

# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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**17th Sunday in ordinary time, July 28 2024**

The Gospel: Mk 6: 1-15

## **The feeding of the Five thousand.**



### **A great miracle before a multitude:**

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 is found in all four Gospels, although the context and emphasis vary. This is the only miracle, other than the Resurrection, that is told in all the Gospels, a fact that speaks of its importance to the early Church. Compare Mk 6:35-44 with Mt 14:13-21, Lk 9:12-17, and Jn 6:1-14. Matthew says that there were about 5,000 men, not including women and children. This miraculous feeding in the deserted place had precedents: Moses, Elijah, and Elisha had each fed people without resources. The present miracle resembles particularly the one performed by Elisha (2 Kgs 4:42-44). In both cases, everyone ate, and there were leftovers.

This Gospel story should be treated as a witness to the generous power of God and an implicit declaration of Jesus' Divinity. The miracle also shows how, to this day, the Holy Spirit empowers believers to continue Jesus' works of compassion.

We may regard the incident both as a miracle of Divine providence and also as a Messianic sign in which Jesus multiplied loaves and fish in order to feed the hungry listeners. The lesson for every Christian is that no matter how impossible his or her assignments may seem, with Divine help they can be done because, "nothing is impossible with God" (Lk 1:37).

### **LIFE MESSAGE**

A challenge to generous sharing: As Christians we need to commit ourselves to work with God by sharing and caring for others. God always blesses those who share their blessings, time, and talents with loving commitment. We can begin our own humble efforts in our parish by participating in the works of charity done by organizations like St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Knights of Columbus etc. Once physical hungers are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper hungers, for love, mercy, forgiveness, companionship, peace, and fulfillment.

### **The "Constant" Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena**

"Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen."



**The Month of July is  
Dedicated to the Precious  
Blood of Jesus**

**We are beginning a programme of  
Catechesis with the assistance of the  
professors from Augustinian Institute  
Denver starting on the 12th of August.**

**There will be Mass in Malpas next  
Sunday: 4/8/2024 ---6:00pm**

### Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.  
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me and bid  
me come to you.  
That with your saints I may praise you  
For ever and ever.  
Amen



## Mass Times

Saturday 27 July	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 28 July	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners Philomena Cook
Monday 29 July Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus	10:00am	Katie Turner
Tuesday 30 July St. Peter Chrysologus.	10:00am	J C
Wednesday 31 July St. Ignatius Loyola	Sacristy	private intentions
Thursday 01 August St. Alphonsus Mary Liguori	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 02 August St Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Eymard	6:00PM	Mukabe's intentions
Saturday 03 August St. Oswald	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 04 August	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is  
Helen Clarke

### From Kate Birkenhead, Shrewsbury Diocesan SVP Central Council

Walking Shrewsbury Diocese - Fundraising for  
SVP Holiday Homes and Youth Camps. Kate  
Birkenhead (SVP Officer for the Shrewsbury  
Diocese) and her partner Colin will be walking  
the whole of the Shrewsbury Diocese: 200 plus  
miles from New Brighton on The Wirral to Ludlow  
in South Shropshire, via South Manchester,  
raising money for our local St Vincent De Paul  
Society Children's Camps and Holiday homes.  
They will take 2 weeks in July/August to  
complete the walk. All money raised will go  
towards funding these vital initiatives.  
[https://giving.give-star.com/online/saint-  
vincent-de-paul-society-england-and-  
wales/kate-and-colin-are-walking-the-length-  
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**Say your daily  
rosary for peace  
in the world**

Sat. 6:30PM	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Hazel Spencer	Guy Churton	Maria Latty

Mass Offering for July 21st ----£242.14

Standing orders-----£118.25

Second Collection for Lectionary: 231.70

**Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm,  
30mins before and after mass and on  
request.**