

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm: You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old. (Ps 109).

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord; Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

AND FINALLY... A wee reflection from Fr Paul.

The Vatican under Pope Francis continues to spring surprises. It has just published a document on Gender Theory called '*Male and Female He Created Them*'. It hasn't gone down too well in the LGBT community, but to give the document its due, it is not a condemnation of anything but an invitation to dialogue. Instead of being issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which is the heavyweight department that tends to say, 'No, you can't do it!', it was issued by the Congregation for Catholic

Education and is intended for schools, mainly, where the request for guidance came from in the first place. The Church states its position that God created us either male or female and it is not up to us to choose our gender at will. No surprises there. However, the document is aware of the nuances, and difficulties, surrounding this issue; and it recognises that there

are some who genuinely feel at odds with their physical and socially ascribed gender. The critics say the drafters of the document should have listened more to those who experience such anguish, but it is an invitation, as the subtitle of the document says, 'towards a path of dialogue'. I happen to know the Cardinal, Giuseppe Versaldi, who signed it off. He lived with

the Augustinians in Rome while studying psychology. He's a clinical psychologist, having specialised in marital problems as a priest, and was a diocesan bishop before becoming a Cardinal and head of the Congregation for Education. *He was also a nifty footballer - and all my time with him in Rome I never saw him once wearing a clerical collar! But it was the 1970s.*

Feasts of the Week

Mon 24 June

Birth of John the Baptist

Fri 28 June

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat 29 June

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Next Sunday:

The Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul



23rd June 2019—Corpus Christi (C)

DID YOU KNOW....?

A few weeks ago, we featured an article in the bulletin about the origin of the Stations of the Cross in our church. Continuing on the same theme, did you know that the statue of Our Lady at the front of our church was also specifically commissioned for St Joseph's, once again at the request of Fr MacCabe.



Prior to the installation of the current statue, we had a "nice, but ordinary" clay statue of Our Lady. However, Fr MacCabe, who had a passion for the liturgy and parish renewal, wanted Our Lady to look more realistic, and closer to the age she would have been with the Infant Christ, so he commissioned a French artist to design a new statue. Upon inspection of the statue, there are no distinguishing features revealing the artist, so further digging will be needed, and the results will be featured in this series of articles.

One contact we have is Canon Urquhart, who was Curate at St Joseph's under Fr MacCabe. Recently retired, his last posting was to the parish of St Mary of the Angels in Camelon (small world, as this is where we recently acquired our new candlesticks and candlestands).

We have contacted Canon Urquhart to see if he can remember any historical details from his time at St Joseph's, in preparation from our upcoming anniversary celebrations next year, and look forward to hearing what he has to tell us in due course.

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Confession: Saturday 10am or on request.

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£481.55

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£545.21

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ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC (RCIA): This course is now over until 3rd October. Anyone who is interested, please speak to Fr Paul.

LEGION OF MARY meets on Sundays after 11am mass. New members are always welcome. If you wish a home visit from the

Legion put your name on the clipboard at the back of the church and they will come and pray for your intentions with a statue of Our Lady.

'LIVING MONSTRANCE' CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP meets every Sunday after the 11am Mass in church. All are welcome. **It will not take place today because of the Corpus Christi procession.**



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION will take place after the post-communion prayer at the 11am Mass today. The procession will go around the church and in through the hall fire exit door, concluding with a simple Benediction (Blessing with the recently restored Monstrance).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 18th August—
Pensioners' Outing. Please see clipboard provided.

Wednesday 28th August—
Feast of St Augustine. Mass (7pm) followed by BBQ in the parish house.

Tuesday 10th September—
Parish Council Meeting

GIFT AID

Forms are permanently available in the church porch for any taxpayers who wish to join.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR next rehearsals on Saturday 6 and 20 July 4pm. Those who are interested, please contact Gosia Golenia on 07588 711 863

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Today Michael Willis will be making an appeal after Communion. ACN is a Pontifical Foundation and accountable to the Holy See, and its purpose is to support the suffering and persecuted Church around the world. There will be a **second collection** immediately after the appeal. **Gift aid envelopes are available.** Please be generous.

AUGUSTINIAN LAITY CONGRESS 19-25**JUNE**

Chris Dempsey, our representative, got to Rome later than anticipated on Wednesday after his flights were delayed. He says there's a great sense of a global gathering. They are looking at role of Christian witness in today's world. Please keep the congress in your prayers, and Chris is praying for St Joseph's.



It is planned to start work on **painting the external wall around the church** this Saturday 29th June. If you would like to volunteer some time to help, please contact John Tait or Fr Paul.

The next Messy Church will take place on Sunday 7th July from 12.45pm -

2.30pm in **St David's**. The theme is **holidays** and it is planned to have a BBQ so please advise in advance of any dietary requirements. Follow us on Facebook for more info

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messychurchbroomhouse](http://www.facebook.com/messychurchbroomhouse)

2020: 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH and 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE AUGUSTINIANS

The Parish Council are making preparations to celebrate this event. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Ewan Walker.

'ST JOSEPH'S HELPERS' – this is the new name of the group of volunteers in the parish who wish to help the elderly and housebound with practical jobs in their homes. The organiser is Jozef Pietrzak, who will speak about it at all the masses next Sunday. The contact details are: 07856 565 146 and stjosephshelpers2019@gmail.com

Fr Sean is on his annual summer leave until 9 July, helping as usual in a parish in Northern Ireland. *Have a well-earned break, Fr Sean!*

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www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk