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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

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THIS WEEK

Sun 2 August 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	18th OF THE YEAR The People of the Parish Vincent Basquill RIP Dorothy Commawarel Ints. Bridget Rooney RIP Imara & Rohana Ints.
Mon 3 August 9.30am	ferla Dennis O'Donoghue RIP
Tues 4 August	S. John Vlanny Timothy Crowley RIP
Weds 5 August 9.30am	Dedication of the Basilica of S. Mary Major John L. Delany RIP
Thurs 6 August 9.30am	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Jack Doody RIP
Fri 7 August 9.30am	ferla Michael Griffin RIP
Sat 8 August 9.30am	S. Dominic Paul Turnbull RIP RIP
Sun 9 August 6.15pm (Sat) 8.30am 9.45 am 11.15am 5.30pm	19th OF THE YEAR Vincent Basquill RIP Eileen Kidd Ints. Mary & John Small RIP Mary Sullivan RIP The People of the Parish

TODAY'S MASS



Today Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meagre provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when

placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-3*

The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendants of David.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 145:8-9, 15-18*

The Lord provides for his people.

Second Reading: *Romans 8:35, 37-39*

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:13-21*

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Teach us to give and not count the cost."

St. Ignatius de Loyola

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes,.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: William McCauliff

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Jo Sullivan, Jack Doody

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal after this difficult time;
- ◆ Our Children waiting for first Holy Communion;
- ◆ Our young adults waiting for the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For those still required to self isolate;
- ◆ All who find themselves unemployed;
- ◆ All who remain housebound or in quarantine;
- ◆ For honesty and integrity in the media;
- ◆ For those travelling and going on holiday;
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them;
- ◆ For the faithful departed.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
James Griffin RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
Baptiste Fernandes Intentions

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left."

Venerable Fulton Sheen

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Jesus never disappointed those who earnestly sought him out. We see a marvellous example of this when Jesus and his twelve disciples got into the boat to seek out a lonely place for some rest along the lake of Galilee, only to discover a crowd of a few thousand people had already gathered in anticipation of their arrival! Did Jesus' disciples resent this intrusion on their plan to rest awhile? Jesus certainly didn't - he welcomed them with open-arms. His compassion showed the depths of God's love and care for his people. Jesus spoke the word of God to strengthen them in faith and he healed many who were sick.

As evening approached the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away. Jesus, instead, commanded his disciples to feed the whole crowd. Why did Jesus expect his disciples to do what seemed impossible - to feed such a large and hungry crowd when there was no adequate provision in sight? Jesus very likely wanted to test their faith and to give them a sign of God's divine intervention and favour for his people. Jesus took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. Twelves baskets full of fish and loaves that were leftover show the overflowing generosity of God's gifts to us - gifts that bring blessing, healing, strength, and refreshment.

Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience (John 6:32-35). The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, is a sign that prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist which sustains us on our journey to the kingdom of heaven.

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who lack?

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME BACK TO ANYONE WHO IS RETURNING TO MASS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THESE PAST MONTHS. YOU'LL NOTICE THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT (BUT NOT TOO DIFFERENT!). PLEASE FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE STEWARDS AT THE DOOR. PLEASE ALSO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm
Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am
 Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am
 Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am
 Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays:

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this will involve a huge undertaking on the part of volunteers and cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding can you email Fr Jeremy on:
jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

TEST AND TRACE. To help NHS Test and Trace, should we have a case of COVID- 19, we have been asked to keep a record of who attends church each day. These contact details will be kept in a secure place and destroyed after 21 days. You can opt out of sharing your name and contact details. No one will be compelled to provide their name and number if they do not wish to do so. As our numbers for Mass are increasing, we may need to introduce a requirement to reserve a place for Mass. Please look at our website for updates.

COMING ON TIME FOR MASS During this period when we are following strict guidelines it is really important to try to get to Mass in good time. As always this is a good thing to do but at the present moment, doubly so. One or two of us are habitually late for Mass. Maybe this is the moment to correct that reality. Please do set off in good time in order to arrive in good time—and you will have time also to spiritually prepare before Mass.

