



Corpus
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11th August 2024: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Over fifty years on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. "How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?" "How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?" It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It's far

easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It's good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief.

Put yourself in Jesus' shoes. You've worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn't just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. "I am the living bread, that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they've witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. "Who's he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he's from ... how can he have come down from heaven?" Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus' shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. "I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever." If we share in Christ's Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 10th August

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *David and Rosaline Ferguson - For a Speedy Recovery*

Sunday 11th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Eunice Park RIP (F)*

11am *Joe and Aurelia Lobo RIP*

Tuesday 13th August - Feria

7pm *Patrick and Anastasia Maher RIP (F)*

Wednesday 14th August - St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Religious, Priest, Martyr, memorial

9.30am *Molly Clark RIP*

Thursday 15th August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity - Holy Day of Obligation

9.30am *Bernadette Marren RIP*

7.30pm *People of the Parish*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow after 7.30pm Mass

Friday 16th August - Feria

9.30am *Fr Jim Keenan RIP*

Saturday 17th August

5pm - 5.20pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Vigil Mass (First Mass of Sunday)

5.30pm *In Thanksgiving for the 90th Birthday of Terry Lynes*

Sunday 18th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am *Barbara Cassey RIP (F)*

11am *In Thanksgiving - Regina Dias and Gladstone Gonsalves*



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Please remember all who are sick, especially, Joyce Unwin, Mary Ann Froude, Daniel Sutton, Sarah White, John Butterworth, Joy Phillips, Kathy Kramers, Neil Harman, Patricia Grayston, Jim Cuthbert, Pam Bedwell, James Phillips, Maggi Fletcher and Fr Jim Joyce.

Welcome into the family of the Church - Adaora Odor and Sofia Burgess will both be baptised at Corpus Christi on Sunday 11th August. Please pray for them and their families.



Welcome

On Tuesday we welcomed Ryan Hawkes, Seminarian for our diocese, who is here for a four week placement. Please introduce yourselves and I am sure we will make Ryan very welcome during this time.



Maximilian Kolbe - Wednesday 14th August

Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Thursday 15th August

Today's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. We might not feel as though we have a vocation, but if we have even the smallest motivation to change the world, perhaps we have a vocation after all.



Visit by four OLN pupils and their teachers to the UK from 22nd/30th September

Are there any Parishioners who might be able to accommodate either of the two adults who are accompanying the pupils. One is a male teacher, and the other is a lady from the OLN Office. The trip is being organised by Holme Grange School who like Corpus Christi Africa Fund support Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi. If you are able to do so, please let Jeremy Best know at best@borauk.com



Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass - Saturday 7th September

On Saturday 7th September the diocese is holding a significant wedding celebration Mass at St Bede's in Basingstoke at 2pm. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Alternatively, contact Hannah in the Parish office.

If you are in need of a lift to mass, please contact the parish office so that the parish can assess the need for this service.



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD Meeting - On **Saturday 7th September** from 10:30am to 12 noon, please join us at the Newman Centre, St John Bosco Church Woodley Reading RG5 3BH to hear about CAFOD's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Everyone is welcome but please **book a place** by contacting Jo Lewry on jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447 so that we have an idea of numbers. Come and find out about the difference your generous donations make.

! Children **should not** go unaccompanied to the toilet during Mass and should be with an adult at **all** times. This is for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.



International Picnic 2024

Following the success of the international summer picnic last year, we are holding it again this year! It will take place on Sunday 15th September after 11am Mass in the church and school grounds. All are welcome! Once more we are asking parishioners if they would like to contribute a national dish for sharing. Please click [here](#) to sign up. The social committee would like to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you at this event in September.

Parish Volunteer Fair - There will **VOLUNTEER**

be a Parish Volunteer Fair on the weekend of 28th and 29th September after each Mass. Information will be available about the various groups in the Parish. The purpose of the fair is to advertise the groups and hopefully to recruit more members to support them. Any group wishing to participate, please contact Hannah in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Called and Gifted

Canon Simon, would like to invite you to join the Called and Gifted Programme and the Live Teaching day on Saturday 19th October 2024 at Corpus Christi Church from 9:00am.

Learn more about your spiritual gifts and your unique mission in God's plan as you are guided by a trained team. **For more details and to sign up, follow this link** <https://bit.ly/CCCGP>

Please note, the last date for sign-ups is **Sunday 22nd September**. Each attendee will have to pay £41. However, the cost should not be an obstacle to signing up, so if you need help with the cost, please contact the parish office.