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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year, 4th August 2024, The further hunger



The Israelites gathering manna. Ercole de Roberti, around 1490

Scriptures at Mass

Exodus 16:2-4.12-15 God feeds his people in the desert.

Ephesians 4:17.20-24

St Paul urges the Ephesians to live lives in keeping with their baptismal calling.

John 6:24-35 Jesus declares that he himself is the true bread from heaven, of which manna, provided by Moses, was but a foreshadowing.

Parish Mass Book page 114 **Prayer of the Church** Week 2

The Word of the Lord A new translation of the Lectionary, the books from which the scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, will be used from Advent this year. We have ordered these, including a beautiful processional Book of the Gospels. We are very grateful for a generous parishioner's donation towards the cost. We have paid a third of the approximately £1500 cost. If anyone else wishes to help with the purchase, perhaps dedicating a volume in memory of a loved one, please let Canon Gerard know. Thank you.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 3rd August

5 pm Reconciliation

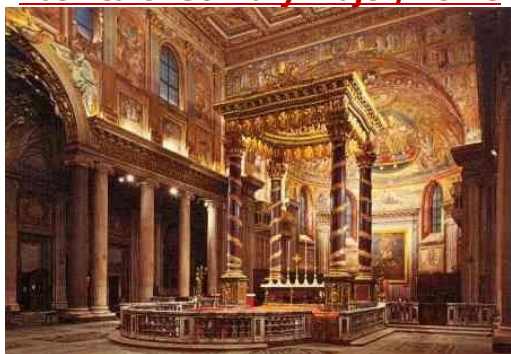
6 pm Vigil Mass the people of the Parish

4th August

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Alice & Peter Edge RIP

Monday 5th August The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome



10 am Mass Intentions of Noble

Tuesday 6th August

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday 7th August St Sixtus II

10 am Mass Intentions of Frances Murphy

10.30 am Adoration until 11.30 am

Thursday 8th August St Dominic

Friday 9th August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10 am Mass Cecilia Mendonza RIP (Hensel)

Saturday 10th August St Laurence

6 pm Vigil Mass James Griffiths

& for the people of the Parish

11th August

Eighteenth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Polly & Alec Alexander RIP & Severs baptism

Welcome to Mairead and Cora O'Hare, baptised here last weekend.

Crumbs! Thank you to everyone who brought, bought and sold last weekend at our Cake Sale. We raised £271.70. If you want to boost this total some cakes will emerge this weekend from the freezer for your delectation!

Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in becoming part of the Church? Or do you have child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? **Alpha** We invite you to a ten-week programme which runs this autumn. To ensure that everyone can join in there are two weekly opportunities:

- Mondays from 23rd September, 1 – 3 pm, freeing you for school's end &
- Tuesday evenings from 24th September from 7 – 9 pm beginning with a simple soup, bread, cheese and fruit supper.

After this we will enrol children for First Holy Communion and prepare those who wish to join the Church with their own programme.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated with a Vigil Mass at 6 pm on Wednesday 14th August and with 10 am Mass on Thursday 15th August.

Quiz Night On Saturday 10th August after 6 pm Mass everyone has the opportunity to shine, displaying their knowledge and acuity of memory! Teams of six are invited to take part for the chance of fabulous(ish) prizes and public glory. Gather teams, snacks, drinks & hilarious team names now!

Monday's Feast is one of the oldest in the Catholic Church. It commemorates the dedication of the restored Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the largest Church honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary in Rome, pictured above. The original Church was built between 351 and 366. The Feast Day is also referred to as Our Lady of Snows; the name originating from an old legend where snow is said to have fallen to signify the spot where Mary wished the Church to be built. It's another great day to celebrate God's gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary to all of us.

O Maria, transform my heart unto thine. Place around it a wreath of purity, adorned in virtue.

Take my heart, dear Mother, consecrated as your own. Present it to God the Father as an offering from me to you. Help me O Maria in each day to make your heart more known.

Amen. Glory be to the...

