

Our Parish Liturgy . . . . .

This Week (18 A)

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| DIVINE OFFICE             | WEEK 2                                                                                                                       |
| ENTRANCE HYMN             | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                    |
| PENITENTIAL ACT           | Spoken                                                                                                                       |
| GLORIA                    | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                              |
| FIRST READING             | Isaiah 55:1-3<br>'Come and eat.'                                                                                             |
| PSALM RESPONSE            | You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.                                                                                    |
| SECOND READING            | Romans 8:35, 37-39<br>'Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ.'                 |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION        | Alleluia, alleluia!<br>One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia! |
| GOSPEL READING            | Matthew 14:13-21<br>'They all ate and were satisfied.'                                                                       |
| PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                    |
| SANCTUS                   | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                              |
| MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION      | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                              |
| GREAT AMEN                | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Spoken                                                                                 |
| OUR FATHER                | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                              |
| AGNUS DEI                 | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                              |
| COMMUNION ANTIPHON        | You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.                        |
| THANKSGIVING              | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                    |

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| RECESSION | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians |
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Next Week (19 A)

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| DIVINE OFFICE  | WEEK 3                                                                                 |
| FIRST READING  | 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a<br>'Stand on the mount before the Lord.'                         |
| PSALM RESPONSE | Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.                              |
| SECOND READING | Romans 9:1-5<br>'I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers and sisters.' |
| GOSPEL READING | Matthew 14:22-33<br>'Command me to come to you on the water.'                          |

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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church' in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

IT CAN BE HARD TO HAVE COMPASSION SOMETIMES



It's hard to have compassion for my spouse when caught up in my own worries and stress. Jesus moved on from His own sadness to see the need of the crowds; He fed them. We witness to the Good News that nothing can come between us when we nourish each other in all ways - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo 2 Chr. 32-35; Nahum  
Tu 2 Kgs. 22-23; Zephaniah  
We Jer. 1-3  
Th Jer. 4-6  
Fr Jer. 7-9

Financial News . .

Weekend of 26/07/26

1<sup>st</sup> Plate £ 263:24  
Standing Orders £ 755:00  
Contactless £ 100:00  
1<sup>st</sup> Total £ 1,118:24  
2<sup>nd</sup> None

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection . . .

This Weekend 02/08/26

None  
Next Weekend 09/08/26  
None

Bite Size . . .

There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.

St Theresa of Jesus



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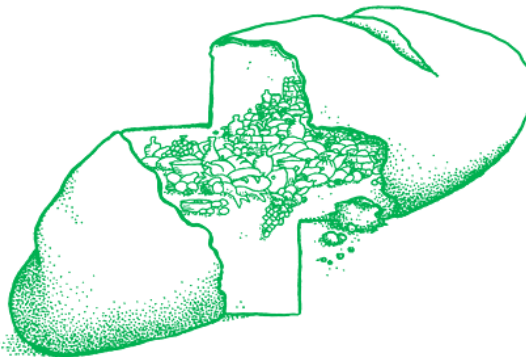
Jesus' sensitivity . . . . .

Poor Jesus can hardly get a break for some time to himself. When he hears that Herod beheaded his good friend and relative John the Baptist, Jesus tries to get away for awhile by heading off in a boat to a deserted place. He steps back onto land only to discover that the crowds have followed him. Jesus could easily be impatient and short with them in his sadness and grief, but instead, his instinctive response was to be moved with compassion for them.

After he cures the sick, his next compassionate response is to keep them safe and feed them, rather than sending them off in the dark from a deserted place. Jesus knew that many, probably most, of the people who flocked to him were poor people, and this crowd would have been no different. Although the disciples suggest he send them away to "buy food for themselves," Jesus knows many of them wouldn't have spare change for food. His sensitivity to their situation sparks more compassion, and

he feeds them until they are all satisfied.

Early followers of Jesus would have connected that miraculous feeding with the passage from Isaiah in the first reading today. "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost (Isa 55:2). In this case, the crowd eagerly accepts Jesus and his teaching, unlike sometimes when Phari sees or other religious leaders argue and try to pick fights with Jesus. The crowd here mirrors those in the Isaiah passage. They come to Jesus, they listen to him, and they heed him. In return, they are well-fed, and they receive life (Isa 55:3).



Questions of the week

- 1 Jesus experienced all the human emotions we experience. What do you imagine he was thinking and feeling when he heard John was killed?
- 2 Have you ever witnessed or heard of someone able to respond with compassion to others even in a time of their own grief? Please share.



"Come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost."

Sheepish Question:  
Wow—and why such measly gratitude?

Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

## Parish Office . . . . .

**Normal Office Hours :** Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

**Parish Secretary :** Sarah Cox (01932) 860244  
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**Newsletter Editorial :** Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

**Gift Aid Organiser :** Dan Meehan (01372) 456416  
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**Safeguarding Rep. :** Mark Hillas 07436 571060  
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## General Parish Information . . . . .

**Parishioner Registration :** Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

**Hospital :** If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

**Infant Baptism :** Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Sacramental Preparation :** Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31<sup>st</sup> August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

**Marriage Preparation :** Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Parish Car Park :** All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

**Important :** if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice. Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice. (Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

**NOTE :** the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



## Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . . .

Finally, it would appear that things are slowing down for the summer period and Fr D can start playing a bit of 'catch-up' and planning for the future . . . . .

Last weekend at all of our Masses we were fortunate to have someone from the 'Bethlehem Nativity Group' to explain something of the present situation for Catholics in the Holy Land and to display and sell some of their olive wood carvings in the Parish Centre afterwards.

On Monday morning the electrician came to install an unswitched fused spur in the Parish Office ready for the security engineers on Wednesday. We are very lucky to have discovered a really good electrician who is able to complete all of these small (but important) jobs for us as we make sure that our Parish 'plant' is up to date and safe - keeping the wolves of Health and Safety well away from us!

Having celebrated Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition Fr D was once more off down to the diocesan offices in Crawley to get on with his commitments at the Tribunal. At present he has two cases waiting for a judgement session that has been booked, another two cases that he is working on with a view to booking judgements, and an interview with one of his clients booked in.

Early on Wednesday morning the security engineers arrived at the Parish Centre to fit a new system for access to Sarah and the Parish Office. This is necessary because Sarah is classified as a 'lone worker' and as such needs to control who gets into the office whilst she is working. We have been looking at these works for over a year now and have looked at several different solutions, the chosen solution consists of an electric door lock that Sarah can open from inside the office after a video conversation. Once again, this should keep the Health and Safety wolves away from us! At lunchtime Fr D was meeting Fr Ruslan (Walton-on-Thames) for their monthly lunch - a chance for them both to catch up with the latest goings on in the diocese.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Thursday Fr D spent time preparing for the funeral of a parishioner that he was celebrating on the Friday. He was also on a mission to get the newsletter started as Sarah was having a day off on the Friday.

On Friday morning Fr D celebrated a requiem Mass in the church followed by a burial at Cobham cemetery . . . . .



## CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY YEAR A

Q W L O A V E S P L T H J E B  
R Y T G B V G S B X O A H T A  
F I S H L A N D E D W U S Q S  
B X E E J T B Q A P N I A J K  
J B W I F K H O O I S A T W E  
F T L W T Z N A A Q L G I C T  
O U A L B K Z O N T S S S T F  
L P T Q F I P K X K P B F M U  
L F E J H E A L E D S E I Z L  
O O C Q T T M L S C L F E C S  
W O G R J E S U S C L B D W C  
E T M F O Q S F O O D D J T A  
D Q G B J W E I Y M H E H P V  
D A V B U T D C C P E O P L E  
R P G S A V K S H K I F Q K U

### Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Matthew 14:20



LEFT  
THANKS  
ATE  
FOOT  
BASKETSFULS  
CROWDS  
FOOD  
PEOPLE  
LANDED  
TWELVE

SATISFIED  
LATE  
FOLLOWED  
HEALED  
JESUS  
TOWNS  
LOAVES  
FISH  
SICK  
BOAT

## Matthew 14:13-21

*Other Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18; Romans 8:35, 37-39*

Open your heart to God and spend some time meditating on what this phrase might mean for you. God may reveal something very specific over the coming days or weeks.

'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

## St John Vianney . . . . .

with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. John spent much of his time in the confessional, hearing the confessions of countless penitents. His understanding of human nature and compassion for sinners made him an effective confessor, and many experienced spiritual conversions through his guidance and prayers. He established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of

| DATE / MASS                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | WELCOME MINISTERS            | READERS      | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | REPOSITORY AFTER MASS    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| SATURDAY 19 A 08/08/26 18.00                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Still Required; please offer | J. Granström | N/A at present          | P. Hunt<br>A. Essien     |
| SUNDAY 19 A 09/08/26 09.00                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Still Required; please offer | D. McEvoy    | L. Kolber<br>D. Meehan  | M. Smyth<br>D. Westsmith |
| SUNDAY 19 A 09/08/26 11.00                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Still Required; please offer | J. McLucas   | J. Vizzini<br>E. Twist  | M. Smith<br>C. Kendall   |
| PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is <b>your responsibility</b> to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way. |                              |              |                         |                          |



OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK  
**UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS**



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank’s collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice
- ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk
- ⇒ Sweet Biscuits
- ⇒ Tinned Soup
- ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops
- ⇒ Savoury Biscuits
- ⇒ Tinned Rice Pudding
- ⇒ Tinned Custard
- ⇒ Hair Conditioner
- ⇒ Deodorant (Men & Women)
- ⇒ Shaving Foam
- ⇒ Tinned Meat
- ⇒ Floor Cleaner
- ⇒ Tinned Fish
- ⇒ Tinned Fruit
- ⇒ Pasta Sauce
- ⇒ Adult Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ⇒ Shower Gel
- ⇒ Sanitary Pads
- ⇒ Disposable Razors

Prayers Please . . . . .

**FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:**  
Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Judith Carson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.  
**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
Desmond Lawrence †

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**  
Sr Christine Bayley †  
Fr Gordon Brayshaw †  
Deacon Ivor Pelling †  
Fr William Janes †  
Fr Adrian Cadwallader †  
Canon Dermot MacHale †  
Canon John O'Connor †  
Fr Andrew Beer †  
Fr Michael Costello †  
Canon Eric Flood †

**HOLY FATHER’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:**  
“ . . . let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.”

For those who are unwell.....  
  
those who have died recently....  
  
those whose anniversaries occur.....  
  
the Holy Father’s Prayer Intention....

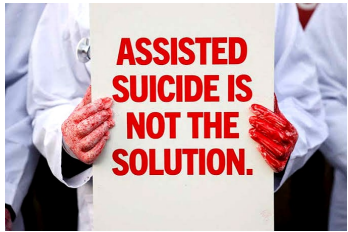


**THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP** - Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always. We would love to thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell our olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families in Bethlehem. We raised a magnificent **£ 2,742**. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. There are not enough words to thank Fr Daryl and the parishioners of the Sacred Heart, be assured that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, it is possible to place an order online directly at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)  
God bless you all. Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group.

**DREAMS FOR HOPE** - a local charity run by one of our parishioners (Jim Vizzini), provides beds for children in and around the Borough of Elmbridge who are suffering from bed poverty. Our local Waitrose in Cobham have chosen the ‘Dreams for Hope’ charity to take part in the Community Matters Scheme, one of only three charities to have been picked. The scheme runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> and you can help by dropping a token into the "Dreams For Hope" box when you exit the store. When Fr D was dropping off his tokens after a shop this week he thought that parishioners may have forgotten about the scheme - more tokens needed ! ! !



**TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS END OF LIFE BILL** - People from across our family of faith have welcomed comments made by the new Prime Minister Andy Burnham, on the Terminally Ill Adults End of Life Bill. The Bill - which was re-introduced to Parliament by Lauren Edwards MP in June - is due to be voted on in the House of Commons on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September despite strong opposition from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish groups, and significant ethical and medical concerns raised by organisations including the British Geriatrics Society, The Association of Palliative Medicine, Disability Rights UK and The Royal College of Psychiatrists. The Prime Minister affirmed his view that the funding of palliative and social care should be "fixed" before a change in the law to allow Assisted Dying (also referred to as Assisted Suicide) is considered, highlighting his belief that: "it is very challenging to introduce [the] wider debate in a context of people not receiving that care and having peace of mind about that care." It is thought that the Government will hold a neutral position on the Bill, with people of all faiths and none who oppose the legislation urged to contact their MP before September’s parliamentary vote. Archbishop John Sherrington (lead Bishop for ‘Life issues’) said: "It is highly significant that the Prime Minister has confirmed his position about the need for proper palliative and social care ahead of the Second Reading of the fundamentally flawed *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* in September. People who are dying are vulnerable and need compassionate care and spiritual accompaniment until their last breath." Among the several problematic issues identified in the draft legislation: "The Bill leaves many matters unresolved regarding its practical application and its profound implications for those who are disabled or vulnerable. Rather than any consideration of assisted suicide, our society should surely be addressing the need to establish and resource a universal provision of palliative care across the country."



## FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST 2026/7

Application Forms for next year’s 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Programmes are now available from the Sacristy after our weekend Masses.

Prospective candidates:

- need to have been born before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019,
- be in at least Year 3 when schools re-commence in September,
- and, of course, be attending our weekend and Holy Day Masses along with their family.

It is very difficult to imagine that anyone who is not presently worshipping along with our community on a regular basis could possibly be prepared and ready to receive these important sacraments of Christian growth within the next year.

Parents only (*not grandparents or friends*) should collect the application which needs to be completed and returned by 18.00 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 (sorry, no late applications can be accepted).