
**WELCOME TO THE
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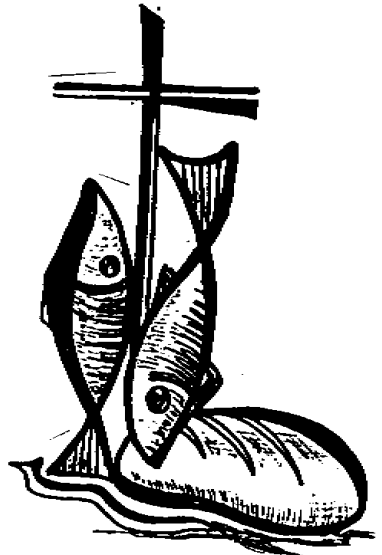
PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th July 2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all
who were sitting ready.*

First Reading	2 Kings 4:42-44
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 144:10-11. 15-18
Second Reading	Eph 4:1-6
Gospel	Jn 6:1-15



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY: For the next five weeks the cycle of Readings departs from St Mark's Gospel. Instead of giving us his account of the feeding of the 5000, we are given instead that contained in St John's Gospel followed by Our Lord's explanation of the meaning of the Bread of Life. There is a twofold reason for this. At a purely practical level St Mark's Gospel is considerably shorter than the others and so is not long enough to provide the Gospel for every Sunday of Ordinary time in year B. From a theological point of view Our Lord's Bread of Life Discourse is essential for our understanding of the Eucharist, and since we hear St John's Gospel mostly during Lent and Easter, this provides an opportunity for us to reflect more extensively on this great mystery. In a purely material sense Jesus is shown as a greater prophet than Elisha. Instead of one hundred men fed from twenty loaves five thousand are fed from just five loaves and two small fish. The miraculous nature of what has happened is underscored by the twelve hampers of scraps left over. However, for St John what matters is not so much that five thousand are fed but rather that we see this as a sign. From the Last Supper onwards until the end of time Our Lord will perform the even greater miracle of transforming bread and wine into his Body and Blood not simply in the minds of the faithful but objectively – a mystery theologians call 'transubstantiation'.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick or house bound.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Zlatka Krizman, Delino Cecconi, Pauline French, William Lewsey, Angela Mather, Joyce Parker, Timothy Cotton* and *Kane Seaman* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

AUGUST HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS: These days it is virtually impossible to obtain 'religious worker' visas for priests from overseas who would like to visit England during the Summer and so weekend cover is not available – except for Sunday 23rd September when we have a 'Red Box' Mission appeal from the APF. As a result I will be away Mondays to Thursdays during August, so there will be no Mass Tuesday to Thursday apart from the week beginning 13th August due to the Feast of the Assumption. In an emergency, please contact **Fr David Prior** at Witham (01376 512219) or **Fr Tom Lavin** at Lexden (01206 576898).

WANTED FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY - A 2 OR 3 BEDROOM RENTAL PROPERTY: Organised under the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme. If you have a property anywhere in the Braintree District or know someone who has, please let your Parish Priest know or District Coordinator: david.brett1@talktalk.net

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd July - £751.74.**