

THIS WEEKEND		17th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 24th July	5.00pm	St O	Successful Operation	
	6.30pm	St T	Parishioners, Julie Houston (LD)	
Sun 25th July	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Private Intention	
	11.00am	St MM	Barbara Turner (LD) Special Intention, Teresa Flanagan	
Divine Office Week 4				
Mon 26th July	9.30am	St O	Tom Sutton B'Day Remembrance	
Tues 27th July <i>St Joachim, St Anne</i>	9.15am	St T	Lawrence Doyle (OP)	
	9.30am	St O	For a successful operation (TR)	
Wed 28th July	9.30am	St MM	Peter Hammond	
	11.00am	St T	Funeral Mass: Julia Houston	
Thu 29th July <i>St Martha</i>	9.30am	St O	Teresa Flanagan (LD)	
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention	
Fri 30th July	9.15am	St T	Bob + Teresa Lingard (RIP)	
	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention	
NEXT WEEKEND		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year B
Sat 31st July <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	5.00pm	St O	Frank & Frances Maskell (A)	
	6.30pm	St T	In Thanksgiving (exam results)	
Sun 1st August	8:30am	St O	Parishioners	
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners	
	11.00am	St MM	Jimmy Maher Barry O' Riordan (RIP)	

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th July 2021

'His hands were as earth beneath the bread and his voice was as thunder above it' St Ephrem the Syrian (d. 373)

This Sunday's readings remind us that God provides for us physically as well as spiritually.

In the **First Reading**, Elisha assures his servant that one hundred people will be fed with just twenty barley loaves because the Lord has promised it, while the **Psalmist** praises the Lord who, by feeding us from his own hand, 'answers all our needs'.

St Paul, writing to the Church at Ephesus (**Second Reading**), assures the Christian community that, despite any evidence to the contrary, God, who unifies the people, is in control.

The three readings are brought together in the **Gospel** account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (which is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist and the only miracle of Jesus that is recounted in all four gospels). Not only does Jesus outdo Elisha's miracle, he demonstrates that, by feeding the people from his own divine hands, God is unifying the people through meeting their need.

Let's pray, this week, that we might know ourselves to be in the hands of the Lord, and that our lives may bear abundant fruit as a result.

**Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.
Remember the Sunday obligation has not been reinstated and livestreaming
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Following the Government announcement with regards to changes to Covid-19 regulations, which are due to come in to force on Monday July 19th, the Diocese has now issued some suggested guidelines, as a way forward for each parish in the Archdiocese.

Here are some of the main points, which will continue with in our Churches.

* Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

* Hand sanitising will remain necessary as people arrive.

* The numbers for weddings, funerals and baptisms will be limited by the capacity of each building.

There are other practical suggestions to help us move forward in the briefing, which we will be slowly & gradually be introducing over the next few weeks.

Foodbank Request: During the remainder of July and August, the foodbank would like donations of breakfast cereal (not porridge) and Fray Bentos pies. All donations gratefully received.

Knit-a-Bit Update: During the past 16 months we have missed each other's company but our needles have still been busy. Every 6 months, we have a collection of the jumpers and hats which get sent to Uganda and Laos. At the start of July we gathered a wonderful selection of many coloured and varied jumpers, hats and blankets to take to our contact who sends them on their way. All told, we sent 203 jumpers with matching hats for the newly born babies in both countries. These were accompanied by 6 blankets and 28 separate hats. As well as sending abroad, we donated 18 premature baby cardigans to Tippy Toes - a local baby bank which supports the neonatal unit in Royal Preston Hospital. The people of Uganda are really suffering with the pandemic and along with our knitting, they are very much in need of prayers.

Sunday, 25 July 2021 Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

Lord Jesus,

you were born of the Virgin Mary.

the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them as they grow older.

May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,

that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. **Amen**

Synod 2020 Update: After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.

We will keep updating you as steps emerge.

Archbishop Malcolm, Fr Philip and Fr Matthew