

Newsletter

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Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time, 26 August 2018

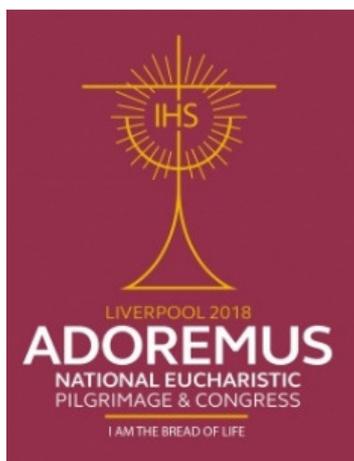
For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention. Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to

believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Adoremus News & Updates **7-9 September 2018**



The focus of the Catholic world will be upon us that weekend.

Have you decided what events you will attend?

Don't miss out.

Gospel Choir - tickets for Lost and Found Gospel Concert 8.00pm, Saturday, 8 September, Echo Arena Auditorium. You are very welcome to a great night out in Liverpool on the Saturday of Adoremus as the well-known author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir perform a soulful retelling of the Prodigal Son. Tickets £10, to book tickets please visit www.ticketquarter.co.uk/online/lost-and-found. You can also purchase tickets over the phone by calling the Ticket Quarter Hotline on 0344 8000 410 (phone lines are open Monday - Saturday 9.00am-9.00pm & Sundays and Bank Holidays 10.00am-5.00pm). We would love to see you there with your friends and family.

I am the Bread of Life – Ecumenical talk with Archbishop McMahon and his Anglican and Methodist counterparts about the Eucharist, the Bread of Life - free but requires a ticket, 5.15pm-6.15pm, Saturday, 8 September, Our Lady & St Nicholas Liverpool Parish Church, Chapel St L2 8TZ.

The Adoremus Parallel Programme, Friday-Sunday, 7-9 September, individuals/parish groups/coaches are welcome to these supporting events.

Almost all events are free but some require advanced booking. Links to

booking are included in the Parallel Programme descriptions and leaflets have been distributed.

Adoremus Youth & Young People - Adoremus Youth Congress for ages 13-20 at the Arena Auditorium on Saturday, 8 September.

Talks in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress - free and open to the public. Liverpool Carmelite Monastery - next talk on Mary & The Eucharist, a talk by Fr Raphael O'Halloran SSS on Sunday, 26 August, 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Nugent & Adoremus - Nugent are involved with several events over this extraordinary weekend including a free concert on Friday 7, a family fun day and a 'Welcome the Stranger' initiative on Saturday 8. Please see the poster at the back of church for times and venues. Everyone is welcome.

Eucharist is ... thanksgiving

When we give thanks at Mass, the past is renewed, the present is transformed and the future is made already present. In this thanksgiving, hope is generated by recalling past mercies. What we know from the past of the power and love of God gives us confidence in the continued mercy of God despite whatever may be going on in our lives to try us.

Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

There are so many events supporting Adoremus including talks, discussions, workshops, prayer and cultural events within the city so do try and attend as many as you can.

Event leaflets have been distributed and you can check out the website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus

Baptismal Information

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 10 September at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Invitation to Prayer



The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer continues to take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area.

Bereavement Team Meeting & Drop-In Session

The next team meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 September at 2.00pm in St Mark's Annexe and this will be followed at 2.30pm by a Drop-In Session for anyone who'd like a confidential chat and a listening ear over a hot drink and a biscuit.

SVP District Meeting

This will take place on Thursday, 6 September at 8.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Kerala Floods - An SVP Appeal

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send

cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers. Thank you for your help and support.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who is?

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone or know someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic church. Whatever your starting point you are very welcome.

Becoming and being a Christian is a journey of faith which takes place within our Pastoral Area community. Please get in touch with the parish office if you are interested as the course will be starting in the early Autumn. Dates, times and venue to be confirmed.

'Blessed are the Peacemakers' Day of Prayer and Reflection

Led by Fr Gerry McFlynn of Pax Christi, Saturday, 1 September,

10.00am-4.00pm, venue Cenacle Retreat House, Tithebarn Grove off Lance Lane, Liverpool, L15 6TW, cost £10 (subsidies available), enquiries Jan 07746 919 915 janharper1@yahoo.co.uk

Dementia Awareness



On Monday, 3 September, 7.00pm-8.30pm, St Mary's, Woolton, will be hosting a dementia awareness session with a dementia specialist nurse who will share her expertise and offer advice. Everyone is welcome to attend, particularly those people living with dementia and their carers.

