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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** 2Kings:4:42-44

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

**Second reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Your word are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John: 6:1-15



**Dear Parishioners**

We can't turn fish and loaves into a meal for 5000 people but we can use what we have to help others less fortunate than we are. When we hear of Jesus helping the less fortunate, He is asking us, "What have you done for those in need? Have you left your homes to go to the areas of the community where people may be hungry, where families and children who depend on others for help can find clothing that is donated by many who don't need it any more but whose generosity can make a huge difference to those children whose parents don't have the ability to buy them what they need.

This is what Jesus is saying to all of us today. Instead of just listening to these readings, why not discuss what you can do on the drive home today. Ask your children, "Are there some things you have that you don't need but you think others might look upon your gift as the best piece of clothing they've ever owned.

Instead of leaving Mass and not even thinking of what Jesus did or not realising that His messages and miracles are meant for us to emulate, let the whole family discuss how His message applies to us and how each member of the family can be just like Jesus...give something to someone who needs it more than we do.

Please have the whole family ask the question, "Could we do what Jesus did?" I think He would answer, "Of course. In my name everyone can perform miracles."

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**17<sup>th</sup> Week of Year (B)**  
**Week commencing Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

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### Masses

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|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> July  | 5pm | <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Millie & Douglas<br>Thompson RIP    |
| Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> July  |     | <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> |                                     |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> July  |     |                                           |                                     |
| Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> July |     |                                           |                                     |
| Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> July  |     |                                           |                                     |
| Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> July |     | SS Martha, Mary &<br>Lazarus (Mem)        | Mick Wall RIP                       |
| Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> July  |     |                                           |                                     |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> July  | 5pm | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Richard Flynn RIP                   |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> August |     | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Zita, Harold & Sollis<br>Family 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:** Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Maurice Andrews, Bud Sollis, Max Stoddart. Chanel Mullings

**Those who have recently died:**

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, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes.

**Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse**

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### **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*



### **INFORMATION**

As from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, following guidelines from the government and the diocese and after completing yet another Risk Assessment, we would like to welcome you back to 5pm Mass on Saturdays. We would ask you to please support our wonderful stewards, by following their guidance so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

**We are encouraging all those attending Mass to:**

- Wear a face covering
- Use the QR code or complete a paper Test, Track and Trace form. These are located in the porch **or can be downloaded from our website to be completed before you arrive.**
- You are free sit where you wish but no more than 4 adults and 2 children under 12 years to a bench please. (Total 96)
- Please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid 19
- **The toilets remain closed.**

These guidelines will remain the same for weddings, funerals and baptisms. I look forward to seeing you. God Bless.

**Fr. Benedict OSB**