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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



My dear people,
When I was training for ministry in the 1980s we had almost come to the end of 'the quest for the historical Jesus'. This was an attempt particularly by Protestant scholars to discern "real" Jesus from the Jesus of faith. Part of this exercise was the demythologising of Scripture: in other words explaining away miracles. The reason for this was to try and make Scripture and Jesus more accessible to our present age with its lack of belief in its supernatural.

There were two things wrong with this approach: firstly Scripture deals with the supernatural, and secondly, as has been pointed out, if you don't believe that miracles are possible you will never accept

anything as a miracle, however far fetched it may be.

St John always calls miracles signs, which point towards the Divinity of Jesus. The feeding of the five thousand is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, and also a parallel of the giving of the manna in the desert. Additionally it is a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah given in our first reading: Jesus feeds not only with bread and fish but also with his Word.

We can see now that the miracles of Jesus are historical events which actually happened as they are described in Scripture. If the miracle was simply that Jesus encouraged everybody to share it would not have fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy or have pointed towards the Mass. Also it would not have been recorded because it would not have been remarkable. Jesus is God and therefore he can do anything. If he can make the universe and all it contains a few thousand packed lunches would be child's play.

What miracle do you want Jesus to work? What sort of sign will it be to you and those around you?

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr Gerry

Live Streaming in the Parish

Monday 3rd August

Fr Gerry's Day Off

Tuesday 4th August

7pm - Evening Prayer

7.30pm - Mass

Wednesday 5th August

9am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

1.30pm - Rosary

6pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday 6th August

9am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

1.30pm - Rosary

6pm - Evening Prayer

Friday 7th August

9am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

1.30pm - Rosary

6pm - Evening Prayer

Sunday 9th August

10.30am - Mass

Readings this Sunday

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm 144 Response - **“You open wide your hand, o Lord, you grant our desires.”**

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Returning to Mass

Each week it is fantastic to see more people returning to Mass. For those who have yet to make this step, let us reassure you that we are taking all the steps to keep you safe.

- We have amazing stewards here to help you at every Mass.
- Hand sanitisers are available at each door.
- The church is cleaned after every Mass.
- We do not use Holy Water
- We currently do not sing
- We do not make the sign of peace.
- The wearing of masks is optional - if you feel safer wearing them then please do.
- The church is well ventilated with both doors open.
- We enter and exit via different doors to avoid any form of congestion.
- We maintain social distancing and a number of pews are sealed off.

Notices

Face Masks

Ana-Maria Colvill continues to make masks for anyone who still requires them. All she asks in return is a minimum donation of £3 per mask - all donations will be going to our parish. Thank you Ana-Maria.

Message from SVP

We are currently supplying 63 food parcels to vulnerable people/ families per week. Our food stores are now running critically low.

[How you can help](#)

If you can help donations can be delivered to our Short Street base (unit 4) between 4.45pm and 6pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays or if local, we can collect.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form - Sunday 16th August here at St Teresa's at 4pm. We do hope you will join us. Our Celebrant will be Fr Michael Halsall.

St Bernard's Virtual Open Evening

Due to the recommendations of the DFE we are not holding an Open Evening for Year 5 students who wish to make an application for September 2021 intake. To view our tour of the school, parents should log on to www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk and then go to Admissions and Virtual Open Evening. If they wish to apply to us they must complete our Supplementary Information Form and send it to the school with supporting documentations, as per the admissions policy, before the 31st October 2020. Documents are available under Admissions, Key 3 & 4 on our website along with our Admission Policy 2021-2022 and 2021 Supplement Information Form.

If any parent has any queries on admissions they can email or telephone our Admissions Officer

at cls@stbernards.southend.sch.uk or 01702 608004.

Parish Finance

1st Collection -19th July 2020 - £221.00

If you are shielding please do continue to make your weekly payment on line

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood> and specify either Rochford or Hockley.

Thank you

Daily Prayers:



Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

Sunday: The Sick: Martin

Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Albert Close, Larkhill Avenue, Craven Close & Seddons Walk.

Tuesday: The Sick: Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey, & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Bramerton Road Community Church and their Minister David Selby.

Wednesday: Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Fr Tom Jordon, Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, John Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own Parish Priest Fr Gerry.

Thursday: The Sick: Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John

Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver & Len Smith.
The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: Dorothy Chandler. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: John Weldon, Maud Livett, William Nightingale, John Chee, Harry Weatherley, Nora Haydon, Lilian Jones, Finbar Nagle, Mary Stacey and Patricia Blogg.

Saturday: The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Pdraig Evers, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly, & Terry Lewis. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Paschal, Eamonn, Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Sun	2	9am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dorothy Chandler RIP	JG
		10.30am			
Mon	3	No Mass Today			
Tues	4	7.30pm	S Dominic C		
Wed	5	9.30am	Dedication of S Mary of the Snows		
Thur	6	9.30am	Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
Friday	7	9.30am	S Cajetan C	Mary Stacey RIP	F/ M
Sun	9	9am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ints Chandler Family	JG
		10.30am			Pro Populo