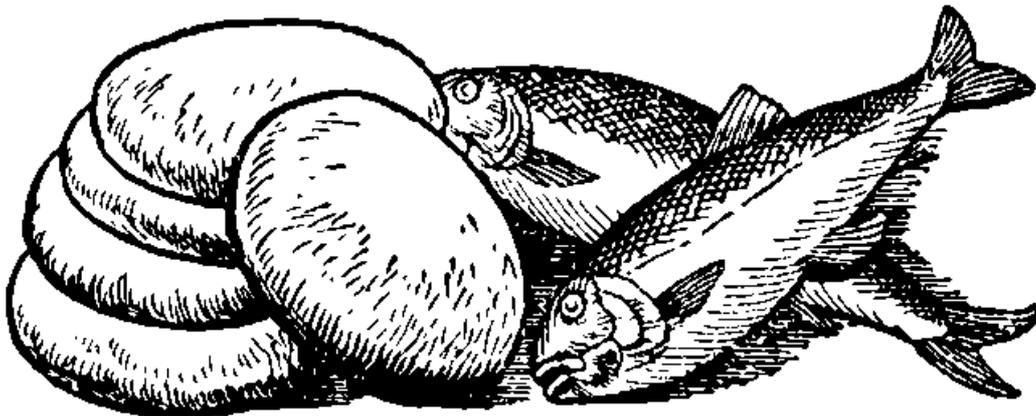


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 August 2018

“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry,
he who believes in me will never thirst.”

John 6, 35

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

REPAIR OF EMERGENCY EXIT NEXT TO CENACLE

The broken emergency door handle next to the Cenacle was replaced in June. Since then, it has been broken again. Please help to keep everybody safe by not allowing anybody to push them backwards and forwards repeatedly or to pull on them. Thank you for your help.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. Applications from committed Catholics are welcomed by 31 August 2018. For further information please speak to your parish priest or go to: www.hughfaringdon.org/information/governing-body.

THANK YOU for the donations given to Mary VDB and the bingo money. Another £600 was banked this week.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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| Gift Aid | £214 | Loose | £ 461.25 |
| Rock & Ale festival | | £ | 3097.02 |
| Bingo & donations | | £ | 600.00 |
| Standing Orders | | £ | 484.00 |

200 CLUB WINNERS

1st: Miss H Boucher;
2nd: Mr & Mrs P Evans
3rd: Mr J Bernal, Mr M Offen
Cheques ready in sacristy.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON

SCHOOL OPEN DAY for prospective YR7 pupils in Sept 2019 is on Thu 20th Sept from 9am-12non & 5pm- 7.45pm.

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers

In the light of recommendations from the diocesan solicitor regarding GDPR, it seems wise to suspend momentarily publication of the sick list until further notice.

Fr Patrick

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or on request from the parish office.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): World population continues to grow. In 2017 about 90 million children were born. Total population is approximately seven and a half billion. Each individual is just as complex as we and the people we know are, each person has his/her own capacities, talents and aspirations. All want to live life to the full and, just like each one of us, live life well. There is a huge difference between the potential which each individual has to realise this dream. It is sobering to recall that in 2015 65 million men, women and children were registered as refugees. War, famine and injustice are among the things which drive people from their homes. This represents a huge challenge. Addressing problems on this scale requires knowledge of human rights law, a vision of a better world and tactical knowledge to bring this about. Vested interests – commercial and political – are very powerful in opposition to tackling these problems. And yet there are many people, often ordinary people acting under the radar, who are deeply committed to and work hard to achieve a better world. Not infrequently they are acting out of a religious inspiration. They see practical needs and concrete actions. When we Christians gather every Sunday across the world, when we break bread and think of God’s love, this is a sign that his providential work never fails.

First Reading (OT): Exodus 16, 2 – 4. 12 – 15: We meet the Hebrew wanderers at a critical moment. They have been set free, they are in the desert, they nurture the hope of being led into the promised land. But right now they are hungry and thirsty. The promised land is but a dream, quickly fading, and the slavery they left in Egypt seems better than what they are now enduring. At least there was food and drink available in Egypt. They are losing their faith in God. They grumble. Their complaining is effective. God hears them. God provides and the dream of the promised land does not die. This extract from Exodus touches on very contemporary needs experienced by those many people on the move in our world: the need for nourishment and the desire for a place they can call home.

Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 4, 17. 20 – 24: When we visit Waitrose or Asda, when we pull in at the garage, we meet bright, eager young people dressed in a uniform and presenting a “corporate identity”. The new Christians may have cast off their baptismal robes and now wear ordinary clothes, but their new identity must be transparent. It must be obvious to all that, having discarded the old, they now can be recognised as children of God.

Gospel: John 6, 24 – 35: Here we find a clear link with the Exodus experience. Jesus identified himself as the true bread from Heaven. He is the true manna. He identifies himself with the bread which we recently heard about which was shared with the five thousand. That miracle was a *sign* [John’s Gospel is very much one of *signs*]. He is bread for all the world, he supplies nourishment to all. Those who find him also discover existential fulfilment. The gospel account recognises the universal hunger the human race has: Jesus is the bread of life.

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 115-117

Masses and Intentions

Eighteenth week of Ordinary Time

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| Saturday 4 th August | | Private intention |
| <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | | |
| Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | Year B (Mark) |
| Saturday 4 th August | 17.30 | Margaret Kennedy RIP |
| Sunday 5 th August | 10.00 | Health & blessings Alojzia & Jan Grestiak |
| | 12.00 | Baptism |
| | 18.30 | People of the parish |
| Monday 6 th August | 09.15 | Private intention |
| <i>Feast: Transfiguration of the Lord</i> | | |
| Tuesday 7 th August | 09.15 | David Arntfield |
| <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | | |
| Wednesday 8 th August | 09.15 | Private intention |
| <i>Memorial: St Dominic</i> | | |
| Thursday 9 th August | 08.00 | Private intention |
| <i>Feast: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)</i> | | |
| Friday 10 th August | 12.30 | Private intention |
| <i>Feast: St Lawrence</i> | | |
| Saturday 11 th August | 10.00 | Private intention |
| <i>Memorial: St Clare</i> | | |
| Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | Year B (Mark) |
| Saturday 11 th August | 17.30 | Private intention |
| Sunday 12 th August | 10.00 | Health & blessings Josef Grestiak & family |
| | 18.30 | People of the parish |
| Confessions: | Saturday | 10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15 |
| Exposition & Benediction: | Saturday | 10.30 - 11.30 |
| Evening prayer, Rosary: | Saturday | 16.45 |