

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY XVIII (b) Aug 4th 2024



MOST Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
I adore Thee profoundly.
I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the world,
in reparation for the outrage, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended.

Feed me 'til I want no more

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DATE	MASS	OTHER	
Sun 4th	Sunday XVIII		
	9.15 (BB) for the parish		
	11am (HAD) Derry	O'Dowd (HAD parish council after Mass)	
	Mon 5th - Sat 1	Oth : no parish Masses	
Sun 11th Thurs 15th	SUNDAY XIX		
	9.15 (BB) for the parish		
	11am (HAD) Gerry	Sullivan RIP	
	Mon 12th—Weds	14th : no parish Masses	
Thurs 15th	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION		
	6pm (HAD) N Hib	oert RIP (D&KH)	
Fri 16th	St Stephen of H	ungary	
	9.30 (BB) A Clayto	on RIP (JB)	
Sat 17th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Bridie	O'Grady	
Sun 18th	SUNDAY XX	,	
	9.15 (BB) for the	oarish .	
	11am (HAD) D Wilcox RIP (D&KH)		

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (B)

Psalter Week 2

Introduction: The Lord sustains his people, with his word and food.

First Reading: Exodus 16: Manna from heaven in the desert.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4 : Put on a new self—in God's image & likeness.

Gospel: John 6: The discourse on the Bread come down from Heaven.

Comm. Ant: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE, SAYS THE LORD. WHOEVER COME TO ME WILL NOT HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NOT THIRST.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Joe Singleton, Joan Killeen, Winifred Cook, Rita Dwyer, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healey, Mike Lally, Eric Gebbett, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Maurice Parmentier, Henry MacDonald, William Tasker, Anthony O'Dowd, John Cairns, Vincent Rush; Carole Murphy, Eileen Moran, James Sidebottom, Barbara Bailey, Harold Shaw, Agnes James, Philip Battey, Shaun Wynne: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them: Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (John 6:34-35).

THE GOSPEL After the account of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, Jesus explains the significance of the event. First he stresses that its importance lies not in the food that goes bad, but in that of which it is a sign. They must understand the sign-value of the food, its ultimate fulfilment in Jesus of the manna in the desert: we do not live by bread alone but by every word which comes from the mouth of God. It is belief and understanding which is first explained and first required, and only then is attention turned to eating the Eucharistic bread.

THE FUNERAL FOR Angela Clayton: is re-arranged for Monday 19th August at Immaculate Conception church at 11am.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE Many folk will remember Beryl & Terry Murray of Oakfield Rd. Hadfield, who emigrated to Spain some ten years ago, and lived there contentedly these past years. News reaches us that Beryl recently died. I know little more; we pray for her eternal rest, and Terry's welfare.

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE The diocesan safeguarding team was audited recently by the national Catholic safeguarding office. A message from the Bishop tells that the outcome of that visitation and inspection was entirely positive. The Bishop congratulates the head-office team in Nottingham. He also lauds well-merited praise on the parish safeguarding reps who have been at the heart of the welcome national recognition & praise.

ST CHARLES CHILDREN'S LITURGY the Children's Liturgy Group will not be taking place over the school holidays but will resume again on Sunday 8th September.

SAINTS ALIVE St Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, Curé of Ars (1786 - 1859) was the son of a peasant farmer, and a slow and unpromising candidate for the priesthood: he was eventually ordained on account of his devoutness rather than any achievement or promise. In 1818 he was sent to be the parish priest of Ars-en-Dombes, an isolated village some distance from Lyon, and remained there for the rest of his life because his parishioners would not let him leave. He was a noted preacher, and a celebrated confessor: such was his fame, and his reputation for insight into his penitents' souls and their futures, that he had to spend up to eighteen hours a day in the confessional, so great was the demand. The tens of thousands of people who came to visit this obscure parish priest turned Ars into a place of pilgrimage. The French State recognised his eminence by awarding him the medal of the Légion d'Honneur in 1848, and he sold it and gave the money to the poor. St Dominic (1170 – 1221) was born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. He accompanied his bishop (Diego de Azevedo) in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy, which was then strong in southern France. While the official missions lived in formality and splendour, Dominic and Diego lived in extreme poverty, and prepared with great diligence for the debates that they held with their opponents. In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers, dedicated to saving souls

by preaching and persuasion. Like the Franciscans, founded a few years before, the Dominicans put great importance on poverty, both of the individual and of the community, and of the need to be involved directly in the world while still living some form of monastic life. The Friars made a lasting impact on the life of mediaeval Europe, and the Dominicans in particular altered the course of intellectual history by making a well-thought-out and rational response to the new learning that was appearing as long-forgotten thinkers such as Aristotle became known once more in the Christian West. St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891 -1942) was born into a practising Jewish family. She had a distinguished career as a philosopher and received a doctorate at the University of Freiburg. Reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila brought about her conversion to Catholicism and she was baptized on I January 1922. She taught at a Dominican girls' school and studied Catholic philosophy. She entered a Carmelite monastery in Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her order moved her to the Netherlands to keep her safe from the growing Nazi threat. On 20 July 1942 the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a statement read in all churches condemning Nazi racism. In retaliation the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Teresa Benedicta was taken to Auschwitz and killed on 9 August 1942. St Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941) was born in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later. When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews. In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succoured the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners. The man he saved was present at his canonization.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: B Callon (£40); M Gee (£20).

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception: Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/ collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles: Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177

"MY DAY BY DAY", "MAGNIFICAT" and THE DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER for August are found at the back of church.

MISSION WITNESS: 'RED BOX' THANK YOU & APPEAL

Next Sunday we welcome **Fr Emmanuel Mbeh** to give the five-yearly Missio Appeal. Fr Emmanuel is a Mill Hill Missionary priest. He comes at the request of Missio. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box. There will not be a second collection next Sunday, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please do consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world. You can find more information or set up a Direct Debit online at missio.org.uk/redbox.

There will be no parish weekday Masses Mon 5th -Weds 14th August. Mass intentions which are diaried for specific dates during that time, will be offered elsewhere.

On the **Solemnity of the Assumption** (15th Aug) there will be only one parish Mass: 6pm at St Charles. Those who prefer an earlier (or later) Mass-time on this holy day of obligation will find it easy to go to the Glossop or New Mills or Marple Bridge websites for other times. Fr Martin advises 7.30pm on the vigil (14th) at All Saints, and 10am at St Mary's on 15th.

WEDNESDAY GROUP There will be no Wednesday Group gathering next week. The group has organised a visit organized to Bridgwater Gardens on the 14th August. "We still have two places available inclusive of a visit organized to Bridgwater Gardens on the 14^{th} August. "We still have two places available inclus travel and entrance at £35.50 per head, departure at 11am from St Charles, returning at 4pm from the Gardens.'

I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE to miss the transmission of the opening ceremony for the Paris Olympics, which involved a procession of barges passing along the river Seine. There has been plenty of commentary on aspects of that presentation not least the apparently blasphemous travesty of the Last Supper. France is a nation of celebrated Saints, places of pilgrimage, and magnificent cathedrals and places of outstanding art in the Christian tradition. There is need for acts of prayerful reparation to the Lord of the Eucharist this perceived outrage. You'll find on page one a prayer of reparation to the Lord of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER is planned for 18th August.