

Masses and Intentions  
Week 19 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 Abba Paris RIP  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 17.30 Christine Gaughan RIP

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 Christine Francis RIP  
18:30 People of the parish

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 09.15 Private intention  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 09.15 Private intention  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 09.15 Jill Rawlings RIP  
*Memorial: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe*

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 09.15 Private intention  
*Solemnity: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19.30 Eddie Moran

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 12.30 Private intention  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 Private intention  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 17.30 Private intention  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 10.00 Libby RIP  
18.30 People of the parish

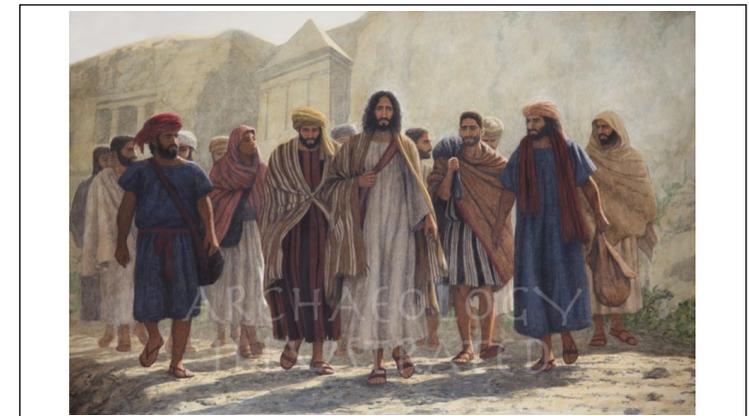
Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 - 11 August 2019

“You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMP-  
TION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY**

On Thursday of this week (15<sup>th</sup> August) there will be Masses at 09.15 and 19.30 as it is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation when we should try to get to Mass.

**SOS FOR Churches In Reading  
Drop In Centre**

CIRDIC is part of the network of support for the homeless and disadvantaged in Reading. They open their doors 5 days a week, taking their turn to make sure that there is support throughout the week.

They are desperately short of tinned meats for sandwiches (tuna, corned beef etc) so if you would like to make a donation, please leave tins in the box next to the Readifood in the Narthex. Many thanks for any help that you are able to give.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid £114.12 Loose £505.07  
Standing Orders £459.00

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR  
AUGUST**

**Families, Schools of**

**Human Growth**

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

**JOINING THE CLEAN TEAM**

Each weekend the church is beautifully clean which is down to a small team of dedicated cleaners to whom we are very grateful. Would you like to make your own contribution by sparing an hour or two to help with hoovering, polishing etc. on either a **Monday or Wednesday morning from 10am onwards?** Not necessarily a weekly commitment, if there are enough people we could build up teams to spread the load. Knock on the sacristy door after Mass on Mon/Wed or ring the office for info. Families more than welcome .

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle  
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Luke):** The two central concepts which defined God's relationship with his people, and with us all as individuals, surface in today's scripture readings: Covenant and Adoption. The people of Israel were acutely aware that a covenant or bond had been established between God and themselves at the very outset of their status as "chosen people". God's fidelity to that bond was absolute and his resolve to stick to his side of the bargain in no way compromised by the Hebrews vacillating, countless infidelities and open rebellion. The covenant is an expression of a gratuitous love. At a very early stage the people conceived of God as a father, a notion which was central to the teaching of Jesus and defined his relationship with God. Paul highlights the theme of divine adoption in his writings. Through Baptism we become sons and daughters of God. Just as an earthly mother or father remains such for life, so too God permanently retains his paternal role. And that relationship shapes God's attitude to all of us.

**First Reading (OT): Wisdom 18, 6 - 9:** The oldest stories of the OT which defined the identity of the chosen people were those of the emancipation from slavery in Egypt and the journey across the Red Sea. The Easter story of emancipation, of the journey from night to day, from darkness to light, from death to life define the Christian identity. The age old tradition of keeping a night vigil has its origins in these stories of our origins. The night is when God is most active, he acts when we sleep. He created Eve when Adam was in deep sleep. God is at his most creative when man is not observing. It was during the Easter night that the resurrection took place, and there were no witnesses. The vigil we keep at Easter is a reminder that God acts in the night: in the light of day we discover the things he has done.

**Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 11, 1 - 2. 8 - 19 (11, 1 - 2. 8 - 12):** The eleventh chapter of the (anonymous) Letter to the Hebrews highlights the virtue of faith. Faith does not involve any special knowledge or vision, it is simply the assurance that what we hope for is true. What gives us security and underlines all our beliefs is the promise that we accept as being true. The OT examples the author brings up suggest that faith involves letting go of what we heretofore considered securities to embrace new ones that come to us from God. The biblical stories make clear to us that faith involves not a leap in the dark but the embrace of a future guaranteed by the promises of God.

**Gospel: Luke 12, 32 - 48 (12, 35 - 40):** This gospel extract introduces us again to the notion of Israel as a sentry, always on the look-out, always scanning the horizon. This notion is very prominent in our Advent scripture readings. The prophets are the sentries of the people, even if they are not always listened to. Last week we read about the farmer being overtaken by a sudden death, and today the scriptures issue a warning call to us all to be ever vigilant. None of us knows the hour at which he/she will be called. By the time the early Christians read this text of Luke's they had abandoned hope of an immediate second coming. And yet they were warned to be ever vigilant, ever on the look-out.

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**Sunday's readings**