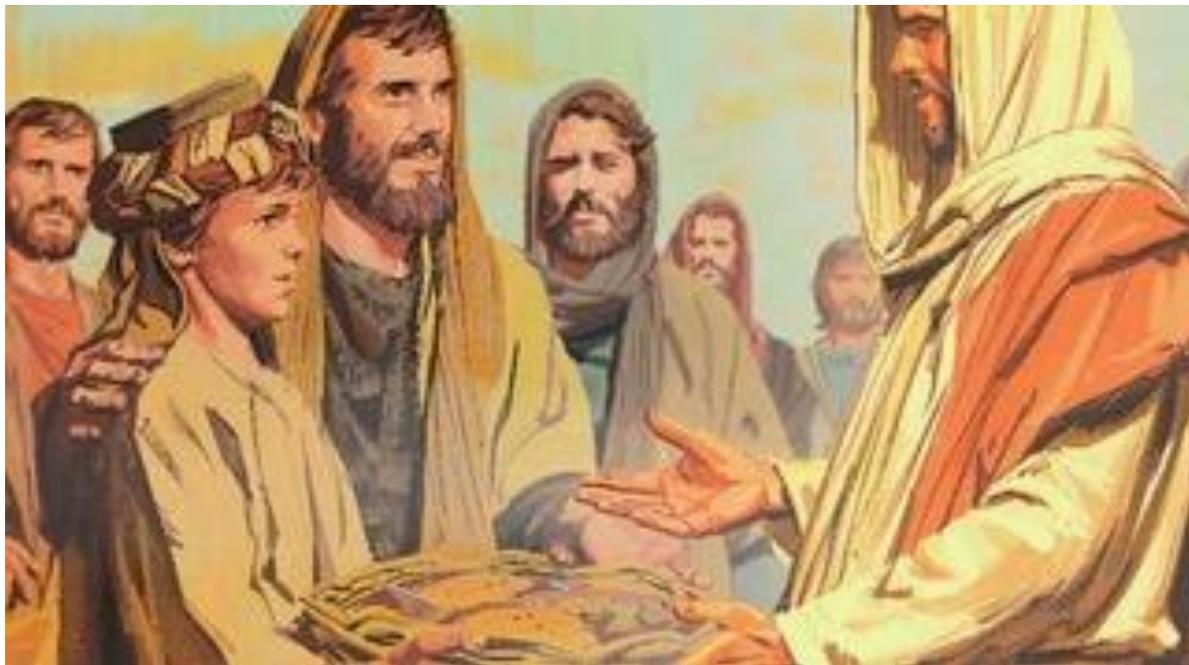


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 August 2020
“And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples
who gave them to the crowds.”

Matthew 14, 19

OPENING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

- ❖ Due to social distancing, we only have 26 pews available in the church for Mass so for weekend Masses only people will need to book a seat using Eventbrite. To book your Mass, click [here](#) and then click on the date that you would like to book for.
- ❖ Bookings can be made from 9.30am on Monday mornings and close on Wednesday evening to allow admin to be completed. You can still ring the office on a Thursday to book.
- ❖ If you are not sure about using Eventbrite, please ring the office number between 9 and 4 on Tues or Wed and your booking will be made with you.
- ❖ You need to book a 'ticket' for each member of the family but do not need to bring a printed version to Mass with you.
- ❖ There is no expectation that you should come to Sunday Mass so please do stay at home until you are comfortable to return to the church building.

What to expect when you come to Mass:

Please arrive early as it will take longer to get into church with allocated seating.

- **the number of your pew is now in the centre. Please sit near the number. If you are a single household then you can fill the bench. If you are a couple or on your own, please sit in the middle of the bench.**
- adults and children in Y7 or above must wear masks.
- stay **1m+** apart (further if you can), even when coming forward for communion
- stewards will guide you so please respond to them, especially at the end of Mass

At all Masses Holy Communion will now be distributed, in silence, at the usual time.

Please stay in your seat until you are invited to move by one of the stewards.

Fr Patrick will have raised the ciborium, proclaimed *Body of Christ* to which all will simultaneously respond *Amen*. Communicants, following the guidance of the stewards, will come up the **central aisle** one by one, will guard a social distance of 1m+(2m if possible), will stretch forward their hands into which the host will be placed, in silence, will lift their mask and receive, and then with dignity and composure following the ONE-WAY indicators, make their way back to their seat. ***Please stay in your seats at the end of Mass and wait for the stewards to guide you out.*** This is to avoid too many people trying to go through to the narthex at the same time. Once you leave the building you are welcome to chat but please move away from the exit so that those behind you can get out.

No booking required for daily Mass on Tuesday and Thursday.

*******NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS*******

As of 1/08/2020 we will be using our new Diocesan wide email system. The new parish office email address will be ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk. Please adjust your contact list if you are in regular contact with the office. We will continue to monitor the current email address for a few months but this will gradually cease.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

There will be exposition after morning Mass until 10.30 on Tuesday 4th August to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

DONATIONS TO UPKEEP OF PARISH

Thank you to all who are making their contribution online. For parish details to set up BACS please ring the office.

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

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): Cardinal Nichols referred to the months of lockdown as a “eucharistic famine”. The enthusiasm with which parishioners have returned to both weekday and Sunday Mass is indicative of the fact that during lockdown, however wonderful it was to follow live-streamed Eucharists on our lap-top, we missed attending church and receiving Holy Communion. The gospel readings over the next couple of weeks focus on Jesus’ teaching by word and example of what, shortly after his death, was to become “the breaking of bread” as the central ritual of the early Christian communities. The Church has in more recent times striven to link the sacrament of the Eucharist which feeds the community with the community’s responsibility to see to it that other people, especially those who are hungry in other parts of the world, are fed. That is why too the work of CAFOD is closely linked to our celebration of the Eucharist. Bread is the staple diet of most of the world and so, in choosing to share his body and blood under the outward form of bread and wine Jesus could be pretty sure that he was taking a universal food that was available in all cultures. [Explaining the Eucharist in e.g. Viet-Nam where rice is the staple diet was quite a challenge for early missionaries.]

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 55, 1 – 3: The words used by the prophet Isaiah suggest the social dimension of a common, shared meal. The prophet announces a great meal in God’s kingdom and sees the goods of that kingdom precisely in sharing, irrespective of social status. He strives to arouse in the hearts of his listeners a desire for God and for the creation of a community based on the shared values and the shared meal. At the time Isaiah was writing the society of his day was subject to considerable disruption. It is important to remember, especially when reading the gospels, that many Jews linked messianic expectation with the idea of a great meal in the heavenly Jerusalem. Certainly those who witnessed what is described in today’s gospel will have thought of the hope which was central to OT religion.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 6, 35. 37 – 39: The heart of Paul’s understanding of the Christ mystery in his theology of revelation rests on the love which God has for his people, the highest expression of which was the incarnation of his Son, and from which no power on earth and no person can separate us.

Gospel: Matthew 14, 13 – 21: Bread has a hugely symbolic significance in our culture: it provides our most basic nourishment, it stills our hunger, it keeps us alive. The fact that we have enough bread makes us responsible for the supply of bread to those who are lacking or to those who are hungry. In the prayer Jesus taught us, we ask God to see to it that we have our “daily bread”. Does this mean just enough for today or bread every day? In the Offertory at Mass we acknowledge that bread too is a gift, it is the work of human hands, it is the fruit of the earth which has been transformed into food through human ingenuity and work. There are a lot of relationships involved in the producing and provision of bread, it is the fruit of solidarity. It is a very rich concept.

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions

Week Seventeen of the Year

Fr Patrick will celebrate most of these Masses on his own.
 Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Masses will be open
 for up to 26 households to attend.

Saturday	1 st August	10.00	Johnson Fund Benefactors
	<i>St Alphonsus Ligouori, Bishop and Doctor</i>	<i>(Exposition)</i>	

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	1 st August	17.30	Paul Artiguas RIP
Sunday	2 nd August	10.00	Abba Paris RIP
Monday	3 rd August	09.15	Our Lady & St. Anne Intentions
	<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Tuesday	4 th August	<u>09.15</u>	Christopher McGowan Intentions
	<i>St. John-Marie Vianney, Priest: Patron of the Diocesan Clergy</i>	[church open for public Mass]	
		[Exposition of Blessed Sacrament to 10.30]	
Wednesday	5 th August	09.15	Mark Swallow
	<i>Dedication of Basilica of S. Mary Major [Our Lady of the Snows]</i>		
Thursday	6 th August	<u>08.00</u>	Noelle Schreiber Intentions
	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	[church open for public Mass]	
Friday	7 th August	12.30	Jim Aherne Intentions
	<i>St. Pope Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs</i>		
Saturday	8 th August	10.00	People of the parish
	<i>St. Dominic, Religious</i>	<i>(Exposition)</i>	

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	8 th August	17.30	Moira Husbands RIP
Sunday	9 th August	10.00	People of the parish