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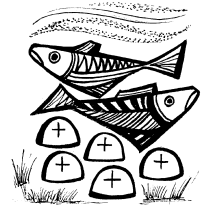
LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020 18th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME (A)

Mass Times in Church this week

Sat 1st Aug	18th SUNDAY	6.30pm
Sun 2nd Aug	of the YEAR (A)	10.00am
Mon 3rd Aug	Feria	————
Tues 4th Aug	St. John Mary Vianney P	10.00am
Wed 5th Aug	Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major	————
Thurs 6th Aug	TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD	10.00am
Fri 7th Aug	Pope St. Sixtus II & companions	————
Sat 8th Aug	St. Dominic P	6.30pm

Message from Father Gerry

Dear Friends, in today's Gospel for the 18th Sunday of the Year (Cycle A) (Mt 14:13-21) we are reminded that God cares about all His people and their needs. Jesus has returned to His home town of Nazareth. He has become famous as a great preacher and miracle worker. I'm sure He must have been looking forward to seeing His folks and neighbours again and spending time with His own; how disappointed He must have been that the welcome He received was indifference and disinterest from His townsmen. It's no wonder that He remarked, "A prophet is never accepted in his own country or in his own house"! If that wasn't enough, He was also given the news that His friend, John the Baptist, had been executed in prison. That was a lot to take in, so He did what most of us would do on hearing bad news - He took himself and His disciples off across the lake to a quieter place where He could pray and think.



Some people had other ideas, though, and they quickly followed Him, to learn more and to seek His help, which He readily gave. And when the crowd remained and grew hungry, he saw their plight and fed them. He managed to work a miracle with the little He had to work with, the little they gave Him, just 5 loaves and 2 fish, and He is happy to accept us with the little we have. He's not looking for greatness or mighty deeds from you or from me. All He's asking is for us to bring to Him what we can, however little it may be and offer it to Him to use in service of God and His people.

As I write this, it's very hot and it's sunny. The news however is not as bright, and it appears that the Coronavirus is making a resurgence in many parts of the world, and in our own country too. Our Lady & St Kenelm's remains open for Mass and please be assured that every precaution is being taken to safeguard you and your family if you wish to attend. Mass this week will be as follows:

- * Saturday 1st: Mass at 6.30pm
- * Sunday 2nd: Mass at 10am
- * Tuesday 4th: Mass at 10am
- * Thursday 6th: Mass at 10am

Our permitted number of persons at Mass remains at 33. We have not yet quite reached that maximum number. You're all welcome to come to Mass, but you should only come if you are healthy and feel safe to do so.

Please note: To help with virus tracing (if needed) you are required to give your name and a contact telephone number as you enter the church. These will be destroyed after 21 days.

Remember to wash your hands regularly, wear your mask in the shops; avoid crowded places and Stay Safe. I've been praying to St Roche, the Patron Saint of Contagious Diseases, for an end to this pandemic; Please God our prayers will be heard.

Fr Gerry x

If anyone else would like to volunteer for this necessary and important role as a steward/cleaner, please contact Mike Weaver (Tel: 07714 287867/mpweaver@ymail.com) or myself. (Tel: 07789 473198 / gerard.lennon@btopenworld.com)

(Note: Stewards / cleaners MUST be over 16 and under 70 years and in good health)

SVP SPONSORED SEW

Jane Clarke and her seamstress buddy, Anne have now completed sewing 400 PPE gowns for use by the NHS Birmingham. (over 60 hours of stitching!!) WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT! The total money raised through the sponsorship is over £260 which will go towards helping the SVP locally, especially to those struggling through the effects of the coronavirus epidemic.

A big thank you for your donations to help others.

Your special prayers are asked for Father Bruce who is having tests & investigative work for his throat.

MASS INTENTIONS to Parish Clergy please

Mass Intentions. If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Gerry either personally at Mass or give him a call on the phone. He celebrates Mass every day.

What Should I do if I Can't go to Mass?

Follow Mass on-line: *<https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>
*<https://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-all-saints> or visit the Birmingham Archdiocese website to find other churches in the diocese to stream.

Making a Spiritual Communion

- * Make the sign of the cross
- * You could read the Gospel of the day
- * Then share prayer intentions
- * Say the Lord's Prayer
- * Make an act of spiritual communion
- * Close with the sign of the cross.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

A Prayer in Time of Danger and Illness

God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **MICK MASSINGHAM** who died on Wednesday 22nd July and whose funeral is on Friday. May he rest in peace. Also pray for Maureen and family.

Envelope Offertory Giving

Weekly Offertory Envelopes are now available for collection in the narthex of the church.

Online Offertory Giving

If you are concerned that you have not been able to make your offertory donation in the normal way during the Church lockdown, you can now do so easily and securely by using the new Diocesan Online Donation Service.

Visit the parish website which provides a link to the Diocesan online giving page <https://www.ourladyandstkenelm.org.uk/online-offertory-giving.html> Thank You

**Next Weekend Sat/Sun 8/9 August '20
19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**MASSES at usual weekend times
Saturday : 6.30 pm.
Sunday : 10.00 am.**