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Newsletter for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th August 2024 *The Scriptures at Mass: Food for the journey*

1 Kings 19:4-8 The first reading tells of the broken and dispirited Elijah being fed by an angel and being able to walk all the way to the mountain of the Lord.



An Angel gives bread and water to Elijah, Peter Paul Rubens 1577 – 1640

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

St Paul urges the Ephesians to walk in the way of love and thus live up to their calling.

John 6:41-51 Jesus is the new manna from heaven. Those who eat this food will live forever.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 10th August St Laurence

6 pm Vigil Mass James Griffiths
& for the people of the Parish

11th August

Nineteenth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Polly & Alec Alexander RIP &
Severs baptism

Monday 12th August St Jane de Chantal

Tuesday 13th August Feria

10 am Mass Scott RIP (Rani)
*Catholic Grandparents meet after Mass and
welcome any who wish to join them for prayer
and reflection of their particular role.*

Wednesday 14th August

St Maximilian Kolbe

6 pm Vigil Mass for the Assumption

Thursday 15th August

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10 am Mass Dom Boniface Moran RIP
Adoration until 11.30 am

Friday 16th August St Stephen

10 am Mass for the people of
Havant Pastoral Area

Saturday 17th August

Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation
6 pm Vigil Mass John McEntee RIP

18th August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass the people of the Parish
and with the baptism of Aurora

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Townsend RIP, mother of Liz Barnden. Helen died last Monday. We pray for all who mourn loved ones and for all who are ill at this time.

Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in becoming part of the Church? Or do you have a child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? We invite you to join a ten-week **Alpha** programme this autumn. To help everyone 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.

Vocation Direction Canon Gerard writes: *Since 2004 I have been blessed to do this work at the request of Bishops Crispian and Philip. I have journeyed with men from the time when they have had just an inkling of an idea that Jesus might be calling them to the sacred priesthood to the moment when the Bishop ordains them. There are now, by my best estimate, twenty-three priests in the diocese with whom I have been privileged to help them on their vocational way. Another eleven are in formation for the priesthood and several men are making serious inquiries. I am grateful that Bishop Philip has agreed to my request to pass on this work to someone with fresh eyes and ears. Our new Vocations Director is Fr Christopher Heaps of St James & St William of York Parish in Reading. Fr Chris and I have worked alongside each other these past months to ensure a good handover. Ellen McCarthy will continue to support the work with the gracious and meticulous administrative skills without which it cannot be done! Please pray for Fr Chris, pray for our seminarians and pray as well for men to hear the call to the priesthood. We pray for those whom God is calling to serve him in the priesthood and religious life. May they sense that call with greater clarity and have the courage to respond generously. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Quiz Night This 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!

