



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

25th July 2021

Facing the “Impossible?” Source of content: mycatholic.life

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an “impossible situation?” Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it's easy.

Jesus' miracle speaks to His commitment to “feed us” in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it's symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realise that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God's will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God's idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

Do remember the Covid-19 motto ‘Hand, face, space’. In Church, your nose AND mouth should be covered at all times. We are responsible for one another’s health.

See also:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-02/sunday-reflection-vatican-news2.html>

Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44, Psalm: 144, Ephesians 4: 1-6, John 6: 1-15

Today's readings can be found at universalis.com/mass. Please set your devices to silent mode during Mass.

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PARISH DIARY

See back page for regular Mass & Liturgy schedule

Sunday 25th July: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).

Monday 26th July: *Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8.30 am- Church Cleaning ✦

12 noon - The Angelus

Tuesday 27th July: *Feria*

12 noon - The Angelus

Wednesday 28th July: *Feria*

12 noon - The Angelus

Thursday 29th July: *Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Memorial*

12 noon - The Angelus

Friday 30th July: *Feria*

12 noon - The Angelus

Saturday 31st July: *St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

12 noon - The Angelus

Sunday 1st August: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).

✦ Church **UH** Upper Hall **LH** Lower Hall

PARISH LIFE

Congratulations! - To **Fr. Gladson Dabre OSA** who has been appointed Parish Priest at Clare Priory. His appointment will take effect from September 2021.

Caritas Foodbank - As life gets back to normal for most of us, many families will continue to live with the economic impact of the pandemic through losing jobs or facing cutbacks. So, we will be collecting items for the Caritas Food Bank that can help some of these people. A box will be in the porch to take your gifts of dried, tinned and packet foods (especially fish, vegetable and fruits) and toiletries. If we can all manage just one item each week, together we can make an enormous difference and share God's bounty with others. Thank you for your support.

Sunday Obligation - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement. "It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics

in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church". The full statement can be found on the parish website.

Covid-19 Route Map Step 4 Guidance -

From the 19th July, there will be no legislation on social distancing in England and Churches may increase their capacity.

The following practices, however, will continue;

- Face coverings continue to be worn in the Church.
- Sanitising your hands upon entry and exiting the Church.
- Continue with the track and trace as you enter the Church. Churches will continue to keep a record of parishioners attending the church for prayer/Mass. This is mandatory. These records are kept locked for a period of 21 days before being destroyed.
Alternatively, scan the QR code (on the notice boards) with your NHS COVID-19 app to check in.
- Maintaining social distancing when seated in the Church.
- The one way system is still in operation when entering and exiting the Church, and going up to receive Holy Communion.
- Offertory Collections will continue to take place after the Mass. Please consider using the contactless machines or donating online.
- The Church will be left open for individual prayer from 7 am to 1 pm for the remainder of July. During August, the Church will open at 11 am and close at 1 pm during the week. On Sundays, the Church will open at 8 am and close at 1 pm.

The guidance states that:

- Ventilating the Church especially during and between services remains important.
- Stewards will no longer be necessary to show people to designated seats. The stewards will still assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church building.
- Holy Water stoups will continue to remain unfilled.
- The physical Sign of Peace remains suspended.

- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.
- Indoor congregational singing is now permitted. The recommendation is that this should be phased in gently as part of worship over the summer period and that face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce. (This should hopefully resume in September).

Thank you - to all of our ushers who have generously given their time during the pandemic, without which, the Church would not have been able to remain open.

More Volunteers Required - We need more volunteers to help clean the Church after the Masses. Please contact the Parish Office.

Readers - We thank our current readers for their continued help over these last few months. As we have introduced more Masses, we really need more readers especially at the 9 am Mass where there are few readers. Contact Annabel if you are interested and would like more information on staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk. You can also contact the parish office and your details will be passed onto her.

Mass Timetable

Sundays - 9 am, 10.30 am and 12.15 pm.

Mondays to Fridays - 8 am and 12.15 pm.

Saturdays - 12.15 pm and 6 pm (Vigil).

Confessions - available by appointment.

Live Streaming Masses and Services - Thank you for your patience with the sound problems that we were experiencing over the past weeks. Although much improved, we are still having problems with this. We hope that this will be resolved soon.

To view, either click on the link on the parish website or visit: www.churchservices.tv. To make a donation towards this service, please either; donate via The Virgin Money Giving donate button on the parish website, place your donation in an envelope marked "Live streaming Masses" or you can use the details given in this newsletter under Stewardship and Giving, using your name/Live Streaming Masses as a reference. The amount received so far is **£3,195.71**. Thank you all for your generosity.

Church Cleaning - More volunteers required to help clean the Church on Mondays after the 8 am Mass. Please speak to Antonia.

Car Park - Please watch out for information regarding new arrangements for car parking.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August Mass Times and Services - From Monday 2nd August to Tuesday 31st August Mass times will be as follows:

Monday to Friday

12.15 pm.

Saturday

12.15 pm and 6 pm (Vigil Mass).

Sunday

9 am, 10.30 am and 12.15 pm

Angelus

12 noon daily

Rosary

Led by parishioners each day after 12.15 pm Mass.

LITURGY

The Angelus - Every day at 12 noon.

Rosary - The rosary (led by parishioners) will be recited after the 12.15 pm Mass Mondays to Saturdays.

SACRAMENTS

ABC (About Being a Catholic) - (For adults who wish to become Catholic, adult Catholics who wish to be confirmed, any Catholic adult who wishes to learn more about their Catholic faith). There will be a meeting on **Friday 24th September 2021 at 7 pm** in the Centre. Please submit your details to the Parish Office if you are interested.

Baptisms - Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Confirmations 2021 - Parents have been advised when the classes are due to start.

Marriages - If you would like to get married, we need at least six months notice, longer if you wish to marry abroad. You also need to attend a Marriage course. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

COMMUNITY MASS LIST

Recently deceased:

Mark Simonds, Flora Torraō, Brian Green, Liam Sheridan, Veronica Yuen, Nellie Lawlass, Teresa Campbell (Lally).

Anniversaries:

Jenny & Mae Finneran, Sarah & Luke Courtney, Luke & Mary Greally.

Intentions:

Margo Stack RIP, Holy Souls, Joan & Ali Rodriguez, Jackie, Amanda Morris, Fr. Eamonn & Mary, Jean and Oliver Gilbert RIP, Patricia Marshall, Angie Hudson.

If you are a UK Taxpayer you can complete a Gift Aid form from the porch, website or from the Parish Office. We can claim back 25p in every £1 you donate.

Alternatively, you can click on the **Virgin Money Giving Donate button** which you will find on the parish website.

Contactless Payment Machines - Two machines have been installed at the entrance and exit of the Church for donations. The machine is very easy to use and allows you to support the Church at this time by online giving. Please use the hand sanitiser and touch screen to begin. It is good to see that many of you are using them. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes - Please collect your box from the Repository.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these difficult times.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or use the following details:

Name: Saint Augustine's Church
Account Number: 11308262
Sort code: 40-05-20
Bank: HSBC
Ref: your name

MASS TIMES

Sundays: 9 am, 10.30 am & 12.15 pm ■ **Monday-Friday:** 8 am & 12.15 pm ■ **Saturdays:** 12.15 pm & 6 pm (Vigil)

SACRAMENTS, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation (Confession): Available by appointment.

Parish Priest: Fr.Tomas Banayag, O.S.A. ■ **Parish Administrator:** Monica Hamilton

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