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**The Month of August is devoted to The Precious Blood of Jesus**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**2 August 2020 Psalter Week 2**

**NO PUBLIC MASSES**

**Sunday**

10.00am

People of the Parish

Harry Grayson

**Monday**

*St Oswald, martyr*

Hilda Houdmont

**Tuesday**

*St John Mary Vianney, priest*

Mabel Leach

**Wednesday**

*The Dedication of the Basilica of  
St Mary Major*

Frank Flynn

**Thursday**

*THE TRANSFIGURATION OF  
THE LORD*

R Peter Harrison SJ

**Friday**

*Ss Sixtus II, pope & Companions*

*St Cajetan, priest*

Mary Willcock

**Saturday**

*St Dominic, priest*

William Hague and Family

**Sunday 9th**

People of the Parish

Laura Henderson

***Please Pray for:***

**Our sick:** Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Peter Baines, Breda Packenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Catherine Mary Tetzlaff, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

**Lately dead:** Gaetana Messina, Hilda Houdmont, Eileen Willoboughy (Mother of Liz Williamson) **RIP**

**And let us remember** in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

**Sunday Collections**

**Please remember**, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

**'Woodseats R C Parish Account'**. The bank will not accept any variation.

**Anyone wishing** to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish**.

**Weekly Offertories** – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

**Sort Code:** 40-41-07 **Account Number:** 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Registered Charity No 512021

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2020**  
**The Christian Disciple**

A Christian disciple is one who has been deeply nourished in mind and heart by the Lord, and who is charged with the responsibility of sharing this light and compassion with others. The first group of the disciples were deeply involved at every stage of the miraculous feeding of the multitude. Initially, it was their concern for the plight of the people that raised the problem. Then Jesus challenged them to share to move from concern to compassion. They were involved in distributing the food and in gathering up the scraps remaining.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes is told in the style of the Eucharistic liturgy. The great actions of the Eucharist are seen as Jesus took the elements of food, raised his eyes to heaven in the return movement of blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to distribute. The Eucharist is the central source of discipleship. Out of God's compassion and generosity the disciple is nourished in mind and in heart. Compassion means that Jesus stood alongside each person, he felt in their feeling, he hungered in their hungering. He could share the pain of others because he had been schooled in suffering. He was just then feeling the pain of John the Baptist's callous death.

Compassion has an identical twin called concern. Concern is the cold voice of the logical brain whereas compassion is the warm language of the heart. Concern says, 'Send the people away.' Compassion says, 'There is no need for them to go.' Concern takes up causes whereas compassion takes up people. Concern speaks at the safe distance through the microphone or letters to the editor. Compassion is at work in the midst of pain, nursing, feeding, supporting the broken hearted and befriending the lonely.

Give them something to eat yourselves we need to become more aware of our Eucharistic responsibility. As long as there starving people in the world, the Eucharist is somehow incomplete.

The liturgy features two tables: the table of the word to nourish the Christian mind; and the table of the bread to nourish the Christian soul. With the light of Christ in their minds and the love of Christ in their hearts, disciples are sent from the altar to love and serve the Lord everywhere. The celebration in church would be empty if the love of God which is experienced there is not carried out into the world beyond the church door. Give them something to eat yourselves.'

Liturgy is the great act of remembering Jesus Christ. But if we remember Jesus in the mind, we must also remember him with our hearts, our hands, our mission of compassion to others.

## **Online talks and presentations**

Listen to inspiring talks online about the great work you support, all from your own living room!

[Register for our virtual children's liturgy](#)

### **Upcoming talks**

**Sustainable and healthy food systems - now and in the future. Thursday 6 August, 11am-12pm**

Join us to hear an inspirational talk from Professor Alan Dangour, Head of the Nutrition Group and Director of the Centre on Climate Change and Planetary Health.

[Register](#) to join us.

**Summer of Hope Family Quiz Friday 7 August, 6:30pm-8pm**

Join us for the CAFOD 'Summer of Hope' Family Quiz. As we continue to emerge from lock-down, we want to bring people together for a time of fun, while also helping those around the world who are suffering the effects of Coronavirus . We are making a suggested minimum donation of £5 per adult, which you can donate through our website or at our [Celebration Fund](#).

[Register](#) to join us.

**CAFOD live with Deputy Head of Africa, James Marchant Tuesday 11 August, 7pm-8pm**

Join our Deputy Head of Africa, James Marchant to hear about our work across Africa and how they are implementing lessons from previous Ebola outbreaks.

[Register](#) to join us.

**Carbon capture & Climate Change, the scale of the challenge Thursday 13 August, 11am-12pm**

What does a net zero world look like? And what does capturing, utilising and storing CO2 have to do with it?

Join us to hear Dr Doug Barnes, the Head of Chemistry at C-Capture.

[Register](#) to join us.

**CAFOD campaigner : Phil Kingston speaks Thursday 20 August, 11am-12pm**

Join us for an inspiring talk from Phil Kingston, a longtime CAFOD campaigner now based in Bristol and his involvement with Extinction Rebellion. Phil is 83 and 10 years ago founded Grandparents for Safer Earth.

[Register](#) to join us.

**Past online talks** [Browse all past online talks](#)

**A young lady, Rachael Booth** is attempting to walk the 3 Yorkshire Peaks in under 12 Hours on 22<sup>nd</sup> August to in support of a Bethlehem Hospice. Because of Covid 19 she is going it alone. It is a huge undertaking, particularly for someone on their own.

Rachael is seeking sponsorship and as this is likely to be the only fundraising activity we can undertake this year you are asked to help and to spread the news to everyone you know. The link below gives information about her walk. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachaelbcht>

**Church Opening** - We are still hoping to be open for Mass soon, **HOWEVER** this is **STILL** subject to receiving permission from the Bishop.

For the church to open strict regulations have to be adhered to. There will be a booking system to ensure numbers do not exceed the allowance and social distancing **MUST** be observed.

There can be no congregating before and after Masses. Times of Masses will be announced later.

**PLEASE NOTE WE ARE WAITING FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN FROM THE BISHOP.**

### **Outreach Latest News**

The Parish Outreach Group are still keeping in touch with the parish's Outreach partners to see how they are managing during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In April, following an "emails meeting" (which lasted around two weeks!), we distributed just over half of the funds you have helped to raise in the past year to five of the parish's Outreach partners (St. Wilfrid's, Ben's Centre, ASSIST (Sheffield), Sheffield Samaritans and the Bethlehem Trust). On 29<sup>th</sup> June we held our first Outreach Zoom meeting to decide on the distribution of most of the remaining funds. We agreed the following donations:

**St Vincent de Paul Furniture Store** £400

**Sheffield Samaritans** £200

**Kwakakulu Community Project (Kenya)** £400

**Reaching the Unreached (Southern India)** £400

We were particularly focussing this time on those partners who weren't included in April's disbursements.

**The SVP Furniture Store** were able to resume their activities from late May, so supporting them was a priority. **The Kwakakulu Community Project** has thankfully not yet been seriously affected by COVID 19, so they will welcome further support from our Parish Outreach with their community projects (including initiatives to develop education, horticulture and fresh water supply.)

The work of **Reaching the Unreached** in southern India has been seriously curtailed as a result of COVID 19, but they are still in need of funds to support them.

We decided to make a further, smaller donation to **Sheffield Samaritans** as the Covid 19 situation means they are experiencing an increased number of calls from people in distress.

Remember that you can still support **Grace Food Bank** via the food collection points at Sainsbury's (Archer Rd) and Morrison's (Meadowhead). Current shortages are: **tinned peas/sweetcorn/carrots; jars of pasta sauce; biscuits/sweet snacks; savoury snacks/crisps**. If you can't access these collection points but would like to contribute – or to contribute towards our ongoing fundraising for Outreach projects – you can contact our treasurer, Paul Embley, on 07849 137 077 or [paul.embley@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:paul.embley@blueyonder.co.uk)

Many thanks to parishioners for your continued support for our Parish Outreach activities and developments.

### **We understand the challenges and disruption**

**COVID 19** is having on the quality of life and mental health. We offer support in managing anxiety as we leave lockdown; coping with working from home; uncertainty in a changing society; social distancing and loneliness.

We are now able to offer Counselling for Men by Men!

Our regular quality assurance reviews guarantee high standards of service by our practitioners.

You do not have to go through this alone.

**Please contact Bernie Ware : 07980 406198**

**Table-Top freezer** free to a good home. If you **need** a small table top freezer, in excellent condition and in full working order please contact Alan Southeran on 07941 464908. The dimensions are 17"x18"x20".

**QUIZ - Many apologies!** This question AND its answer were incorrect.

3. To which continent was Neville Chamberlain referring in his 'Winds of Change' speech? Answer: South Africa

The question and answer should have read:

To which continent was **Harold Macmillan** referring in his 'Winds of Change' speech?

