

SUNDAY *Plus*

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week IV** Year A

Divine Mercy Sunday

They didn't walk alone

Liverpool at the time had a population of about 210,000. But 1847 saw the Irish potato famine at its height, and some 300,000 people in this single year paid the sixpence fare to flee to Liverpool. There, those that stayed – some 60,000 to 80,000 – found themselves living in appalling poverty, in overcrowded and insanitary courts, alleys and cellars. Epidemics of fever, cholera, and dysentery ran rampant...

The number of orphans skyrocketed, and homeless children were everywhere, with some 23,000 running wild along Liverpool docks... "Nobody's Children", who, as [Fr James Nugent] said: "roam unheeded about those crowded thoroughfares and along those five miles of docks, desolate and homeless wanderers, without a heart to love them or a hand to guide them. They prowl about that busy city, the keen and cunning succeeding by various devices to live, whilst others suffer all the hardships of hunger and absolute want."

"In the long cold winter nights, when the snow lies thick upon the ground, and the stormy winter's blast makes comfortable luxury draw close to the fireside, the birds of the air have their resting places,

and the very dogs their warm kennels, but these poor little ones huddle together under railway arches, in empty boxes, over bakers' ovens; in fact, anywhere to get a little heat and protection from the frosty and nipping night air. How many die of actual starvation and are buried in the paupers' heap without a mourner to follow their coffin, or a single tear shed over their grave?"

For children, the streets became "the schools of crime". Yet Fr Nugent saw not only potential criminals in the making, but "genius and talent running to waste in the gutters"... opening "Ragged Schools", of which some thirty-two existed by 1853. They provided shelter, food and clothing, and endeavoured to find work for the children. Since the children still had to fend for themselves at night, the next step was the creation of night shelters and refuges, which later added the teaching of trades...

Such work could not be accomplished by one man alone, and Fr Nugent was able to enlist the help not only of other clergy but concerned lay people and various associations – not all of which were Catholic. Fr Nugent welcomed the help

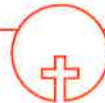
of all charitable people.

As noted by Canon Bennett, "To enlist the aid of enlightened Protestantism in Liverpool for the salvation of the child was Fr Nugent's greatest service to the Church in Liverpool, if not the whole of England. It broke down barriers, scotched prejudice where it did not make it hang its head in shame, created a more tolerant atmosphere, and... brought about the recognition of the social work performed by the priests of the town, and its influence on the character of the Catholic citizens."

Andrew Seddon,
This England, 5 August 2020



Fr James Nugent, Wikipedia



Feast of the week
Wednesday 22 July

St Mary Magdalene

St Mary Magdalene, a devoted follower of Jesus, is celebrated as the Apostle to the Apostles for her profound witness to Christ's resurrection. Originating from Magdala near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus healed her by apparently casting out seven demons, symbolising her deep spiritual restoration. Mary became a steadfast disciple, supporting Jesus' ministry and remaining with him through his passion. She stood at the foot of the cross when others fled, and on Easter morning, she was the first to encounter the risen Christ. Her experience in the garden, where Jesus called her by name, marks a pivotal moment of recognition and mission. Though often misidentified as a repentant sinner, modern scholarship distinguishes her as a woman of courage, faith and leadership. She invites us to embrace healing and proclaim hope. Her faithfulness to Jesus even in sorrow and uncertainty, exemplifies a woman's ability to support someone she loves, regardless of the personal cost.

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday:
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday:
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday:
Song of Songs 3:1-4
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday:
Jeremiah 2:1-3.
7-8, 12-13
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday:
Jeremiah 3:14-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday:
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

Next Sunday:
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Lord Jesus, teach me to listen, love and rest in your presence, but let me not forget the needs of the people around me. 🕊 Amen.

I encourage you to remain committed and present: present within history as a leaven of unity, communion and fraternity.

Pope Leo XIV



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 18th July 6:30pm. Carmel Fitzgerald (RIP)

Sun. 19th July 9:30am. Nishanthan Gnanathas (RIP)
Joaquim and Santana Rebello (RIP)

11:00am. Louise Emerson (3rd Anniversary RIP)
Margaret & Murty Conneely (Anniversary RIP)

Mon. 20th July 10:00am. NO MASS

Tues. 21st July 10:00am. Michael Short
(20th Anniversary RIP)

Wed. 22nd July 10:00am. Mary Collins (RIP)

Thur. 23rd July 10:00am. M. Perinpanathan (RIP)

Fri. 24th July 6:00pm. *Adoration and Benediction*
7:00pm. People of the Parish

"In prayer I always find light and strength of spirit although there are moments so trying and hurtful, that it seems difficult to imagine that these things can happen. Strangely God sometimes allows them, but always in order to manifest or develop virtue in a soul. That is the reason for trials."
St Faustina Kowalska

Saints of the Week

19th St John Plessington; 20th St Apollinaris; 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi; 22nd St Mary Magdalene; 23rd St Bridget, Patron of Europe; 24th St Sharbel Makhluf; 24th St John Boste; 25th St James, Apostle.

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound:

Please pray for the wellbeing of:
D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Amy Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow; Mary Silva; Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert and Mary Nassan.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 25th July 6:30pm. Damian Brookes
(Birthday Special Intentions)

Sun. 26th July 9:30am. Joaquim and Santana Robello (RIP)
11:00am. Rita Desa (Recently Deceased RIP)

Upcoming Mass Intentions

28th Francis Eaton; 29th Joan Gray; 30th Thomas McHugh; 30th Polina; 1st Eren Anderson.

Parish Life

St Cecilia's School We were pleased to celebrate with Year 6 Leavers, and Years 4 and 5 from St Cecilia School. Their behavior was impeccable and their singing glorious. We wish them and all the staff a restful summer break.

Parish Surgery and Office is open as usual up until 31st July. Both will be closed from the 1st August to the 31st August, except in cases of emergency.

The Collection for Peter's Pence raised £347.41

Mass Offering 4th/5th July. 1st Offertory: £1,256.25p
Candles: £96.62p Mass Attendance 468

Mass Offerings for 11th/12th July

1st Offertory: £962.90p Candles: £116.63p Stella Maris: £396.04p
Mass Attendance 433

Second Offering next weekend is for our Parish Ministry

A list of winning raffle tickets numbers from the Summer Fayre is posted in the narthex. Please check to see if you have a winning ticket.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of three members of the Cornwall family: Jayden Cornwall; Vibert Cornwell and Mateo Winder.



Also for Francis Kim Tang Lam, husband of Amy Lam, who left this world on 14th July.

Lord Jesus, may they rejoice in Your Heavenly Kingdom, where all tears are wiped away and we will be united as one family.

Please note we are not taking registrations for First Holy Communion until the latter part of this year. An announcements will be made at Mass. Please do not register until then. Thank you.