

The Parish of

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4th August 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 77:3 & 4bc, 23-24, 25 & 54; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35

Sat	3	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Dame Benedicta Scott (Vigil Mass)
Sun	4	10.30am Noon	Abbess Gertrude Baker (streamed) <i>Baptism: Indie Rae Hebdidge</i>
Mon	5	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> May & Danny Feeley
Tue	6	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Maura Roche <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium at 11.00am for Irene Noble
Wed	7	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i> Tony Gill
Thu	8	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St Dominic</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Eric John Mattocks Requiem Mass at 11.30am in Douai Abbey for Fr. Boniface Here's the link for the live-stream https://youtube.com/live/BweYLoZjsTg?feature=share.
Fri	9	9.15am 9.30am	<i>Feast of St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> Josephine Graham

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Sat	10	4.00pm 5.00pm	<i>Feast of St Lawrence</i> <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4.45pm</i> Elizabeth Hughes (Vigil Mass)
Sun	11	10.30am Noon	Edith (Bobby) Chase (streamed) <i>Baptisms: Esme Lily Gell & Constance Kennedy</i>

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Anne's church

We are enraptured by the shining sun, dancing flowers and chirping of birds. We are joyful to visit many places in summer and planned to enjoy our holidays. At the same time, we have seen the recent incidents that occurred at Southport where many people who like to visit and spend their holidays had encountered loss of lives, horrendous situations and escalating violence. We offered our sincere prayers for the children who lost their precious life and the parents who experienced irreparable loss of the dear ones and those who are in critical condition and we, as Christians, continue to pray for them. It is needless to say, the people who live in Southport experienced unexpected trauma and fear and their joy turned into sorrow. We pray for peace and non-violence and wish that peace and harmony may prevail in our society and around the world today. In light of all these occurrences, we look at the Sunday readings that focus on Jesus' words' "I am the bread of life."

In the first reading of today, the Israelites began to complain about lack of food stuff and meat in the desert. They completely forgot about the true freedom and joy of redemption from slavery but were easily preoccupied with food and drink in the house of bondage. In a way, they turned out to be perpetual grumblers! They had a short-term memory and were unaware of being enslaved by the task masters and the rulers. Moreover, they were accustomed to remaining in servitude rather than being in the state of freedom. However, God never gave up on the people of Israel and satisfied their physical hunger with Manna from heaven and quails. God relented and maintained his patience whenever people gossiped and complained about His doings. Indeed, God's magnanimity surpasses human weaknesses!

In the gospel, Jesus enlightened the minds of the people and brought them to a higher state of life that can be possible with the bread of life that is different from food materials that sustain their physical body. Human body is constituted by DNA and we understand human beings are rational, intelligent, emotional, social, sensual and spiritual beings. Abraham Maslow speaks of hierarchy of human needs such as basic needs (food, shelter and clothing), safety and security, love and belonging, self-esteem and higher need as self-actualization. We all operate in this line and it is quite innate in every living person. Jesus shows completely a different path, a road less travelled. Jesus' food is to do the will of God who sent him to accomplish his work in the world (Jn 4:34). In his temptation account, he confronted the devil and said, "Man doesn't live on bread alone but every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4). It is quite challenging to fast and feast on God's word. Jesus is the

living water and living bread that can satisfy our deepest spiritual hunger. This spiritual hunger can be quenched by the Word and Bread.

When we conscientiously, consciously and convincingly receive his word and live by his word, then we experience Jesus as the living bread who makes his home in our hearts. In this way, we put on the mind of Christ (Phil 2:5) and become the new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17). Jesus showed that higher need is to be like him, the bread of life: to be broken and shared for the sake of others. Whenever we approach Jesus in the form of Holy Communion, we touch him reverently and consume him in faith so that we can reflect him in our life. Jesus, the living bread, can satisfy the hunger of the world today. The living bread gives life, freedom and peace. This living bread is an answer to our problems that we encounter in society today.

Wishing you all a hope-filled summer season!

Joseph

Special Prayers for Southport

St. Anne's Church sends our heartfelt condolences, love and deepest sympathies to the victims, loved ones and everyone affected by the tragic events which took place on Monday. We stand in solidarity with the community of Southport and would like to remind everyone that the church is open daily midweek until 2.00pm (with the exception of Wednesday) to all those who may wish to sit in silence, say quiet prayers or light candles in memory of the victims.

Anniversaries to 10 August 2024 (Last 10 yrs).

Francis William Atherton, Clive Harwood, Pamela Gladys Hodgson.

Please pray for the sick in our parish:

Derek Berkley, Ann Brown, John Casey, Chris Coyne, Jean Daunt, Mike Devlin, Margaret Halsall, Stephen Hankin-Hallsworth, Stan Ludlow, Hughie McGinley, May Mitchell, Jeannette Murphy, Stella O'Keefe, John Orritt, Ann Potter, Stella Potter, James Rolfe, Frances Smith, Sandra Sugden, Richard Sutherland, Maureen Taylor, Joan Whelan, Nadia.



Recently Sick: *Pauline McDonnell who is due to undergo eye surgery, and more prayers needed for Alicia O'Toole and her baby Ava who are both back in hospital.*

St Anne's News

Fr. Boniface's Funeral: Fr Boniface's body will be brought into the Abbey Church on Wednesday 7th and the funeral will be at 11:30am on Thursday 8th August.

Here's the link for the

livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/BweYLoZjsTq?feature=share>.

Upon his return, Fr Godric will arrange a Requiem Mass here at St Anne's for Fr Boniface.

Graveyard: A reminder to parishioners that the graveyard is full and no more new burial plots are available. We would suggest people consider using West Lancs Crematorium which has a catholic burial site.

Quiet Prayer: Our church is open until 2.00pm midweek (except on Wednesday) for Quiet Prayer.

Outdoor Mass: We shall celebrate Mass outdoors on Saturday 24th August.

Clothing Donations: At this moment we are not collecting clothes. If you do have unwanted clothing items, please can you take directly to your local charity shop. Many thanks.



A memorial book is at the back of church.

We would like to invite parishioners to express their condolences and to share their happy memories of our dear Father Boniface.

Car Parking

We have 11 spaces in the Parish car park designated for use by disabled drivers:
2 either side of the entrance to the Parish Centre
4 at the side of the building, by the steps to the terrace
3 at the end of the rear car park, near the graveyard.

To help reduce unauthorised use of these parking spaces, we ask that Blue Badge holders display their badges clearly when parked up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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