



Year 73 No. 2924

Week of the Psalter 4

26 July 2020

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ordinary time Year A

### Finding God

The parables of the treasure hidden in the field and of the pearl tell us that the discovery of the Kingdom of God can happen suddenly like the farmer who, ploughing, finds an unexpected treasure; or after a long search, like the pearl merchant who eventually finds the most precious pearl, so long dreamt of. Yet, in each case the point is that the treasure and the pearl are worth more than all other possessions; and therefore when the farmer and the merchant discover them, they give up everything else in order to obtain them. They do not need to rationalize or think about it or reflect: they immediately perceive the incomparable value of what they've found and they are prepared to lose everything in order to have it. This is how it is with the Kingdom of God: those who find it have no doubts, they sense that this is what they have been seeking and waiting for; and this is what fulfils their most authentic aspirations. And it really is like this: those who know Jesus, encounter Him personally, are captivated, attracted by so much goodness, so much truth, so much beauty, and all with great humility and simplicity. To seek Jesus, to find Jesus: this is the great treasure!

Many people, many saints, reading the Gospel with an open heart, have been so struck by Jesus they convert to Him. Let us think of St Francis of Assisi: he was already a Christian, though a "rosewater" Christian. When he read the Gospel, in that decisive moment of his youth, he encountered Jesus and discovered the Kingdom of God; with this, all his dreams of worldly glory vanished. The Gospel allows you to know the real Jesus, it lets you know the living Jesus; it speaks to your heart and changes your life. And then yes, you leave it all. You can effectively change lifestyles, or continue to do what you did before but you are someone else, you are reborn: you have found what gives meaning, what gives flavour, what gives light to all things, even to toil, even to suffering, and even to death. Read the Gospel. Read the Gospel. We have spoken about it, do you remember? To read a passage of the Gospel every day; and to carry a little Gospel with us, in our pocket, in a purse, in some way, to keep it at hand. And there, reading a passage, we will find Jesus. Everything takes on meaning when you find your treasure there, in the Gospel. Jesus calls it "the Kingdom of God", that is to say, God who reigns in your life, in our life; God who is love, peace and joy in every man and in all men. This is what God wants and it is why Jesus gave himself up to death on the cross, to free us from the power of darkness and to move us to the kingdom of life, of beauty, of goodness and of joy. To read the Gospel is to find Jesus and to have this Christian joy, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, the joy of finding the treasure of the Kingdom of God shines through, it's visible. The Christian cannot keep his faith hidden, because it shines through in every word, in every deed, even the most simple and mundane: the love that God has given through Jesus shines through. Let us pray, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that His Kingdom of love, justice and peace may reign in us and in the whole world.

**Pope Francis**

### WELCOME FR MIGUEL

This week we welcome Fr Miguel a priest from the Chemin Neuf Community who will spend a week in our parish and celebrate the Sacraments for us. Fr Miguel currently lives in Storrington.



**PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish Office is now open  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
10.15 am – 1.00 pm  
020 8449 6648



**BE AWARE** the 11am Mass is livestreamed.  
Hence you may be visible.



**FACEBOOK**

We are aware that we have had issues with the livestreaming sound this week. The parish has invested in a new system. However, it will take a bit of time to set everything up. Sorry for the inconvenience.



**New Church Timetable**

**Weekday Mass 11am (except Tuesday)**  
Church open at 10.15am – close at 1.00pm

**Saturday Mass 11am & 5.30pm**  
Church open 10.15am – close at 1pm  
Reopen at 5pm



**Sunday Masses 9am & 11am**  
Church open at 8.30am and 10.30am

The church will be closed between masses to enable sanitising.

**All 11am Masses will be livestreamed**

Please take a **YELLOW CARD** and place on your seat when leaving to enable sanitising.

There will be **no Adoration** during the month of August.

**CAFOD JOINS DEC CORONAVIRUS 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](http://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](http://cafod.org.uk/summerofhope).

**PARISH LIVE STREAMING OF MASS & ADORATION**

To stay united we will live stream Mass and Adoration

[@ChristTheKingParishCockfosters](http://@ChristTheKingParishCockfosters)



**CARD PAYMENT**

The parish now has a card reader. You are able to pay for Mass Intentions, items from the shop or make a donation using a debit card. If you would like to use this method of payment please ask at the parish office.



**Celebration of mass must observe the following:**

- Social distancing 2m always (face coverings are optional).
- Sanitising of hands by all entering the church.
- One-way system for entry.
- Once-way exit at rear of the church, exit through fire doors.
- No sign of peace.
- Priest will announce "The Body of Christ" on the altar and congregation reply "Amen". This will not be repeated during distribution.
- Tables with baskets for donations at exit doors.
- Toilets will be open for emergency use.



**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Parishioners who donate to the parish finances by Planned Giving envelopes are requested to collect their box of envelopes from the entrance hall before mass or, alternatively, from the parish office. The envelopes have a start date of 12 April 2020. However, please discard envelopes 12 April to beginning of July and commence using the envelope dated 26 July. Those parishioners wishing to donate the arrears from 12 April please use one envelope if possible.



Thank You

Sunday 26 July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12. Ps. 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. Rom. 8:28-30. Mt. 13:44-52.	Thursday 30 July	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Jer. 18:1-6. Ps. 145:2-6. Mt. 13:47-53.
Monday 27 July	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Jer. 13:1-11. Ps. Deut. 32:18-21. Mt. 13:31-35.	Friday 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Mass: 11.00am Readings: Jer. 26:1-9. Ps. 68:5. 8-10. 14. Mt. 13:54-58.
Tuesday 28 July	Feria NO MASS Readings: Jer. 14:17-22. Ps. 78:8-9. 11. 13. Mt. 13:36-43.	Saturday 1 August	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: Jer. 26:11-16. 24. Ps. 68:15-16. 30-31. 33-34. Mt. 14:1-12.
Wednesday 29 July	St Martha Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Jn. 4:7-16. Ps. 33:2-11. Jn. 11:19-27.	Sunday 2 August	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3. Ps. 144:8-9. 15-18. Rom. 8:35. 37-39. Mt. 14:13-21.