been exposed (or think you may have been exposed) to COVID-19 within the last ten days, even if you have no symptoms.

Welcome to All Saints' for our celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the beginning of a new week. For the safety of all, please observe the following:

- a) Maintain social-distancing both inside and outside All Saints'.
- b) Continue to wear a face-covering in church, unless you are exempt.
- c) Sit on your own or with members of your household/bubble.
- d) Say (not sing) the congregational responses and texts in a normal conversational tone, not in a loud voice. (Congregational singing is not yet allowed.)
- e) Stay in your place throughout; the priest will bring Holy Communion to you.

- This particular *Bulletin* has had to be prepared in advance, so please listen out for any additional notices on the day.

Sheep without a shepherd: this is the simple theme of to-day's readings. We note that Jesus' reaction to the crowd is one of pity as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds; a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present-day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

Introit: God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice. I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

Collect: Let us pray (*to be kept faithful in the service of God*): Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope and love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (23:1-6): *The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.*

'Doom for the shepherds, who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries, where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

At 8 o'clock only, the response in the Psalm (22/23) is: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Ephesians (2:13-18): *Christ Jesus is the peace between us and has made the two into one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person, he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel **Acclamation:**
Alleluia, Alleluia! 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,' says the Lord, 'I know them and they follow me.' **Alleluia!**



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (6:30-34): *They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going, that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place, where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Lord, we come before you:
All: in you is our peace.

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We pray for our parish and for its needs; for a wise and safe exit from the 'lock-down' regulations tomorrow; for local widows and widowers; for hair-dressers in Hillingdon; for the staff of *Homestart Hillingdon*; for local families under strain.

We commend to God our Father:

those who are ill, in trouble or in need, especially: Barry Beadle, Lesley Carrington, Helen Dey, John Hucker, Mike & Evelyn Kirby, Angela Lucas, Brian Measures, Diane, Helen & Hazel Parris, Steven Patrick, Paul Taylor, Geoff Turner, Irene Wilkinson.

the recently departed: Danny Brooks.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: Cyril Baker, Jim Boyle, Andrew Gowling, Brenda Margiotta. **May they rest in peace and rise in glory!**

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends and those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Mary Magdalene, S Bridget (of Sweden), S Lawrence (of Brindisi) and all the saints: **Hail Mary,...**

FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

1. At the end of our time together in church, there is always some cleaning to do. Please volunteer; we still need to take care of one another.



2. I was asked last week how our present arrangements might be changed following the further easing of the 'lock-down' regulations to-morrow. I explained some time ago that no major changes would be made to

how we are currently operating before September, as we need to have a better idea of how things will turn out. Any such changes will be announced in advance, so there are no surprises.

3. Last Sunday's, (second) retiring collection for *Helen & Douglas House*, raised a further £53.96 to be added to the £99 collected the previous week, so we shall send off a cheque for £152.96 to Oxford. Very many thanks!.

4. Many thanks to all who worked hard to prepare our socially-distanced Shared Lunch last Sunday and who cleared/tidied up the church thereafter. It was excellent that, after so many months, we were able to be much more together for a lunch!



5. The Eucharist at ASH this week:

Wednesday, 21/7; 1000: *Weekday in O/T*; the celebrant is Father Paul Reece from S Lawrence, Little Stanmore.

6. There is no Vestry Hour on Saturdays, 24 & 31 July. If this causes difficulty for you, please send an e-mail to the Vicarage.

7. Next Sunday, 25/7: the 17th Sunday in O/T

a. 0800: Said Eucharist

b. 1000: Parish Eucharist

8. I shall revise by 1/8 the names of those we pray for on Sundays. Please let me know by 25/7 of those we need to retain or to add.

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To enquire about Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Baptisms or other items of parish business, please come along to Vestry Hour on Saturday morning from 0930. No appointment is needed. Or telephone/e-mail the Vicarage to arrangement an appointment.

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