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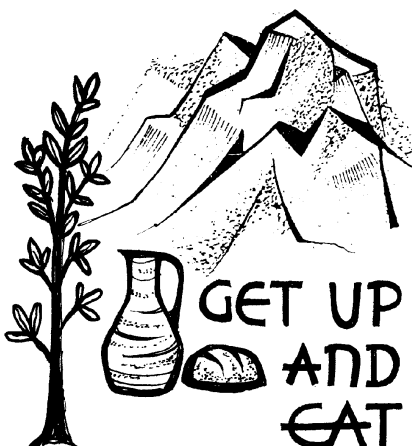
## Newsletter

9th August 2015

19th Sunday

One aspect of the Gospels that has been commented upon many times is that theme of food. Both in the Old and New testaments food has featured within the narratives of story, prophesy the Law and psalms. Obviously, a commodity so vital to the life and wellbeing of humanity will feature prominently in how God deals with a people He has called as His own. After all, the Lord promised to lead, look after and sustain the chosen children of Israel and this cannot be done without providing them with daily food. Also, in the remonstrations of the prophets, the injunctions of the psalms and even in the Mosaic Law, the way we are to use food (the stuff of life) is very strongly emphasised; indeed uncompromisingly. The promise of being fed brings with it the obligation and duty to share such food with others, and this is essentially the fundamental message of Jesus Himself; His command that underpins all others. But the food we are to share with our sisters and brothers goes deeper. Jesus' claim to be the 'living bread' introduced a totally new concept. His listeners had never heard of the Eucharist and didn't see the connection between Jesus and the manna that fed their ancestors in the desert. The true "bread of life" means our total sustenance; all these followers had to do

was to ask and the answers were there for them. But in their complaining they missed the point and remained 'hungry'. It was not easy for them and it isn't easy for us to understand that our real hunger can only be satisfied by a personal relationship with God. The Eucharist is real food for the journey through life and a food that has to be shared. Jesus is that bread of life shared amongst us all.



Services	This Week	Events
6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Bridget, Michael &amp; Paddy Murphy</i> 10.00am <i>Mass: George Kajkowski RIP</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Roisin Blair</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            9th August  <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p> 	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Tuesday Club  <i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i>
7.00pm <i>Novena to Our Lady and Holy Communion</i>	<p align="center"><b>Monday</b>            10th August            St. Lawrence            Feast</p>	<i>No Dancing until 7th September</i>
9.10am <i>Rosary</i> 9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	<p align="center"><b>Tuesday</b>            11th August            St. Clare            Memoria</p>	10.00am Tuesday Club
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Wednesday</b>            12th August            Feria</p>	<i>No Art until September</i>
<i>No Service</i>	<p align="center"><b>Thursday</b>            13th August            Blessed William Freeman            Memoria</p>	<i>No Music until 3rd September</i> 7-8.00pm Weight Watchers
<i>No Morning Rosary</i> 7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart and Holy Communion</i>	<p align="center"><b>Friday</b>            14th August            St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe            Memoria</p>	<u>5-6.00pm</u> Karate
<i>No Morning Service</i> 6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Ann Falvey RIP</i>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday</b>            15th August            Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> 	8.30am Slimming World 10.30am Slimming World
10.00am <i>Mass: Noel McGrath RIP</i> 5.00pm <i>Mass: Well-being of Patrick O'Connor</i>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday</b>            16th August  <b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>  <i>Psalter Week 4</i></p>	Coffee and Tea after 10.00am Mass Justice and Peace Group  <i>No Youth Group until 13th September</i>
Collections £312.17 Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112  <i>Many thanks for your donations</i>	<p align="center"><b>Last Week</b>            2nd August</p>	Attendance: 187 

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# Announcements

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## OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Seren Robertson, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Phil Lane

<b>Heathcote</b>	Shane Grogan, Chrissie Fitzpatrick Paddy O'Connor
<b>Kenilworth Grange</b>	Margaret Handy
<b>The Lawns</b>	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn, May Dorgan, Peggy O'Rourke
<b>Clarence House</b>	Winifred Galvin
<b>Eversleigh N. H.</b>	Mollie Benson
<b>Clarendon Manor</b>	Mary Jenkinson, Marie Kelly
<b>Stratford</b>	Monty Jenkinson
<b>RLS Nursing Home</b>	Bernie & Robbie Burns

## Anniversaries

Joseph McAndrew, Robert Liscoe, Alice Dawson, Bridget McEnery, George Mather, Dorothy Harding, Peter Reid, Ann Falvey

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord*

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## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation:** In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting which is normally held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s need to be practising.

