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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st/2nd August 2020

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year A, Volume 2: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Readings Next Week: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33



Dear Friends

As we enter this month of August – traditionally a “holiday” month, I hope that you and your loved ones will be able to find some time and space to relax after what has been and indeed continues to be, an extraordinary few months.

Today's Gospel narrates the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. It shows Our Lord's thoughtfulness and kindness towards not only the crowd, but to us too. He gives of Himself to us, in Holy Communion; He nourishes and feeds us with His Word, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. During the coming weeks we should take time for self-care and self-kindness. Many people are now understandably quite tired, just as the crowd was on the lake shore that evening in the Gospel. We should if possible take time to rest awhile with God and if possible, have a change of scene, or activity – something we wouldn't normally do and so something to look forward to!

This month also has two important feasts – the Feast of the Transfiguration on 6th August and the Assumption on 15th August. At the Transfiguration, the three disciples, Pete, James and John caught the merest glimpse of the heavenly reality of joyful fulfilment. Our Lady, Mother of God and Our Mother too, was spared the pain of death. The Church teaches – and this was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950 that Our Lady “having completed the course of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”. Her model of quiet acceptance of God's Will and her motherly care for us, should in these uncertain times, be a source of confidence and consolation. In these days of August, we can ask Our Lady's prayers for ourselves and indeed for the whole world.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a wonderful August and let's keep each other in thought and prayer.

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MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Fr John on 0787 905 8732



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE

First Holy Communion will be on two September weekends: 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th. All Masses will be at 3pm. If you would like to book your child who has completed the First Holy Communion programme last year, please **contact Jordan by email only (see address above)** - include the following information: your name, your child's full name, how many will attend, which Mass you wish to attend **and** a second choice. Each family has the use of one pew (approx. 6 adults plus two small children) to be used as a family 'bubble'. All others must wait outside the church, where photos can also be taken. I hope you understand why this is necessary. Thank you.

PARISH MASSES

Sunday Masses will be celebrated in the grounds of St. Lawrence School. Open-air Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am, with social distancing.

Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers (maximum 64 people with 2 metre distancing). This is a gradual re-opening of our parish for Masses with some changes of Mass times.

It is important to remember that the Coronavirus is still out there, and lives are still at risk. We cannot afford to get complacent. We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. We are still living with a pandemic.

If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours.

Certain groups of people may be at risk from COVID19 including those who are aged 70 and above, regardless of medical conditions. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.

- The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.
- People who are shielding are currently advised not to attend places of worship
- Masses are still available on websites.
- Confessions by appointments.
- On Sundays we will be celebrating Open Air Masses for the time being.
- Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.
- From 24th July people are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church.

People want to feel safe and confident when coming back to Mass.

FR. JOHN

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:

John Kelly, Frances Murray, Stefania Wolanska, Agnes Brown, Michael Nsiah, and all who have died with the Pandemic.

The Funeral Service for **John Kelly** will take place at Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 12th August**.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers all their families who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1	11am	Holy Souls
Sun 2	9am	Deceased members of the Saverimuttu Family RIP
	11am	Cesar Miranda RIP (First Anniversary)
Mon 3	11am	In Thanksgiving – Cibyl Cabral
Tues 4	11am	John Hourihan RIP
Wed 5	11am	Alleluia D'Souza RIP
Thurs 6	11am	Harry Haldane RIP
Fri 7	11am	Edgar & Ermelinda Cota Cruz RIP
Sat 8	11am	Frances Murray RIP
Sun 9	9am	In Thanksgiving – Ryan & Mitchell Fernandes
	11am	Eamon O'Brien RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: William Pireku RIP		

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2021 – **Thursday 24th September 2020**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form in 2021 – **Wednesday 30th September 2020**. Further information to follow.

Guidance from the Bishop's Conference

- **No offertory procession of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar**
- **Singing is not permitted**
- **The Prayer of the Faithful should be omitted from Mass**

Here are some Bidding Prayers for the week:

With trust in our heavenly Father and the riches of his grace we make our petitions known to him:

Let us pray that families, during what should be their summer holidays, might stay safe and will grow in togetherness and peace.

Let us pray that all those who are facing business and job insecurity at this time will find hope and security as they look towards the future.

Let us pray that governments across the world will make wise and just decisions as we face a possible second wave of the coronavirus.

Let us pray for all people, wherever they might be, who cope with daily food shortages, that they will find enough food to live healthy and happy lives.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise

Loving Father, help us to be renewed in spirit, recreated in righteousness and holiness of truth, through Christ our Lord. Amen

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL - Relief SMSAs

We are looking for Relief Lunchtime Assistants to cover when any of our dinner ladies are absent. The hours are from 12.00 midday to 1.30pm and the rate of pay is £11.91 per hour. If you are interested, please call the school office for more details on 0208 890 3878 (we reopen after the summer holidays on Wednesday, 2nd September) or email your details to office@st-lawrence.hounslow.sch.uk.

CAFOD APPEAL

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lockdown and raise money for the appeal: cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS