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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12th-13th August 2023

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Lk 19:38

FR JOE'S INDUCTION MASS

This will be at 7pm on Friday 6th October.
Save the date!

ROCK N ALE 2023

The Rock 'n' Ale Festival is now into its 11th year. This year's event will be held on Saturday 2nd September and tickets are now on sale.

The event is a family event and not only generates funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association but is also a major contributor to Parish income.

There will be a full bar provided by the Last Crumb, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, a hog roast and vegetarian chilli. Tickets are £13 for adults, £5 for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after mass, by visiting www.facebook.com/rocknale or www.wegotickets.com/event/575697#tickets

WYD

Welcome home to the four travellers who went to Lisbon for World Youth Day.

EXAM RESULTS WEEK

Please pray for those collecting exam results this week, that their hearts are open to whatever journey lies ahead of them.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

30/07/23

C'less: £ 125.00
Loose plate £ 182.08
Candles £ 24.07

Weekly S Orders: £700

06/08/23

C'less: £ 65.00
Loose plate £200.31
Candles £ 23.80
Shop £ 5.00

Weekly S Orders:£700

PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Provisional Church Pilgrimage 15-21st October 2024. Taking in Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Avila and Segovia. £1200-£1350 depending on numbers. More details on the noticeboard. Contact the parish office by phone or email by 17th Sept 2023 to register interest.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

[SVP]The SVP and Churches in Reading Drop in Centre (CIRDIC) would like to thank all parishioners who have donated toiletries over the past weeks. You may also like to know that the SVP has used the donations from the Seniors' afternoon tea to buy new men's underwear which was also urgently needed by CIRDIC.

Now the SVP are concentrating on their work in partnership with the Weller Centre supporting their food donations appeal.

Items for donation are cereals, pasta, tinned goods, dry foods, long life milk, rice and kitchen staples.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Kearns. Her funeral will take place at **St Michael's Church**, Sonning Common on Monday 14th August at 11am.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, Reading seeks a part-time Chaplain (Lay or Religious) from Sep 2023. Info at

<https://www.sjcr.org.uk/vacancies/>



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Paul Turnock

[on the occasion of his 70th Birthday]

Please remember him

in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel directly follows the account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. Today's Gospel is about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish fed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Mass intentions for Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	12 th August	5.30pm	Gerard Semple RIP
Sunday	13 th August	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	14 th August	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>			
Tuesday	15 th August	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
		7.30pm	Catenian Mass for vocations
Wednesday	16 th August	7.30am	Int of Clare
<i>Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary</i>			
Thursday	17 th August		
<i>Thursday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</i>			
		7.30pm	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Friday	18 th August	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Friday of week 19 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	19 th August	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	20 th August	10.00am	Thresia Vargheese RIP

No Rosary before Saturday evening Mass
for the next two weekends.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.