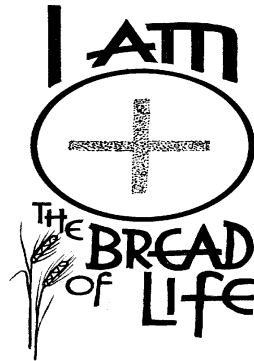


## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

You are looking for me, Jesus says, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate your fill of loaves. Jesus' disciples are always demanding a "sign" from Jesus—some kind of magic wonder working sign--as if healing the lame weren't enough; as if making the blind see weren't enough; as if his entire life up to that point wasn't evidence enough by now, no - they want a blinking, neon sign that screams to the world "this is Him! This is THE ONE!! Come see the Hebrew peasant wonder worker! Step right up!" Perhaps it is being uncharitable to those faithless disciples, yet it does seem that they keep insisting that Jesus continues to "top" himself; to make his miracles and signs ever more bold, more astonishing, more dramatic.

Yet, what does Jesus really do? He puts his hands in his pockets and comes up with real bread, yes, but also pulls out deep metaphors that, if understood, will satisfy. Time and time again he directs our gaze not to a loaf of bread, but to the fact that there is bread that will gratify us for all time. We may clamour for real bread, but Jesus tells us that the gifts from God, if truly absorbed, could slake our hunger forever.



### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"  
 Philippians 2:2

5th AUGUST 2018		
18th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)		
MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 4th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Pat Rolfe RIP
Sunday 5th August	9:30am 11:00am	Katie Laffey People of the Parish
Monday 6th August	9:30am	Edmund Cambridge RIP
Tuesday 7th August	9:30am	Winefride Cannon RIP Birthday
Wednesday 8th August	Noon	Mrs K. Harrison RIP
Thursday 9th August	9:30am	Peter & May Mythen RIP
Friday 10th August		No service
Saturday 11th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Rob Doherty Birthday
Sunday 12th August	9:30am 11:00am	Jimmy O'Mara RIP People of the Parish
Monday 13th August	9:30am	Betty O'Grady RIP
Tuesday 14th August	10:30am	Requiem Mass – Elizabeth (Betty) O'Grady RIP

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize

This week – Mr Joe Davies

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH**

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.



**Gospel Reading John 6 24-35**

The next day the crowd that was left behind realised that there had been only one boat, and that Jesus had not gotten into it with his disciples. They had seen them go off without him. By now boats from Tiberias had pulled up near where they had eaten the bread blessed by the Master. So when the crowd realized he was gone and wasn't coming back, they piled into the Tiberias boats and headed for Capernaum, looking for Jesus.

When they found him back across the sea, they said, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered, "You've come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs - and for free.

"Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last."

To that they said, "Well, what do we do then to get in on God's works?"

Jesus said, "Throw your lot in with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God's works."

They waffled: "Why don't you give us a clue about who you are, just a hint of what's going on? When we see what's up, we'll commit ourselves. Show us what you can do. Moses fed our ancestors with bread in the desert. It says so in the Scriptures: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus responded, "The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the *real* bread. The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world."

They jumped at that: "Master, give us this bread, now and forever!"

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever. I have told you this explicitly because even though you have seen me in action, you don't really believe me. Every person the Father gives me eventually comes running to me. And once that person is with me, I hold on and don't let go. I came down from heaven not to follow my own whim but to accomplish the will of the One who sent me.

**Health & Safety:** Would parents please take particular care of their children around the Votive Candlestands (and the portable fans during this hot weather).

**General Data Protection Regulations**

The new Data Protection Regulations were introduced on 25<sup>th</sup> May this year. You have probably been bombarded by emails regarding these. These Regulations relate to personal information on individuals retained by companies and organisations. This applies to Names, Addresses, Dates of Birth, Telephone numbers, email addresses, etc The Parish does hold personal information on parishioners who have provided this for various reasons. Such as:-

**The Parish Register, Offertory Envelope users  
Gift Aid donors, 200 Club Members, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, APF Red Box holders, Children's Society Box holders**

If you do NOT wish this information to be retained by the Parish please let us know. If we do not hear from you to the contrary we will assume that you are happy for this information to be retained.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES**

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

**Prayer for our Parish:**

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"  
St Francis of Assisi