

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 17

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>17th Sunday in OT</b> <i>Bert Keany</i>	<b>24 July</b>	<b>Thu</b> 9.30	<b>St Martha</b> <i>Dec'd Members of the Hiney and Rowland Families</i>	<b>29 July</b>
<b>Sun</b> 10.00 6.30	<b>17th Sunday in OT</b> <i>Mary Taylor</i> <i>The Parish</i>	<b>25 July</b>	<b>Fri</b> 9.30 11.00	<b>St Peter Chrsologus</b> <i>Sr Mary Higney, Birthday Memories</i> <i>Memorial Mass: Lesley Morris</i>	<b>30 July</b>
<b>Mon</b> 9.30	<b>Ss Joachim and Anne</b> <i>Frances Emmett LD</i>	<b>26 July</b>	<b>Sat</b> 9.30	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b> <i>Alice and Francis Shields</i>	<b>31 July</b>
<b>Tues</b> 9.30	<b>27 July</b> <i>Amy Lloyd</i>	<b>27 July</b>	<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>18th Sunday in OT</b> <i>Baldwin Family and Nick</i>	<b>31 July</b>
<b>Wed</b> 9.30	<b>28 July</b> <i>John Bell LD</i>	<b>28 July</b>	<b>Sun</b> 10.00 6.30	<b>18th Sunday in OT</b> <i>The Parish</i> <i>Linda Bevan</i>	<b>1 Aug</b>

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday & Thursday: 3pm to 4pm.**

**Online Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm**

**Confession: Sat: 10-10-30 outside in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy, (weather permitting) or by appointment.**

**Sanctuary Lamps : Week 32 :** 1. In Loving Memory Of Sonia And Steph;  
2. Deceased Members Of The Whittaker And McGrath Families  
3. (Benedict Chapel) Hankey And Woodcock Families

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### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Prayers for Salford Diocese:** We pray for the people of the parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton, for Fr Alfred Rebello, their parish priest, and for their three parish primary schools. May they be ever nourished on the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ.

*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!*



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### Feeding the 5000

The multiplication of the loaves and fishes, found in all the gospels, is one of the great signs of Jesus. Seeing this 'sign' the people acclaim Jesus as a prophet, and there is a risk they will take him off to make him a king.

The miracle of Elisha in the first reading serves to prepare for the greater sign worked by Jesus. The deeper sense of the sign will be explained by Jesus in the verses which follow.

Why is this miracle so important to all four evangelists?

How can we avoid misunderstanding the signs worked by Jesus?

Let us pray for true solidarity with those in need.

Let us pray for those who work that the hungry may be fed and that unjust structures may be challenged.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

25 JULY 2021

## TODAY: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We take a significant break for the gospel of St Mark for the next six weeks and we will be proclaiming the whole of Chapter 6 from the Gospel of St John. It is the chapter proclaiming Jesus to be the “Bread of Life”. Thus, we will be invited to look in deeper way about what the Eucharist means for us. It begins today with the miraculous feeding of the 5000; we see how much Jesus desires to feed and nourish his people with an act of generosity; offering the seemingly useless five loaves and two fish, the Lord is able to provide an abundant feeding in a situation which seems impossible. Perhaps there are such situations in our own lives today and our Eucharist today can be a fulfilment of a miracle in our lives.

**World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly:** Today is the inaugural World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly which was instituted by Pope Francis, it has been given the theme *“I am with you always”* from the Gospel of Matthew (Mt28: 30). Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says *“The whole Church is close to you—to us—and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!”*

### Parish Sacramental Life:

**Baptism Enrolment Ceremony** will take place during the 10am Mass today

### Offertory Processions:

**1 August :** 10.00 am Ashe Family

### Summer Mass Schedule:

As in previous years, we will have one Sunday morning Mass at 10am during the school summer break. This will be for 6 Sundays from Sunday 25 July until Sunday 29 August inclusive. The Saturday vigil at 7pm and Sunday evening at 6.30 remain the same

**Covid19 Restrictions:** There is much talk about the easing of Covid restrictions as from this week. The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a document about how this affects churches. This available on the parish website.

