

THIS WEEKEND	18th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 4th August	<b>10.00am</b>	St O	<i>Confessions + Exposition</i>
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	J Harrison Snr, Frances Duignan Silver Wedding—Louise + Sean
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Eric Ashcroft
Sun 5th August	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Derek Booth
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Julie Finch
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Celestina Chukwumaze, Michael Airey
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>			
Mon 6th August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	St T St O	Deceased Priests + Religious Karl Brookes
Tues 7th August	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	St T St O	Laura Chapman Mass
Wed 8th August <i>St Dominic</i>	<b>9.30am</b>	St MM	Alan Whipp
Thu 9th August <i>St Teresa Benedicta</i>	<b>2.00pm</b>	St T	Funeral Mass: Brendan Forde
Fri 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	<b>9.15am</b>	St T	Frank Swarbrick
NEXT WEEKEND	19th Sunday of the Year		Year B
Sat 11th August	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	For the Parish
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	David Helm
Sun 12th August	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Eddie May
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Deceased members of the Gould + Phipps families
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Helen Lanigan, Jean Donnelly Ian Taylor

**Confessions:** 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am.

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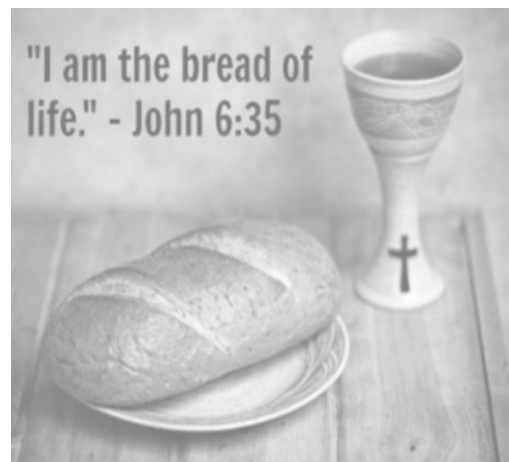
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### 18th Sunday of the Year

### 5th August 2018

#### Christ satisfies our hunger

All four Gospels relate the miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000, which comes immediately before the

passage we hear in today's **Gospel**, taken from St John. This text begins what is known as the 'Bread of Life Discourse' (John 6. 22–59), which we start today and will continue reading over the next two Sundays.

It is the morning after the night before, and the people go across the lake looking for Jesus – because, as he says, 'they have eaten all the bread they can eat'. Through dialogue, Jesus helps them to see that it is the Father who has always provided for them – a theme reinforced in the **First Reading** and **Psalm**.

Jesus also reveals something new to them: he himself is the sign they seek. Through his gift of living bread, he is offering them renewal of their minds and the ability to walk in the way of goodness and truth (**Second Reading**).

This week, let's give time for dialogue with the Lord that we, too, might respond to his desire to give himself totally to us, so that our deepest hunger and thirst may be satisfied.

**The Romero Room this week:**

**Sundays:** At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. **After Mass** tea and coffee.

**Mondays: Needles + Pens:** 10.00am until 12 noon.

**6.30pm SVP Meeting.** New members welcome.

**Fridays:** At **1.30pm** Exercise Class. This class will cost £2.00 and will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi. All ages and abilities will be catered for.

**2.30pm until 3.30pm** there will be a gathering for tea, biscuits and chat. Open to all.

**Comings and Goings:** When you read this Fr Philip will have taken up his responsibilities as Parish Priest at Holy Rosary in Old Roan.

We **welcome** Fr Kevin Prince who will be helping out during August and early September. Fr Roy Cooper will arrive in the week beginning Sept 9th. Fr Michael will become PP at St Oswald's on August 14th 2018.

**Accommodation wanted in the Preston area:** Would you know of any accommodation that a Catholic family (a teacher with a new job in St Patrick's RC Primary in Walton-Le-Dale) moving to Preston could rent from September? There are two children, Maria 4 years and 3 month old Leo. Please contact Richard and Helen Doherty on 07859844454.

**Ordo/Diary/Directory Orders:** If you want a 2019 Ordo or Diocesan Directory you need to fill a form in and put the money with it. Thank you. Forms are in the sacristies. Ordo/Diary £5.00. Ring Bound Directory £4.00 Standard Directory £3.50. Please return your order by the end August.

**Charity Night:** Three local drama groups; Club Players, Broughton, Hall Players, Fulwood and Longton Players, have organised a 'Charity Night' in memory of John Nickson. To be held at St Martin's Parish Hall, Broadway Fulwood, PR2 9TH on **Friday, 28th Sept at 7.30pm**. The night includes various entertainments (comedy, drama and music), a charity auction (wonderful prizes), raffle, hot pot and bar, costs £10 only! All monies raised go to St Catherine's Hospice, where John worked as Director of Income for 20 years. This is a ticket only event. If you wish to support this event, please contact Maureen Nickson for tickets 07932 645 485.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** will continue at St Teresa's 9.30am Mass during August but will take a rest in St MM and St O.

**St.Oswald's Caritas Group.** Please note that our next lunch Club is on Friday 10th. August. Food from 12 noon until 1.00pm. All welcome. If you have not been before come along and you will be with friends.

**Divorced, Separated Support** from the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department. The course is for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown. People can be at any stage in the process – recently separated or divorced for many years - the course is designed for anyone whose committed relationship has ended. For details see the poster or contact Maureen 07967753371.

**Synod 2020:** A Synod is called by an Archbishop when he realises that the time is right for some decisive new pastoral moment in the history of the Diocese. Our Synod is being called at such a moment. In October the first Synod Sunday (21st) will be celebrated. This will launch the 2nd part of the journey (the first part has been this year of prayer.) A series of open evenings will be held across the Diocese so that everyone who wants can hear about the Synod journey. Watch out for the invitation and continue to pray for the Synod and for those who have been given the responsibility of bringing it to fruition.

**The Metanoi Project** run a drop in for the homeless in Preston in St Wilfrid's Church each Wednesday evening. We offer warm drinks and a chat and also clean clothes. Stocks are running short of men's T-shirts, jeans (30,32,34 waist), jogging bottoms, trainers (8,9 &10), baseball caps, underwear and socks. If you can give any of these please take them to St Wilfrid's and leave them in the blue box in the narthex of the church, or ring Helen on 07790 342187. Thank you.

**Fr Philip Writes:** Thank you to all those who have wished me well for the future with cards, words and gifts. Thank you for the lovely and encouraging things that have been said. I certainly treasure each one of them.

Thank you to all those in our 3 churches who have collaborated to help us become the Church that God is calling us to be. I know that God will continue to bless us all.