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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 29th July 2018

One bread, one body

For what do we hunger? Today's readings speak of our deepest needs.

In the **First Reading** (2 Kings 4: 42–44), twenty loaves, given to Elisha the prophet in thanksgiving for the first fruits, feed over a hundred with plenty left over.

The **Psalm**, part of Psalm 144 (145), praises our just and loving God who generously grants all our desires.

In emphasising our vocation, St Paul, in the **Second Reading** (Ephesians 4: 1–6), reminds us that it is God who is our Father – and that he is our unity and our peace. The Spirit enables us to live out our baptism in charity with each other.

The **Gospel** (John 6: 1–15) is the account of the feeding of the five thousand. It begins the famous chapter in St John presenting Jesus as the Bread of Life, the sacrament of unity.

Perhaps this week we can be conscious that the Lord gives himself in so many ways in our lives – and gives not just 'enough,' but gives in abundance.

Please note this will be the last newsletter until September! Mass intentions will be displayed in the Church porch.

New Hymn Books: It was decided at the recent Parish Council Meeting that many of our hymn books are old and not in a good state. Therefore, we will replace these with newer editions of the 'Celebration Hymnal for Everyone'. To raise the necessary money, there will be a voluntary second collection taking place this weekend and every weekend over the summer.

Confirmation 2019: Please note that the Parents / candidates meeting will now take place on **Wednesday 12th September** in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and will be going in to Year 10 in September or above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

Veronica O'Sullivan RIP: Veronica's requiem mass will take place on Thursday 2nd August at 10.00am.

Philomena Perry RIP: Philomena sadly passed away last Tuesday. Her requiem mass will take place on Friday 17th August at 11.15am.

Please pray for Philomena, Veronica & their families. May they rest in peace.

We welcome Fr Matthias to the Parish who arrives this week for the next few weeks.

Prayer in the Home: Starting on 25th September from 7.30pm-8.30pm, Parishioners are invited to host a prayer evening in their home on a Tuesday. The prayer session will be led by Fr Martin and others. If you would like to host an evening please contact the Parish Office. The host invites family, friends and neighbours and the evening consists of the Rosary and other prayers. A statue of Our Lady will be brought to the home to remind us that Our Lady, Mary, is the Mother of the Home.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition takes place every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm, the first Friday of the month 9.00am – 7.00pm and each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenen Room.

First Holy Communion 2018 / 2019 - URGENT APPEAL: If anyone is interested in becoming a FHC catechist please could they contact Jane for more information.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

A Day of Reflection & Enrichment for READERS: There is a Diocesan-wide day of Recollection and Enrichment for Readers planned for Saturday 20th October at The Becket Centre, Woodford Green. The day will be led by Dr Marian Tolley of Shrewsbury Diocese. Please put the date in your diary - it will cover the spiritual dimension of the ministry – more details to follow.

Remembrance Day Posters. We would like to renew and update our parish Remembrance Day Posters. If you would like the name of a family member or friend to be added to the posters, please email me at fmwroders@gmail.com or send a note via the Parish Office. On the posters we remember our relatives and friends who have died in all wars and conflicts and we thank God for their bravery and sacrifice. We would like to know their name (and the armed force they belonged to, if relevant), place and date of death (and even, perhaps, a little of their story if you know any of it).

Fr Peter Hackett sj has died at the Corpus Christi Jesuit Community in Bournemouth aged 93. He was Headmaster of The Champion School in Hornchurch from April 1963 until August 1965 - when the Society of Jesus entrusted the school to the care of the Diocese of Brentwood. After leaving The Champion School, Fr Hackett was at various times Headmaster of three other Jesuit schools: St Ignatius College Enfield, Preston Catholic College and Wimbledon College. He was also Master of Campion Hall Oxford from 1985 until 1989. May he rest in peace.

CAFOD Volunteers: CAFOD's Brentwood office are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work. If you are interested in helping our parish support CAFOD then please get in touch. They also need a volunteers in various other roles in which you may be interested. If you would like more information or feel that you could help us make that difference then please contact Chris Driscoll on 01277 218730 or brentwood@cafod.org.uk

BCYS Youth Gather 20th - 21st October 2018. We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott. The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20th, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities. Applications for this year's Youth Gather on Mersea Island will open on the evening of 29th July, on our return from Lourdes. You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page. This event is open to those in school year 9 and above.

Saturday 2nd March, Flame Congress, SSE Arena, Wembley: This is the largest gathering of young Catholics in England and Wales – 10,000 are expected, along with many Bishops including Bishop Alan. Speakers include Guvna B and his wife, Emma, and the theme is "Significance" – we are all significant in God's eyes. The theme has been chosen to help young people combat ever more serious issues of self-esteem and mental health fragility, and will also try to help young people to see that self-esteem is not measured in "likes" on Instagram. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

Baptism Course: First and second Thursday of the month.

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

RCIA Journey in Faith: Mondays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Rosary: Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital.

WEEKEND 28th / 29th July 2018:

Readers: Sat. 6.30pm
Sun 8.00am
9.30am
11.30am

Bidding Prayers: Brian Rodgers

Offerings 22.07.18: Envs: £1,180.69

Apostleship of the Sea: £316.39

Pat Martin / Janet James

Alex Rowley / Sergio Cantoni

Alan Sabu Mathew / Albert Sabu Mathew

Maureen Boorman / Maria Adesegeha

Church Cleaning: Group 2

Loose: £888.29

Total: £2,068.98

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th July **12.00pm**
3.30pm
6.30pm

NO MASS

Wedding: S Francis & A Francis
Patrick & Margaret McGrath RIP /
Joe Barr RIP

Sunday 29th July **8.00am**
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **9.30am**
11.30am
3.00-4.00pm

All Parishioners
Jo McCann RIP / Nuala Eacott RIP
Michael O'Donnell RIP / Jack Hughes RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Van Meenen Room)

Monday 30th July **9.00am**

Special Intention / Hannah Lampley Int

Tuesday 31st July **9.00am**
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Pat Mills RIP / Dan Coakley RIP

Wednesday 1st August **7.30pm**
St. Alphonsus Liguori

Jisma Joseph RIP / Terry Fyffe RIP

Thursday 2nd August **9.00am**
10.00am
2.30-5.30pm

NO MASS
Requiem Mass: Veronica O'Sullivan RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 3rd August **9.00am**

Thanksgiving to friends of Pat Mills /
Jim Shanahan RIP

Saturday 4th August **12.00pm**
St. John Vianney **6.30pm**

Michael Lee RIP / Dawn Nye RIP
Peter Fitzpatrick RIP / Danny McAuley RIP

Sunday 5th August **8.00am**
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **9.30am**
11.30am
3.00-4.00pm

Thelma McDonagh RIP /
All Parishioners
Sam Farrugia RIP / Matthew Palmer RIP /
Deceased members of the Hawes family
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
(Van Meenen Room)

Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?

Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.

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