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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1/2 August 2020

SUNDAY MASS OPPORTUNITIES !!! - a widespread invitation!

At this time and trying to respect guidelines and social distancing - the available Sunday Masses are
Friday 7pm; Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8am and 10am
Monday 9.30am
Additional weekday Mass on Tuesday 9.30am : no public Mass on Wednesday or Thursday

Saturday 1st August
 St Alphonsus Liguori
 Bishop & Doctor

5.30pm For a vaccine for the virus

Sunday 2nd August

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Sophie & Eugen Kern

10am Philomena Brennan RIP
 (recent)

Monday 3rd August

9.30am Peter Carvelho RIP
 (de Souza)

Tuesday 4th August
 St John Vianney, Priest

9.30am Mary Frances O'Donovan
 RIP (recent) (Crehan)

Wednesday 5th August

Martha Fahey RIP
 NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 6th August
 The Transfiguration of the Lord

NO LITURGY

Friday 7th August

7pm People of the parish

Saturday 8th August
 St Dominic, Priest

5.30pm For children & the young

Sunday 9th August
 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Mary Carey RIP

10am Healy Intention

The Gospel - this weekend - sharing resources

We hear Saint Matthew's account of the feeding of the five thousand! Jesus is pursued by the crowd. They all end up hungry and in a 'lonely place'. The disciples urge Our Lord to send the people away; to send them to find food. Jesus wants to provide and teach the crowd about the Father's generosity. We proclaimed in the responsorial psalm – "you open wide your hand O Lord you grant our desires". In the first place Jesus encourages the crowd to calm down, sit down; accepting the meagre resources of just five loaves and two fish He prays and blesses them. No magic trick, no abracadabra stuff. Broken and distributed among the people - this is a true miracle of God's provision. The gospel tells us that they 'all ate as much as they wanted' yet there were still 12 baskets full remaining. When we are together - sharing trust in the Lord - he always provides and 'feeds us'. Among the many cruel effects of the pandemic - we find a world literally starving. The reality is that there is more than enough - but greed and narrow national self-interest results in famine and starvation among vast populations already broken by the virus. How can we accept this situation? Only if our eyes are opened by faith - can we respond and ultimately receive.

Our First Holy Communion children and families

Events have closed down the preparation which had only just started. The parish and specifically Carol-Anne have tried to keep in touch with the families. In September - all things being equal (?) there will be a chance for the First Holy Communion classes to continue - observing COVID 19 protocols. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday 15 November at 3pm in the church. This will be a Mass with limited numbers and sadly without the usual party afterwards. Parents-guardians-carers of the children involved are asked to make direct contact with either Carol-Anne

or Father Michael as soon as possible. See the parish email/phone details at the top of this newsletter.

News and remembrance

1. Recently Dominick and Juliet Martins celebrated their Silver wedding. They are both involved and supportive parishioners. Our prayers and congratulations to them and the family.
2. Please remember in prayer Philomena Brennan RIP - a faithful woman who never missed the 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Her funeral was on Tuesday (28 July). May the Lord console those who mourn for her.

Safety and Associated Arrangements

A one-way pedestrian traffic flow system operates within the Church, and should be adhered to. Only **42 places are available in the Church** and are allocated on a 'First Come, First Served' basis All those attending Mass **must** fill in their name and contact details on forms provided in the Porch before entering.

Mass will be different with the **distribution of Holy Communion the last rite of each Mass. On receiving Holy Communion, Parishioners will then exit the Church.**

It is advisable that you **bring and wear your own face mask** throughout the Mass.

The toilet facility remains out of use.

Hand sanitiser gel is available on both entry and exit for Parishioner use.

The collection will be taken as Parishioners leave the Church.

The Marshals will be instructed to not allow people in after the first 42 places have been taken.

The pews are sanitised after each Mass. A full clean is undertaken weekly by a dedicated band of ladies.

Parishioners are reminded that those feeling unwell should stay at home and not come to Church.

Pope Francis speaking recently

It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people – often forgotten people – who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines nor on the grand catwalks of the latest show, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves. In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our peoples is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: "That they may all be one" (*Jn 17:21*). How many people every day are exercising patience and offering hope, taking care to sow not panic but a shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer. How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all. Prayer and silent service: these are our winning weapons.

Counters Rota

2 August Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva

9 August Aldrich Menezes, Pearly Jesuthasan

16 August Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese