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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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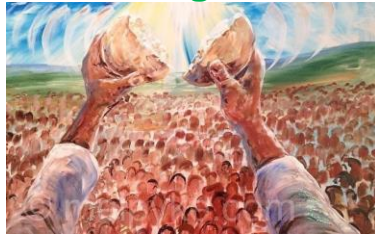
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Adoration

Mon 9AM-7PM

Fri 6PM-7PM

Confessions

Friday 6-7PM

Saturday 10AM



There is a huge difference between what we want and what we need. St Ignatius of Loyola (1491 – 1556) was a soldier; injured - as a young man - in war he was bedridden in a convent-hospital for months. He wanted to read stories of his childhood heroes, but the nuns had only stories about saints' lives. So that was to be his reading! From it he began to ask himself did he have what was necessary to be a great saint. He became so aware how much his previous reading had provided only fleeting pleasure, but now, in reading the lives of the saints he found a more lasting, a deeper sense of pleasure. This eventually led him to the conclusion that lasting pleasure - lasting happiness - is only truly found in Jesus Christ. Today, in the Gospel, Jesus makes a great promise to us. The crowds witnessed the great miracle of Jesus feeding the them with just a few loaves and fishes. They wanted to see more, but they can't imagine how much more Jesus has to offer them. They wonder, what sign will Jesus give to show that he is the one they should believe in. God provided a miraculous food for the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert, the manna that kept them fed for as long as they needed. But Jesus promises even more. He says the food the people were looking for would satisfy them only momentarily, but He offers something that will last for ever: He is the true Bread come down from Heaven, the true Manna, that He is all the food we need to travel not though the desert to the promised land of Canaan, but through life itself into the glory of heaven. Rather like the people in the Gospel, and like the young Ignatius, we sometimes seek bread that perishes so quickly. Jesus encourages us today to work for what we need, not for what we think we want. We pray that we make the best of what we have and work for that which provides eternal happiness: Jesus, the Bread of Life.

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| Sat 3rd Aug 2024 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30AM 18.00PM | All Parishioners Billy Watts & Bridie Healey |
| Sun 4th Aug 2024 | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10:00AM 18.00PM | Una Leach RIP Stefan Valtral RIP |
| Mon 5th Aug 2024 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00AM 19:00PM | Alelina D'Souza Joseph TV RIP |
| Tue 6th Aug 2024 | Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord | 10.00AM 19.00PM | Edna Hunt RIP Evelyn Kelly RIP |
| Wed 7th Aug 2024 | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00AM 19.00PM | Bill & Margaret Butler Deo Vincent Cuaresma RIP |
| Thurs 8th Aug 2024 | Memorial of St Dominic, Priest | 10.00AM 19.00PM | Maureen Borg RIP Johanna Sheehan |
| Fri 9th Aug 2024 | Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr | 10.00AM 19.00PM | Samantha George RIP Thanksgiving |
| Sat 10th Aug 2024 | Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr | 09:30AM 18:00PM | All Parishioners Departed souls in purgatory |

This week's Gospel – John 6:24-35

'It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life'

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for children who do not attend St. Maries School and are hoping to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025, please collect an application form from the back of Church and return to the parish office. When completing the form please use clear block capitals and attach the Baptismal Certificate to the form. Thank you.

Heritage Day Volunteers

If you are able to help with the Heritage Day in September, even just an hour of your time to welcome visitors to our church or to make tea's and coffees then please get in touch with Eva Marie Marson or the parish office.

Thursday Live Organ Recitals

Every Thursday in August up to the 5th September there will be a 40minute Organ Recital, from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham at 1:15pm. You can watch/listen on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/@ThursdayLiveOrganRecitals>

Live Streaming GDPR Update

The guidance for web/live streaming has been updated and how we look after images which are streamed on the internet and which may be available afterwards is important for compliance with safeguarding and data protection. Therefore, all who perform ministries on the Altar will need to sign a new form so that the parish is compliant, this ranges from Altar Servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers etc.

Parking for Sunday 11th August 10AM Mass

As part of Warwickshire Cricket Clubs Festival of Cricket they are taking professional cricket into the community for the first time in almost a decade agreeing to play three matches at Rugby School. **Please note that Oak Street may be impacted for parking next Sunday**, if you park on Oak Street please make your best efforts to arrive early to not find parking a struggle. Rugby School have not advertised Oak Street for parking and advertised the local car parks, however, for those who know the area they may try to park on Oak Street, thank you.

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall,

Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 1 September. Mass is at 3pm with Confessions from 1.45pm – 2.30pm. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day and can be booked at the table in the Hall's courtyard upon arrival. There is free parking available.

It is essential that you bring your own chairs and packed lunch. Harvington Hall is a house which holds many secrets, containing seven priest hides. Humphrey Pakington, who inherited the estate in 1578 was a staunch Catholic and thus subject to the harsh penal laws of the Elizabethan age. From 1585 it was illegal for a Catholic priest to step foot in England, making it necessary for Humphrey to equip Harvington with the impressive priest hides, which visitors can see today. We don't know the full story of these priest hides but we do know that some of them were almost certainly the handiwork of the master carpenter St Nicholas Owen. The annual pilgrimage to Harvington offers you a chance to reflect on our own faith and the persecution, and often martyrdom, of Catholics during the English Reformation.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Charles Hinks, Joan Simms

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Estelle Roberts, Kathleen Swindell, Gwendoline Ford, Eileen Crook, Tess Smith, Theresa Paul, Michael Considine
Kevin Cottrell, Jean Harrison, Annie Morris, Bernard Gooch, June Smith, Chelsea Street, Joseph Lavery

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor,
Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin,
Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles,
Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC