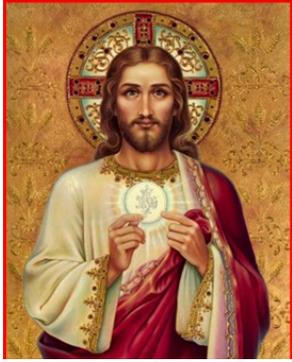


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19th SUNDAY IN
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NEWSLETTER



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Food for the Journey

As a child my mother used to tell me the fascinating story of a German mystic, **Therese Neumann** (1898-1962) who had many heavenly visions and saw many scenes from the life of Our Lord. Like St Padre Pio and St Francis of Assisi she bore the **stigmata** – the wounds of Christ on her body. Although bedridden for many years due to an accident, she physically relived the Passion of Christ every Friday and would clinically die at 3pm (the traditional hour of Our Lord's death), meaning that all the vital signs of life would disappear from her only to return a short time later. Countless bishops, priests and laity would visit her each year and witness all this first hand, including the fact that for twenty years she took no food or drink and lived only on Holy Communion. Many doctors and even some priests thought it a hoax, and so on one occasion she was closely examined for fifteen days, never being left alone for an instant, during which time she took no nourishment except for Holy Communion. But her health and weight remained the same as before. When asked how this could be Therese replied, "The Saviour can do all things. Did He not say that, *"My Flesh is real food, and My Blood is real drink?"*

God sometimes allows miracles like this to verify the fact that His Son truly is the Bread from Heaven and that we really receive Him in Holy Communion. When Our Lord says in today's Gospel that He is the living bread come down from Heaven and whoever who eats this bread will live forever, this is the **Holy Eucharist** (John 6:41-51). Just as the prophet Elijah in the First Reading (1 Kings 19:4-8) couldn't complete his journey without the nourishment miraculously provided by God, similarly we cannot complete our earthly journey without the supernatural food given us by Christ. This is why He instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, because He knew we would need it for our journey towards eternal life in Heaven.

We have a great privilege as Catholics to be able to receive JESUS in the Holy Eucharist so we must thank Our Lord profoundly for this great gift and we must strive for great purity of soul in order to

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St Maximilian Kolbe

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 7th 6.00pm	Vigil Mass Alicia Silvia Avila-Sanchez RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 8th 9.00am 11.15am 4.00pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita & Rocco Acierno RIP – PUBLIC MASS Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS No Italian Mass
Mon 9th 9.15am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Feast) Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
Tues 10th 9.15am	St Lawrence (Feast) Victor & Mary Woodhouse RIP
Weds 11th 6.30pm	St Clare (Memoria) Special Intention (Latin, old rite) – PUBLIC MASS
Thurs 12th 9.15am	Feria Jim & Margaret Smith RIP
Fri 13th 6.30pm	Feria Denise Kabala RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sat 14th 9.15am 10.30am -12.30pm 3.00pm 6.00pm	St Maximilian Kolbe (Memoria) Barbara Watkins RIP Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am <i>Baptism</i> Vigil: Heather Saunders RIP (Anniv) – PUBLIC MASS
Sun 15th 9.00am 11.15am 4.00pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) Denise Kabala RIP – PUBLIC MASS For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS No Italian Mass

PLEASE NOTE: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.

Please pray for those who have recently died

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Terry Fitzpatrick
Antionetta Albiniano
John Colardo
Alf Cooper
Heather Saunders



From the Saints

"If the angels could envy, they would envy us for Holy Communion"

(Pope St Pius X, 1835-1914)

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receive Him worthily. **St Padre Pio** once said with great trepidation, “*God sees stains even in the angels. What must He see in me?*” Therefore he was very diligent in going to Confession frequently. **St Thérèse of Lisieux**, if she was aware of the slightest venial sin on her soul, would refrain from receiving Holy Communion until she had been to Confession. This was one of the main reasons **Pope St Pius X** lowered the age of First Holy Communion to seven years to allow JESUS to enter the innocent hearts of children. So we should not receive if we are aware of any unconfessed mortal sin, because otherwise as **St Ambrose said**, “*we enter church with a few sins and leave it burdened with many.*”

One of the most consoling things for a Catholic has to be our final Holy Communion or ‘**Viaticum**’ which means ‘**food for the journey**’ when death is approaching. It’s a great grace when this happens. When our earthly life is failing we look to JESUS, the life of our immortal souls and remember His promise, “*He who eats this Bread shall live forever*” (John 6:59).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Funds for Kwediboma: The sale of home-made jams and cakes at Loughborough Market last weekend raised £380 for the Rosminian mission in Kwediboma. Marie Brookes would like to thank her helpers Bernie, Anne and Jean and also all those who supported in any way.

Congratulations to Kath and Don Howell who celebrated their Diamond Jubilee of Marriage (60 years) last Thursday 5th August. I will be giving them a special blessing at the conclusion of the 11.15am Mass this Sunday. A man and woman joined together as one in the Sacrament of Marriage and lived in fidelity to the Gospel of JESUS Christ is the foundation of a healthy society. When marriage is under attack society suffers. So may God bless Kath and Don and all the families of our parish and help them to continue witnessing to the beauty of marriage and to remain faithful to their calling.

Fr Paul

Sunday Mass Obligation: The Bishops of England and Wales have said the Sunday Mass obligation will remain suspended until at least the First Sunday of Advent which is the weekend of **27th/28th November 2021**.

Year of St Joseph



Italian Mass

The next Italian Mass will be on **Sunday 29th August** at 4pm.

Weekly cleaning of the church takes place every Friday between 10.30am and 12.30pm. New volunteers are always welcome.

Please contact Fr Paul or Emily if you would like to help, or just turn up any Friday. We would appreciate having more volunteers on the rota.

Thank you.

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Leader: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

All: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families. Bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

St Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941) was a Polish Franciscan. As a young boy Our Lady appeared to him in a vision holding out a white crown symbolizing purity and a red crown symbolizing martyrdom. She asked him which he chose. And he answered, *"I choose both."* He had a great devotion to Our Lady and he founded the Militia of the Immaculata, the Army of Mary that works for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Catholic Church. He also founded monasteries in Japan and India.

St Maximilian is most well known for offering to die in another man's place in Auschwitz concentration camp. In 1941, following a prisoners escape, ten men were randomly selected to die by starvation as a reprisal. Fr Kolbe offered himself in place of a young husband and father whom he had befriended. Fr Kolbe was the last to die, having endured two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect, but along the way he had helped all the others prepare for death. All you heard in that cell while they were being starved were prayers and hymns. He himself died on the Vigil of the Assumption, 14th August 1941 by being injected with carbolic acid. He was canonised in 1982 by Pope St John Paul II.

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Pre-booking places for Mass:

Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at

<https://massbooking.uk>

Telephone bookings can be made by calling

07554 603972

Tuesday & Wednesday

2pm – 4pm or

Thursday & Friday

5pm – 7pm

Please do not phone the Presbytery. Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you.

Fr Paul

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £518, of which £30 was gift-aided

Kwediboma (market stall): £380

Standing orders: £826 @30/06, of which £726 was gift-aided

Mass attendance: 248

Thank you