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## Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Stefan from Warwick, who is to celebrate the 5.00pm Mass on Sunday. Next weekend, we will welcome Canon Stewart who will be celebrating the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and Fr. Michael Miners who will celebrate the Sunday Masses. We are very grateful to them all for enabling us to attend Mass in our own parish in Fr. Bob's absence.

## Safeguarding and Documentation

For volunteers within the church, could those who have not yet been given forms please see Fr. Bob or Honor Hynes [safeguarding co-ordinator] so that we can complete the process and make sure all documentation is up to date. Many thanks for your patience and understanding. We do rely upon our generous teams to allow the parish to function. At present we are receiving references.

*This item remains because there are still roles which need to be covered by the Safeguarding forms.*

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## Our Website

The new website for St. Joseph's has now been published and has a new look. It is intended to develop the site and to include more information and links etc. If there is anyone who would like to be involved in providing material for it, e.g. taking photographs of parish events and milestones? Please see Fr. Bob

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## Scripture Reflection - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, or our Scripture Reflection Hour, usually takes place on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. **However, there will be no meeting in August.** The next occasion will be Friday 18th September. All are very welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

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## Holiday Time

We are already into the holiday period, with familiar faces absent and then re-appearing in the congregation! Hopefully everyone who is fortunate enough to get away will be blessed with good weather and an opportunity to relax and recharge their energies. If you should plan to be away when one of your duties is scheduled, perhaps you could arrange for this to be covered by someone else. This helps everything to run smoothly even when there are fewer people here. Thank you so much.

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## Next Week—16th August 2015

### Eucharistic Ministers:

6.30pm Vigil	Jan Ireson, Paddy Taylor
10.00am	<b>Pauline Mills</b> , Myrna Harwar, Tony Harris
5.00pm	Shelagh Price, Mary Hendry

### Readers:

June Arran  
Salvatore Monastero  
Bernard Bergonzi

12th Sept	7.30pm Bingo Night Parish Hall
18th Sept	10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR
26th Sept	The Circus, St. Joseph's School
22nd Oct	Confirmations

### ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop Peter Smith has drawn our attention to the Bill attempting to Legalise Assisted Suicide in England and Wales, to be debated in the House of Commons on 11th September, 2015. This bill will have a free vote, so it is vital that as many as possible make contact with their MP in good time before this debate. Our MP's name is Chris White, address House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. There are sample letters in the narthex to help those who are writing.

Sources of information: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) and [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk)

As Archbishop Smith points out - what is needed is more and better palliative care, not assistance with suicide. Please take some sort of action on this very important issue for our Christian society.

### Parish Bingo Night

Plans are afoot to hold a Bingo Night on Saturday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Tea and Coffee will be provided but please bring something for the supper table and your own drink if you wish. Do put the date in your diary **Saturday 12th September: £3 for a book of tickets—cash prizes!** It would be good to have some extra novelty prizes; please bring something along if you can. **It is in aid of our parish maintenance fund so do think about taking part.** It should be fun. More detail to come closer to the time.

### 200 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the August 200 Club draw:

Anne Coombes (£50), Andy Brown (£30) and Kim Kearns (£20). If you would like to join the 200 Club at £1 a month please speak to Fr. Bob or Anne Buttrum.

## Parish Centre



### Weekly Events (during normal time)

**Monday:** Dancing  
**Tuesday:** Tuesday Club  
**Wednesday:** Art /Choir  
**Thursday:** Music Group / Weightwatchers  
**Friday:** Karate  
**Saturday:** Slimming World  
**Sunday:** Youth Club

### NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

If you check the church noticeboard you will find a programme of events organised by the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service (Kenelm Trust). These run right through from the summer to December.

### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

**The Circus is Coming!** This will be at the school, booked for Saturday 26th September with two shows in the day. You can email [suzanne@vallins.net](mailto:suzanne@vallins.net) to buy tickets and they will



be available at some point during the summer holidays here at church. Date to be confirmed.

### Annual Rosary Rally

This will take place at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire on Sunday 23rd August, led by Fr. John Martin, beginning with Mass at 3.00pm.

### Harvington Hall

This year's annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday 6th September, starting with Mass at 3.00pm. Please take a chair! Principal celebrant is Bishop Robert Byrne.

*Watch this space*

*Coming in the Autumn.....*

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ON FIRE

