



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 55:1-3

**Response to the Psalm:** You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires

**Second reading:** Romans 8:35, 37-39

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21



**Dear Parishioners**

If we look closely at a meal we will see that it is something we all need and have in common. Many of our best memories are of family meals on festive occasions like Christmas or a wedding. Sharing a meal with others involves slowing down, taking time out to engage them in conversation and find out what is happening in their lives. Meals are not just about consuming food and banishing hunger. They can also nurture the soul by offering enjoyment, providing hospitality, creating friendships, developing relationships, spawning community and signalling reconciliation. It is said that we can never really be enemies with someone with whom we have a meal.

The Church has always regarded the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes as a sign pointing to the Eucharist. Jesus wanted to feed his followers in a spiritual manner by means of the Eucharist. The taking and breaking of bread, the blessing and distributing of fish symbolised the Messiah sharing a meal with his people, satisfying their human needs and providing them with nourishment for earthly and eternal life. The deepest yearnings of the human heart can find fulfilment only in God who is patiently guiding us through the shadows of this life towards the glowing reality of heaven. In the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus comes to us as our pilgrim food in the form of bread and wine and satisfies our hunger for all that is most precious in life.

If you are going away for a summer break, please take care and I pray that you will all return safely renewed in body and in spirit.

**Our opening has been delayed by the fact that floor to the sacristy is collapsing and we have to undergo major emergency repairs and I mean major! Please pray that we can find the funding for this work.**

**God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB**

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth**

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**Week 18 Year (A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

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### Masses

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|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug  |  | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year A)</b> | Deceased members<br>of the Sollis Family |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug  |  | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year A)</b> | Paul Bunn RIP                            |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug  |  |  |  |
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |  | St. John Vianney(m)                        |  |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |  |  |  |
| Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug |  | <b>Transfiguration(F)</b>                  |  |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |  |  |  |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |  | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year A)</b> | People of the Parish                     |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug  |  | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year A)</b> | Sarah Lamb RIP                           |

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Nell Bridge, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross.

**Those who have recently died:**

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath.

### **Information and Prayers**

Please keep in your prayers all the people who are travelling at this time. God Bless you.

#### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.



I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

#### **How to support your Parish**

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat.

We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from the website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered & include it with your donation. Thank you!

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.**

**Do please check out our great new website where you will find up to date information, including the current bulletin, photos (there are a few of the work being undertaken in the church and sacristy) and other useful facts and advice about the resumption of Mass.**