NEWSLETTER. Now that our church is open a paper copy of the weekly newsletter will be available in the church for you to pick up and take home with you (**you must not leave it behind**). The newsletter will continue to be posted on the parish website as normal.

FUNERALS are now possible in church together with a Requiem Mass but the numbers are **limited to 30 persons**. If you wish to attend any funeral you will need to be in contact with the family who will gather a list of names.

STEWARDSHIP & CLEANING - Thank you to all who have already come forward offering to help with stewarding at Mass and the cleaning of the church. We **urgently need more stewards/cleaners** so if you, or you know of someone (under 70 with no underlying health conditions), able to help please contact Fr. Jeremy or one of the Parish Team.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - The FHC Programme should resume in September when, all being well, all the children return to school. Details of the planned completion of this year's **FHC Masses**, respecting the government's current guidelines, were sent by **email to FHC Parents/Carers on 16th July**. If, for any reason you did not receive this email please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator. Details of enrolment for Year 3 children on the 2020-21 Programme will be made available before the children return to school in September.

CONFIRMATION 2020 - Having met with our Local Bishop, Deanery & Confirmation Catechists, we are thankfully now in a position to provisionally plan the **conclusion of this year's Confirmation Programme** when our young people return to school in September. **Parents/Carers** should have received an **email on 23rd July** with details of **their son/daughter's Confirmation Mass**. If, for any reason, this was not received or Parents/Carers require any further information please contact Peter, our Catechetical Coordinator.

WELCOMING - Although, for the time being, the 'Welcoming Ministry' at Mass remains suspended until further notice, 'Welcomers' would be welcome to join the Stewarding Team currently taking care of the well-being & safety of those attending Mass. For further details please see the Newsletter Insert about Stewarding & Cleaning.

READERS - All should have received information from those responsible for their Reading Rota with current guidelines. Readers are reminded to please 'check in' with the priest before Mass and ensure disposable plastic gloves are worn for the duration of the reading to help keep us all safe.

ALTAR SERVING - In line with current guidelines, to keep us all safe the regular Altar Servers Rota is suspended until future notice and the Mass will only be served by a few experienced Altar Servers. We shall be back in touch with all those on the rota as soon as the guidelines make it possible for all to serve once again.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF ST. GEORGE'S PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: It has come to our attention that some of the planned giving envelopes, which were posted in April, have made their way to the wrong address! **PLEASE** check that the box of envelopes you have received has your name and address on the label. **It is vital that the correct names correspond to the correct donation** particularly for all who have gift aided their donations.

If your box does **not** have your name on it we would be very grateful if you would please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. You can contact the office by email at sudbury@rcdow.org.uk or by letter.

If you are not in our planned giving scheme and wish to donate by envelope or standing order or wish to gift aid or make any changes please contact the parish office at the above email address or by letter. You may leave a message on the answerphone (020 8904 2552 Option 2) but remember the parish office is closed at the moment and all of August. This is important - thank you for your co-operation.

ALL YOUR OFFERINGS ADD UP! A huge thank you to the generosity of those who have faithfully filled their giving envelopes each week and also those who have contributed during this time via Direct Debit. We also now have a *Virgin Money Giving* page which is soon going live on our web and micro site just look out for the red button.



If you are setting up a Standing Order, our correct church bank account name is: **WRCDT Sudbury** (Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee) Whatever way you make an offering to the Church, it all counts and will be enormously helpful in this fallow time, thank you! Importantly however, we realise that this is also a very challenging period for many and church contributions might be difficult at this time. If you are in a position to help us now, you can use the **Donate Page** on our microsite: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/donate/>

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND ENDURING FAITH DURING THE PAST MONTHS.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 70 (69): 2, 6*

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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.

Responsorial psalm: 144

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,
who 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.

Gospel Acclamation

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 with-
drew 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 on 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 to 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 bas-
kets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say
nothing of women and children.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts,
O Lord, we pray, and,
accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Wisdom 16: 20*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all
delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with
these heavenly gifts and, in your
never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.