We are encouraged to remain careful and the Bishop of Salford has asked each parish to consider their own context as to how far they are willing to ease restrictions.

We are proposing the following changes:

- Stewards are no longer essential but we will ask them to act as “welcomers”.
- There is no need for sanitising of benches after services;
- We recommend that people continue to wear face coverings;
- People can now join in with congregational singing (with face coverings);
- We will re-introduce the practice of kneeling for those who are able.
- The side door by the office will be unbolted during the day to allow access via the push button pad for private prayer.

The Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed, but, if you are not attending in person, do try to watch a Mass online or pray with the sheet “The Lord’s Day at Home”. The Bishops have indicated that they would like to re-introduce the obligation on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

**Vaccinations:** all the authoritative evidence shows that being vaccinated against Covid 19 is helping to stop the transmission of Covid and prevent serious illness and death. Bishop John is asking us get vaccinated for the sake of the Common Good, even if we ourselves are reticent: we do it to help others. He writes: “I urge all adults, who are able to do so, to be vaccinated. Pope Francis has reminded people of the duty to be vaccinated if they are able. The Church is clear that all Catholics can take any of the vaccines on offer with a clear conscience. Even if you are at a low risk of becoming seriously ill, being vaccinated will lower the risk of transmitting the virus to somebody else who might then have a severe reaction or even die. It is particularly important that those in our parishes, clergy and lay-

people who visit those who are housebound or vulnerable are vaccinated.”

**Mass Attendance:** We have seen a welcome rise in the numbers attending church and we hope people have had the sense of being in a safe environment. Last weekend the numbers were: Vigil: 49; 9.30am: 75; 11am: 69; 6.30pm: 33; Total: 226. The attendance at weekday Mass is about 40 people each day.

**Altar Servers and Cantors:** We have reintroduced into our liturgy the use of Altar Servers and a small group of singers to lead our singing. These ministries are still limited in what they can do but a welcome sign to enhance our liturgy; Any servers or singers who might like to resume their ministry, please contact Fr Mark.

**Offertory Donations:** We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to remember to put your offertory money in the bags on the way in or out of Church. You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/) There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream.

There is an updated page about how we can support the finances of the parish on the website in the “Announcements” section.



### Contactless Payments!

The machine for contactless payments is now working again. Please Gift Aid if you can: on the first use you be asked for your address to register as a gift aid donor. Subsequent payments with the same card will be recognised.

**Facebook:** Please “like” our parish Facebook Page. There are many photos and event announcements which appear there. Also please share items to your own Facebook page so that we can reach out to more people. We now have over 1000 followers; Tell

you family and friends to like our page. It can be our part in the New Evangelisation.

**Offertory Procession:** Now that we are to resume presenting the gifts of bread and wine, we are looking for people/families to take part in the Offertory Procession at weekend Masses. Please contact the parish office, tel 335168 or Mrs Livesey, tel 336049.

**Eco Thought of the Week: 18th July**  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
In today’s Gospel Jesus tells the disciples to ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over. Let us remember to clear up after ourselves.

**CAFOD :** the Laudato Si Project at Wardley Hall, with encouragement from Bishop John, is progressing well. All the bottles we filled are being used to build walls in the outdoor classroom. They now have beehives there are selling jars of honey for £7. It is available is the Narthex, £4 of the £7 goes to buy a ‘Happy Queen Bee’ from CAFOD WORLD Gifts, gifts that make a difference. Thank you for your support.

If anyone is interested in setting up a bee hive in our monastery garden, please let us know.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, and those who care for them:

Fr Cassian Dickie, Jane Cooper, Amy Lloyd Andre Jacobs, Elsie Smith, Barbara Davis, Teddy Howes, Eddie Gough, Emma Garth, Margaret Roxburgh, Joyce Crook, Joe Lever, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, June Gent, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, Margaret Peacock, Mary Foster, Shelagh Mervyn, June Wrigley, John Prescott, Kath Kelly

#### All Those who have Recently Died

Frances Emmett (former Head of English at Brownedge St Mary’s High School  
Winifred Eccles