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SUNDAY 6th July 2025. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings are on Page 105 in the Sunday Mass Book.

Reflection: BE INVOLVED"

When Jesus began his public ministry, he knew that he could not do it alone. He would need a helping hand from some hand-picked individuals. He picked twelve men and named them Apostles, they were to be (first) his companions, and (then) to be sent out to proclaim the message" (Mark 3:14). This is the meaning of the word *Apostle*, someone who is *sent out*.

As the mission grew bigger, Jesus must have realized that thirteen persons (himself and the Twelve) could not do it all. He therefore proceeded to appoint "Seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit," as we read in today's gospel passage. Even at that, Jesus still remarked that "the harvest is rich, but the labourers are few ..."

Just before he ascended into heaven, Jesus drew the mission wide open to all his disciples, the mission was now to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28:19). Definitely, twelve men could make disciples of all nations, Twelve men plus seventy-two could not either. All of the disciples now had to do it. all of them had to become apostles, evangelizers, missionaries, call it what you like. That is exactly what they began to do, according to what we read in the Acts of the Apostles. In the early days of the Church, it was not only the Twelve or any other restricted group of disciples that evangelized, that is, proclaimed the Good News. All of the disciples did: men and women, ordained and non-ordained. That was one of the reasons for the phenomenal spread of the Christian faith to the farthest, reached the whole of the Roman empire in only a few decades of the Church's existence.

The harvest has never been richer than it is today and the labourers too, by comparison with the harvest, have never been fewer – bishops, priests, deacons, religious etc. it is therefore necessary to remind everyone that the ranks of labourers in the Lord's vineyard have been expanded to embrace and include everyone all disciples of Christ, that is, every baptized Christian. You and I must see ourselves as labourers in the Lord's vineyard, everyone must BE INVOLVED in the task of proclaiming the Good News and doing God's work.

We Pray for the sick and housebound

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. John Reilly. George McDermott. May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently. John Joseph Owens (Corky)

Kathleen (Mary) Morrin. Margaret Duffy. (May their souls rest in peace),

Memorial Anniversary Jimmy Connors (3rd) Margaret McDermott (20th) Clare Dolan (8th) Michael O'Dowd Special Intention: For a Happy 60th Birthday

In Memory Edward and Martin Bell. Annie, Edward, Barbara and Annie (senior) Robinson.

Birthday Remembrance Kathleen Hamilton

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1. To date, the grand total for the summer fair is £2635.03. Thank you again for your generosity and hard work.
- 2. PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING ACCOMMODATION. Fr Kris is planning a Parish Mission for September. The Peregrinatio Pro Christo are members of the Legion of Mary coming from Ireland. We humbly request accommodation near Church for those coming and the host families will be paid for a week's stay from Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th. Their Meals will be provided for and will be taken in the Parish. Please if anyone can provide accommodation, please complete the form on the table at the back of Church.
- 3. The card machine at the back of Church is now fully operational if you wish to give any donation via card. It is easy to use, put your card in and follow the instructions on the screen. The more we use it the easier it will become to donate to the Church in this way.
- 4. BAPTISM: the Diocese has introduced new procedures for anyone requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children. In Our Parish from September, Baptism will take place on the first and third weekends in the month. St Richard's Baptism will remain on Saturdays at 12 noon and St Mary's Sunday at 12:30. Parents must collect a Baptism form after Mass on any Sunday, complete and return the form the following Sunday, attend Mass for at least 6 weeks and there will be a MUST and compulsory class to be attended by the parents (and God parents if available) on the importance of the sacrament of Baptism and their expectations at the Baptism. The first class will take place on 27.7.25 the families involved will be notified. Baptism forms can be collected from Fiona or Ann near the piety stall in the Church porch at St Mary's, or from Fr Kris at St Richard's.

Other announcements:

- 5. The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home, Plymouth Grove are having a 'Family Fun Day and BBQ, Sunday 13 July 1.00pm 400pm. Admission Adults £3 and Children free. Refreshments and BBQ available to buy. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van, Tombola, Egg and Spoon Race, Beat the Goalie. These are just a few of the games/stalls for you all to enjoy so please come and support this fundraising event.
- 6. The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Cemetery Mass at Southern Cemetery-the first since before the pandemic providing a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Join us at 12 noon on Monday 25 August outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in the cemetery. Seating will not be provided, so please bring a chair if you require one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St Ambrose Church.
- 7. Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People
 The Diocese of Salford's Jubilee of Jubilees series continues this month as we celebrate the Jubilee for
 Grandparents and Older People by sharing a fantastic resource from our diocesan charity, Caritas
 Salford. For resources, activity ideas, prayers, key contacts, and more, head to
 https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT MASS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm St. Richard's 6:30 pm St. Mary's Sunday: 9:30 am St. Richard's 11:00 am St. Mary's

Daily Masses

St. Mary's: 9:30 am – Tuesday & Thursday

10:00am - 11:00am Exposition/Adoration & Mass on Saturday

10:15 – 10:45 am – Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Richard's: 9:15 am - Wednesday & Friday

Offertory Collection from 29th June: St Richards £245.98. St Mary's £428.99. Total £674.97 Thank you all for your generosity.