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Sunday 2nd August 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 2nd August 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 1st August 2020)

People of the parish.

8.30am Bogdan Zajkowski RIP.

11.30am Fr Giovanni Prandini

& Fr John Howard

(Newly ordained priests).

5pm Fr Peter Sebastian &

Fr Dermott O'Gorman

(Newly ordained priests).

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 3rd August 2020

10am: Thanksgiving – Fr Tomasz

on his 40th birthday.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

Tuesday 4th August 2020

*St John Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Priest,
Patron of Parish Priests (Memorial)*

10am Michael Crow RIP.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

Wednesday 5th August 2020

10am In reparation for sins committed.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

Thursday 6th August 2020

**THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD (FEAST)**

10am Giuseppe Cioffi RIP.

Private Mass: The Holy Souls.

Friday 7th August 2020

First Friday

10am UCM intention.

Private Mass: In reparation for
sins against life.

Saturday 8th August 2020

St Dominic, Priest, (Memorial)

10am Thanksgiving – Fr Deo

on his 67th birthday.

Next Sunday 9th August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.15pm (Saturday 8th August 2020)

For all those who have lost
their jobs due to Covid19.

8.30am In reparation for

sins against life.

11.30am All our sick and housebound

parishioners, and those in care homes.

5pm People of the parish.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS
NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU.
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN
THE CHURCH. IT IS JUST FOR
YOU. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW IT ON
THE PARISH WEB SITE.**

PUBLIC MASSES

We now hold public Masses daily, subject to COVID – related rules and regulations. We must adhere to the instructions from Archbishop John Wilson, all of which follow government guidelines. There will be no 10am Sunday Mass.

Meanwhile, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated at 10am from Monday to Saturday, and one private Mass will be celebrated, with no congregation.

We are not open for private prayer. We still need more volunteer stewards, aged 18 or over, not self-isolating, nor in any at-risk category.

Please contact the Parish Office to register your availability.

We cannot operate without the availability of sufficient stewards.

Please wait for information on Baptism, Weddings and Funerals.

We are still not permitted to use our Reconciliation Room.

We ask for your patience whilst the necessary planning takes place.

The hall remains out of action.

Please continue to follow all instructions and directions given to you by the clergy and stewards.

Should we fail to adhere to the instructions given, Masses could cease. We must all be good stewards!

There will be no singing, no sign of peace, and no bidding prayers.

Sermons will be somewhat shorter!

Please continue to follow all NHS and Public Health guidelines.

MORE GOOD NEWS!

THE RETURN OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

We can now announce the reintroduction of Confession. This will be on a first-come-first-served basis commencing next Saturday 8th August, after the 10am Mass, from 10.30am until 11am.

in the working sacristy, where the servers normally vest. You will firstly be directed to the Retro Chapel to wait. After having made your Confession, you should leave immediately and make your penance at home.

Please follow social distancing guidelines and any directions you are given by the clergy or stewards.

PARISH FINANCES & GIFT AID

Standing orders assure us of just **£750.00** per week. (NB: approximate figure).

Some recent new Standing Orders have not been applied by banks. Please check your bank statements, and contact the Parish Office for advice and forms to get things moving if you are affected.

Please consider joining the Gift Aid Scheme via the Parish Office.

Gift Aid envelopes will be delivered to all members of the Gift Aid Scheme.

For obvious reasons, we simply cannot leave them out for collection.

We appeal to everybody to consider setting up a Standing Order. In these times when many are unable to come to Mass, but are concerned about making their offering, having a Standing Order would enable them to ensure that their planned giving continues without interruption, and provide the satisfaction that the financial element of their stewardship, as determined by their personal financial circumstances, is fulfilled. One should also bear in mind the fact that the use and handling of cash presents its own issues.

Standing Orders make a big difference, providing a greater degree of certainty of income, thus aiding effective budgeting. Those receiving boxes of envelopes will find a Standing Order Form inside.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE
ILL AND/OR HOUSEBOUND.**

These include: Jessica Anane,
Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah, Juliette Blake,
Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere,
Barry Breese, Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,
Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Delphine Fernandes,
Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,
Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther,
Anna Harris, Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,
Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski, Joseph Lunn,
Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Michael Madigan,
Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas, Mary Meyern,
Sheila Newman, Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,
Sheila Price, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose,
Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Charmaine Shali,
Christine Shaughnessy, Ronald Smail,
Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor, Edythe Thirlwall,
Joe Vassallo, Monica Vergara, Mary White,
Ethelda Williams, Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,
John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,
Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo.

READINGS FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Reading – (Isaiah 55:1-3)

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water, all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come! Buy corn without
money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on
what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have
good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.
With you, I will make an everlasting covenant out of the
favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18 response v 16)

**R: You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you,
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R**

Second Reading – (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we
are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or
clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no
prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power,
or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between
us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation – (Luke 19:38)

**Alleluia! alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes
in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Gospel – (Matthew 14:13-21)

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death, he
withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns,
went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity of them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is
a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so, send the people
away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some
food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them go: give them
something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have
with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,'
he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the
grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his
eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves, he
handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They
all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps
remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about
five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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SCHOOL REFERENCES 2021

We have already received several enquiries regarding the
provision of school references for 2021 entry. We request your
patience for the time being, whilst we await news from the
Archdiocesan Education Commission as to how the process will
look, taking into account the situation with public Masses at this
time. Please also bear in mind that the Bishops of England and
Wales are only too well aware of the situation, and so all the
various diocesan education commissions will be formulating
plans. Not all applications are for our Archdiocese alone.

BAPTISM

Several parents have been in touch regarding Baptism. Again,
more work is to be done before we are ready to reintroduce this
Sacrament. We also have to consider Baptism Preparation.
Please be patient, and keep an eye on the parish web site and the
newsletter, which you may download from the web site.