Answer: **Africa**

### **Personal Column**

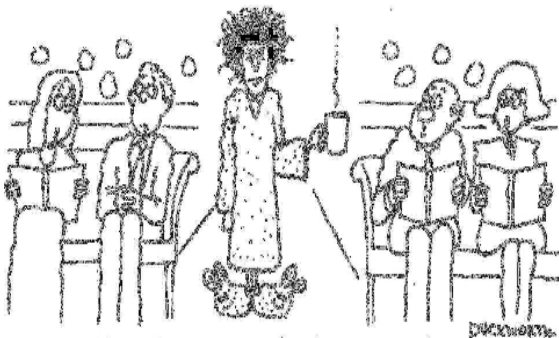
**Our congratulations** to Jordan Williamson who has gained his PhD in Maths. Sadly, Jordan will be leaving us to take up a research post at the Charles University in Prague. Good luck Jordan!

**Our congratulation also**, to Matthew Mason who has gained an Open University degree.

**Fr Gus is willing**, under certain conditions, to take Holy Communion to the housebound and those who feel unable to attend Mass for whatever reason as a result of COVID 19 . He will not necessarily need to come into your house. If this is something you would like, *please call him and you will be able to arrange a set time and consider any specific needs.*

**If you hate wearing a mask, you're really not going to like the ventilator.**

**Prayers** – You are asked to keep the NHS and all front-line workers; all those who are suffering, whether from illness or in bereavement in your prayers at this time.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

## Prayer for the Week

### Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Father,  
at the Transfiguration in glory of your Only-begotten Son,  
you confirmed the mysteries of faith  
by the witness to Jesus  
of the prophets Moses and Elijah.

You foreshadowed there what shall be  
when you bring our sonship to perfection.

Grant that by listening to the voice of Jesus  
we may become heirs with him  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen

### This Week's Readings Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:1-3*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *144*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:35, 37-39*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 14:13-21*

### Next Week's Readings Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *1 Kings 19:9, 11-13*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *84*

**Second Reading:** *Romans 9:1-5*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 14:22-33*

Are you drinking more while in lockdown ?

yes

no



## **RETURNING TO CHURCH AND ATTENDING MASS (Updated)**

Firstly, how wonderful it is to be able at last to attend Mass, albeit in a restricted manner. The church **will not be open** until we have received **permission from the bishop**. Watch this space!!

In keeping with Government and Diocesan guidelines, the numbers able to attend each Mass are very restricted and **MUST** be adhered to. Social distancing must be observed. The expected number is 60 but this will be confirmed.

Please remember that Sunday obligation is still suspended so attending Mass any day of the week will count. If you are able to attend Mass during the week please do so and leave Saturday and Sunday to those who are working.

If you wish to attend **SUNDAY** Mass a telephone booking system will be in place (**see below**).

### **Coming to Mass**

1. You will be asked to come through one door and leave through another. (A one-way system)
2. You will be directed to a seat – please do not change as they will have been allocated on the numbers attending in any one group.
3. You are asked to wear a mask as this will allow a greater number of parishioners to attend.
4. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.
5. Do not congregate before or after Mass.
6. When receiving Holy Communion nothing will be said.
7. There will be no singing; no offertory procession; no sign of Peace; no Chalice.
8. At the weekend, there will be a few copies of the newsletter. You are welcome to take one but please **DO NOT** leave it behind or put it back. Take it home with you.
9. Extra directions may be given at Mass.
10. On fine days weekday Masses will be outside.

### **Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers**

#### Eucharistic Ministers

During this period there is no requirement for Special Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass. However, so long as strict guidelines are kept, it may be possible to take Holy Communion to the housebound/ shielding etc. This would need to be discussed with Father Gus and the recipient.

#### Readers

For the time being there will be ONE reader at all Masses. Weekdays, will remain the same – someone will be asked to read on an ad hoc basis. If any reader is booked to attend a Sunday Mass, they are asked to identify themselves so they can be called upon if necessary.

Unfortunately, the rule for over-70s still applies. When reading, you are asked to sanitise your hands both before and after reading.

Please leave the sanctuary after the Alleluia.

No Bidding Prayers

### **Booking a place at Mass**

Masses will be at 10.00am each weekday. On Saturday, Mass will be at 5.00pm *at Meadowhead*. On Sundays it will be at 9.15am and 11.15am at Meadowhead. (Please note that English Martyrs will not be open for the time being.)

If you would like to attend Mass at the weekend you will need to ring up and book a place.

This will not be necessary if you are attending **a weekday** Mass.

### **When to Ring**

To attend Mass at:

5.00pm Saturday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Wednesday (**included**) of that week.

9.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Thursday (**included**) of that week.

11.15am Sunday: Ring between 10.00am-12.00pm any day up until Friday (**included**) of that week.

If it is not possible to take your call, please leave a message giving your name, telephone number, **and how many of you** will be attending. If you do not receive a return phone call you may assume your booking has been confirmed.