

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, "Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!"

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not."

"I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, 'Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, "What is that?" not knowing what it was. "That" said Moses to them "is the bread the Lord gives you to eat."

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 77

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R/**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R/**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

SECOND READING (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live.

Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (John 6:24-35)

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.


When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered: "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?" Jesus gave them this answer, "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent." So they said, "What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Jesus answered: "I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said "give us that bread always." Jesus answered: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B – 1st August 2021 – Psalter Week II

The Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation is suspended until first Sunday of Advent.

Sat 31st	EIGHTEENTH	5.00pm	Jason Jones	St. Mary's
Sun 1 st AUG	SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Wayne Stansfield	St. Mary's
		11.00am	Kath Fullerton	St. Mary's
Mon 2nd		9.30am	Word & Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Tues 3rd	St. Oswald	7.00pm	Anne Connolly	St. Mary's
Wed 4th	Requiem Mass	1.30pm	Bernadette Frost	St. Mary's
Thurs 5th		9.30am	Margaret Donaghy	St. Mary's
	Funeral	11.30am	Libera Pearce (Cremation)	
Fri 6th	The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.30pm	Derek Lloyd	St. Mary's
Sat 7th	NINETEENTH	5.00pm	John Stack	St. Mary's
Sun 8th	SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Joan O'Connor	St. Mary's
		11.00am	Wilf McSherry	St. Mary's

Confessions on request



Newsletter Contributions to St Mary's Presbytery by noon on Wednesday.

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THANKS

As you were made aware last week I had to isolate, no symptoms and tested negative but was contacted by track and trace. I did as I was told...for a change! And was set free on Wednesday.

Having covered the neighbouring parish the previous weekend, little did I think it would be my turn. Once again, my fellow priests came to our aid. If it happens to more than one of us at a time, we could be in trouble!!

COVID RESTRICTIONS

So far:

We still have to maintain our church buildings as safe venues. Stewards will still welcome people as they arrive in church, and will ensure that people are **sanitized** before entry. We still have to wear **facemasks**, and maintain the one-metre **safe distancing** of seats.

The latest:

By now you should be aware that even though some restrictions have been lifted for venues, we have no intention of doing so in the near future.

The guidelines still suggest we keep information on those attending at weekends and that the trace system continues to be used.

While we cannot enforce the wearing of masks, **it is our duty to protect each other**. We cannot make it a requirement to attend mass, but it would be a very selfish act, if someone refuses to do so, without a sound reason.

The stewards have done a good job over the months, and they are happy to continue for our benefit, so please continue to co-operate with their instructions.

Fr. Michael

A PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

*Lord Jesus,
when you walked with us on earth,
you spread your healing power.
We place, in your loving care,
all who are affected by coronavirus.
Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.
Bring relief to our sick, console our bereaved
and protect those who care for us.
We lift our prayer to you Lord
and trust in your infinite mercy,
as we await the daybreak,
Amen.*

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection: £860.00
250 Club: £95.00
Winner: Sheila Armstrong
Cafod donations: £35.00
Running total: £5,090
Building fund: £3,123.00
Many thanks.

PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers:

those who are sick, especially: Mary Barnicott, Mr. Thomas, William Williams, S.F., Theodore, Frank Curry, Betty Arnold, Rowland Sheldon, David Furey, Siobhan Murphy, Annie Lorraine, and Harry Jenkins.

We remember all those who have died:

recently especially: Alan Waterfield, (Funeral 10.00am, Aug 12th) Bernadette Frost, and Libera Pearce.

We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur about this time esp. Joan O'Connor

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Forgiveness will commence on Saturday, 4th September 2021; celebrating on 18th September.

First Communion will commence on Saturday, 2nd October and celebrating on the 30th October 2021.

Confirmation preparation will begin on 1st September and celebrated on 3rd October.

Enrolment forms to be collected from Church.

LATIN MASS

In 2007 Pope Benedict revived the mass known as the Tridentine Rite. After consulting Bishops worldwide, Pope Francis recognised that it has become a magnet for those who implicitly or explicitly rejected the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, not just liturgically. In some places it has been a cause of division.

Two places in the diocese will continue to have permission to celebrate the "extraordinary form" - Shrewsbury and New Brighton. Those involved will of course, promote the unity of the church and uphold the teachings and directives of the Second Vatican Council.



SUMMER MEAL

Summer meal at the Golf Club for 22nd August. Forms are now available. We will still be required to sit in groups. Last date for bookings is this weekend.

PARISH TRIP

15th-19th November a parish trip to Whitby to the Ravenscar Hotel. £345.00. Bookings can be made directly with Jones' over the phone **01352 733292**. (Twenty-seven people have booked so far.)

ROME 2022

Monday, 2nd May – Friday, 6th May. Bookings are coming in for this pilgrimage. Again, numbers are restricted. While it seems a long way off, if you do not want to be disappointed, please contact Anthony Coles by e-mail arctc@btinternet.com or ring or text **07785 306 232**

QUIZNIGHT

We have planned a quiz night/fish & chips for 1st October at the British Legion Club in Dawley.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Ordinations: We welcome three new priests ordained recently; Patrick Breeze, (New assistant priest at the Cathedral); Humphrey O'Connor and Stephen Roberts. Also, two new Permanent Deacons: John McKay and Wilfred McSherry.

Also, congratulations to Canon John Marmion who celebrated 70 years of priesthood recently.

To all those celebrating wedding anniversaries over the summer season...congratulations!

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A "Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes" has been arranged to coincide with the dates that we would have been in Lourdes. The timetable for this virtual Pilgrimage is now available on the Diocesan website or St. Patrick's website.

HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY

Holy Trinity Academy is celebrating since it has been accredited as a

High Performance Learning (HPL) World Class School!

Professor Deborah Eyre, Chair at High Performance Learning, says:

"Truly world-class schools understand that while grades are important, producing students who are intellectually and socially confident, work-place and life-ready with a global outlook and concern for others is our true aim." Holy Trinity Academy has worked hard to strengthen its practice and to move closer to the vision of every child becoming a high performer."

THANKS

Special thanks to all involved in our schools: St. Mary's and Holy Trinity. To the Foundation Governors, who represent the Church, to our teachers and school staff. It's been a difficult year for staff, pupils, and parents. May they all have a well-deserved rest and hopefully come back refreshed and ready for a new school year in September.

JACOB'S WELL APPEAL

Have you unwanted medical & mobility equipment you don't need? Don't send to refill – it can be repurposed. Contact: Siobhan Davis 07903 175997. See notice.

DIARY

August

14 th	3pm. Frank Burns Memorial Service at St. Patrick's.
21 st	Baptism: Evelyn Jones 12pm
22 nd	Parish Meal
28 th	St. Mary's, Shifnal Summer Fayre

September

1 st	Confirmation Class begins at Holy Trinity Academy
4 th	First Sacraments Programme begins.
5 th	Baptism: Jonathan Gray
11 th /12 th	Lavender weekend