Archdiocesan Training Courses

Eucharistic Minister Training, 6 October.

Bereavement Care Team/The Ministry of Consolation Training 17 & 18 October.

Lay Funeral Minister Training. Do you feel called to be a Lay Funeral Minister? 21 & 22 November.

Please register your interest for any of the above with the Parish Office.

Just Some Of The Feasts This Week

Wednesday, 29 August - The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St John the Baptist on June 24, today honours the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated. There is no doubt that blessed John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Thursday, 30 August - St Edmund Arrowsmith was the son of a farmer and was born at Haydock, England. He was baptised Brian, but always used his **Confirmation** name of Edmund. The **family** was constantly harrassed for its adherence to Catholicism and in 1605 Edmund left England and went to **Douai** to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1612 and sent on the English mission the following year. He ministered to

the Catholics of Lancashire without incident until about 1622 when he was arrested and questioned by the Protestant **bishop** of Chester. He was released when King **James** ordered all arrested priests be freed, joined the Jesuits in 1624 and in 1628 was arrested when betrayed by a young **man** he had censored for an incestuous marriage. He was convicted of being a **Catholic** priest, sentenced to death, and hanged, drawn and quartered at Lancaster on 28 August. He was canonised as one of the **Forty Martyrs** of England and **Wales** by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, housebound and those in our hospitals and care homes. We pray also for anyone who has died in our Parish and wider community especially Evelyn Maud Higgins, Molly Roach and Denis Carr. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Prayerful Reflections From Pope Francis

*“In the family, ‘three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: ‘Please’, ‘Thank you’, ‘Sorry’. Three essential words!”
(Amoris Laetitia 100)*

Simple words but not so simple to put into practice. This week raise awareness of the importance of these words in your family relationships and compliment family members when they do use the words.

Ordo/Diary/Directory Orders

Ordo/Diary	£5.00
Ring Bound Directory	£4.00
Standard Directory	£3.50

Please place your order with the Parish Office by end August.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 407.15
Other Envelopes	£ 135.79
Loose GASDS	£ 425.75
Total Offertory	£ 968.69
Standing Orders	£ 219.15
Bonus Ball 36	£ 72.00

Retiring Collection

This weekend none. Next weekend none.

Prayer in Preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you.
We ask this in faith.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
Amen.

Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption,
Gateacre,
11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton,
11.00am-11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Annunciation, BE
4.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday

Blessed Sacrament Shrine,
City Centre
Mon-Sat 11.00am-12 noon

Going Into Hospital?

If you go into hospital please make sure you contact the Chaplaincy on the numbers below to let them know that you are there; they will provide Holy Communion and a priest as necessary.

Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen Hospitals:
706 2828

Whiston Hospital: 430 1657

Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend

5.15pm
J Moore, C Morris, Mignonne,
J Roach, R O'Neill

9.15am
Maureen Cl, Terry, George, Gerry, Maria

**** If you are unable to fulfil your ministry, please do remember it is your responsibility to secure a replacement ****

And Finally

Pilgrimage To Santiago De Compostela - Please check at the back of church for details on how you can support Jim Farrell, the group he is travelling with him and our community in the run up and during his journey.

Question of the Week

Adults: In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his Church?
Children: What can you do for your family to show them Jesus' love and care?

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time 26 August 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St Mark's Church
Saturday, 25 August Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Philip Pritchard)	
Sunday, 26 August Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Margaret Davies)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)
Monday, 27 August Memorial of St Monica		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 28 August Memorial of St Augustine	10.00 am – Service of the Word	
Wednesday, 29 August Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 30 August Memorial of St Edmund Arrowsmith		10.00 am – Funeral Service for Evelyn Maud Higgins
Friday, 31 August Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00 noon – Requiem Mass for Mary (Molly) Roach	
Saturday, 1 September Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Terence Kenny)	
Sunday, 2 September Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish) 12.30 pm – Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (William & Elizabeth Bridson)

We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass or Funeral Service.

Guidelines for the submission of Mass Intentions can be found on our website.

Readings for Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23