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Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Psalms 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, these we will not hide from their children but will tell them to the next generation:

the glories of the Lord and his might and the marvellous deeds he has done, Yet he commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food; So he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt

Parish

ADOREMUS If you have booked to attend *Adoremus* your tickets will be sent to you mid August. If you have NOT already received a letter or email confirming this please contact Paul Northam on 0121 360 8118 (ext. 166) or fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk, *Let him know you are part of the parish booking from St Nicholas.*

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet for pub lunch after the 11am Mass this Sunday.

Sunday Refreshments in Benedict Room start again in September. *Volunteers to serve coffee etc needed. Can you help? If so please sign up on list in church.*

Dads' Get Together Following Monday's meeting a series of meetings on first Mondays of Oct, Nov and Dec are being planned. Each will be based around ten minute talk and then supper and a chance to chat/discuss. Talks will be given by local leaders in school, police etc and will all be of particular interest to Dads.

First Communion & Confirmation 2018-19
 Application forms and first details of next year's

Masses Week 18 in Ordinary Time

S	4	Sunday of 18th Week	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Helen Gillespie RIP (Perks)
Su	5	in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	0900 1100	For the parish Josephine Garvey RD (Lawlor)
M	6	Transfiguration	1000 * 1500	Sarah Reynolds RD (Theresa Farrell's late mother) <i>Expositor of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</i>
T	7		1000 *	
W	8	St Dominic	1000	
Th	9			
F	10	St Lawrence	1900 * 1930	<i>Exposition and Prayer for Priests (30 mins)</i>
S	11	Sunday of 19th Week	1800	NB no confessions/exposition for this week only For the parish
Su	12	in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	0900 1100	Josephine Garvey RD (Lawlor) The Heany Family ints

The church is open daily (except Thursdays) from 8am to 6pm

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *.
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm.

Reconciliation Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Bernadette Evans, Margaret Stroud, Gino Mastroianni, Jude Turner, Margaret O'Gorman, Peter & Olwyn Foster, Mary Gavin, Frank Kemp, Brenda Davies; Leah Burke, Tess Carnero, Joan James, Sarah Johnston, Bridie Moffatt, Bernie Morton, Danuta Evans, Michael McDermott - and Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray for** Josephine Garvey whose funeral Mass is at 1130 on 17/8, and for Robert Mageen, John Collins Michael Lawlor and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

parish programmes are available in the porch. Details of the catechesis for children, for those at a Catholic school and those who are not, will be available at a later date.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme begins Sat 22 September from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

Book Club Next meeting is at 8pm on Mon 17 Sept and the book *The Diaries of Etty Hillesum 1941-3*, "A story of spiritual growth such as I have seldom seen anywhere... Etty's diaries complete Anne Frank's... a marvellous gift."

Scripture group 8pm on 18 Sept. **(NB change of time)** We continue to read St Luke's Gospel, please read chapter 3 and 4 to prepare. All welcome! NB Meeting will be in the Benedict room - but with coffee and cake as usual!

Diocese

Safeguarding Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). SCIE would like to speak with any individuals with experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and who have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives/ safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you can contribute to this review then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

Jobs. Administrative Assistant and Head of Parish Catechetics at Maryvale Institute. Details on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk (under *About Us*)

Petitions to be presented to Pope Francis in Dublin at the World Meeting of Families. Please email them to Lianne Pap (Diocesan Family Ministry Worker) - lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org Petitions can be for yourself, family, friends or for anyone who may be in need of prayers. Please send no later than August 15th.

Other

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme can help! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk



Parish Outing: Tues 18 September

Parish outing Visit to copies of Serbian medieval fresco from the monasteries of Kosovo and Metohija, and to the beautifully decorated Serbian Orthodox church of St Lazar, Bournville. (Admission £5 or £3 for over-65s). Meet at 92 Griffins Brook Lane, B'ham, B30 1QG at 12 noon.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for August is the treasure of families: that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipalprayer.org/>

from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. *Alleluia!*

John 6:24-35

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.'

Birmingham's Annual Interfaith Peace Service will take place on Wednesday 12 September 2018. 12.30 – 1.15pm St. Thomas' Peace Garden, Bath Row, Birmingham B15 1LZ. All welcome.

Next Sunday is the 19th in Ordinary Time
Scripture readings: 1 Kings 19:4 – 8 / Psalm 34:2 – 9 / Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2 / John 6:41 – 51

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The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of *Laudate*.

The Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God used in Ordinary Time are nos 101 ff in *Laudate*.