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**August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Ministers of the Word:** Sarah & Paul R; Tessa & Gillian; Liz & Pat

**Ministers of Communion:** Liam & ???; Silvana, Pat M, & Maria C; Phillipa & Justine H

**Eucharistic Prayer Preface II Preface VII**

**Please Pray for the Welfare of our Sick People  
and those who care for them.**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US**

**Please pray for all those who at this time are have hospital  
treatment, those who rely on others for help and their  
carers.**

**We pray for Hazel Coleman and her family**

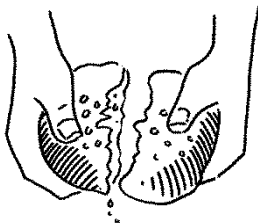
**Bitesize**

He does not believe who does not live according to his belief.

~Thomas Fuller

## **Gospel Reflection for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### **Feeding Faith**



We are almost fifty years on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. “How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?” “How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?” It seems

that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It’s far easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It’s good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly incapable of belief.

Put yourself In Jesus’ shoes. You’ve worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn’t just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. “I am the living bread, that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they’ve witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. “Who’s he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he’s from ... how can he have come down from heaven?” Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus’ shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. “I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever.” If we share in Christ’s Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.

### **Summer Reading and Peace Planning 2018**

A selection of Summer reading is now available from the Pax Christi online shop. Download the flyer for more information on books, cards and resources to help you in your peace planning this summer.

*Pax Christi.org.uk*

## **Maximilian Kolbe**

### **August 14th**



Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.

## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **15th August**



Today's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. We might not feel as though we have a vocation, but if we have even the smallest motivation to change the world, perhaps we have a vocation after all.

## **Take Only Pictures and Leave Nothing But Footprints**

### **Summer Eco Advice**

We are reminded this summer when visiting the beach to leave it exactly as we found it. Take every bit of litter home, especially plastics, and recycle.

## **CAFOD Summer Holiday Fundraising**

CAFOD invite us to share six ideas for summer holiday fundraising, including sponsored walks and jam making. Visit this page at [cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Summer-fundraising-ideas](http://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Summer-fundraising-ideas).

## **WEBSITE: ALL NEW**

We went live on Tuesday. [www.newentcatholic.org.uk](http://www.newentcatholic.org.uk).

## **ROTAS FOR PARISH VOCATIONS**

Are you a minister? Are you a sacristan? Are you a server? Are you a welcomer? The Rotas for August are published on the website; and we now have to think about September. Just because we have to change, our vocations do not necessarily change. Would you please advise whoever does the rota for your ministry whether you will or will not be able to help after September? If you feel that you can only join us once a month or every two months we would still like you to continue your ministry, if possible. If you are someone called to a particular ministry or know of someone else who is called to this ministry please let Gail, or a member of the Steering Committee know.

## **PRAYER MINISTERS**

As part of our ministry we are going to offer prayer ministry after Mass every Sunday. We will have a couple of people who are willing to pray with people for their specific needs and have gone through a training process.. We have witnessed healing and miracles through this ministry so please take advantage of the time that these people offer.

## **PARISH CENSUS**

Because of the new laws concerning data we now need explicit consent for sick, for the website, and for the parish directory, without them you may not be included in many things coming from the office and on the website. I have included some examples with the Census. I will need a signature for every person over 12. If you are not sure please speak to me. There is also a secure post box in the porch of the office, please use it for the census. Thank you Tom for putting it up. Gail

## **THIS WEEK**

## **Psalter 3**

**Please note all the activities at NOAH'S CAMP .**

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	5.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation Mass Newent Mass Coleford	
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Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am 9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass – Newent Mass – Cinderford Mass – Blaisdon Mass – Ledbury	Intention: people of this parish.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Living Faith Camp Age 7-11 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Noah's Camp 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Mass Adoration Speaker Christy Wimber at Noah's Camp	Intention: Our Lady's Intentions
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Speaker Christy Wimber at Noah's Camp <b>Fr John to say Mass at Noah's Camp</b> Speaker Christy Wimber at Noah's Camp	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am  6.30pm	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Speaker - Charles Whitehead at Noah's Camp <b>Mass with Coffee and Chat</b> Mass Father Gabriel Joseph at Noah's Camp Taize with Martin Mason leading Fr John Eze speaking	Intention: In honour of God the Father
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm	Speaker Fr Gabriel Joseph at Noah's Camp <b>Fr Aidan Murray to say Mass at Noah's Camp</b> Speaker Niklas Carlson	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am  11.00am 5.30pm 6.30pm	Speaker Fr Gabriel Joseph at Noah's Camp Mass with Fr Gabriel Adoration and Reconciliation <b>Mass</b>	Office: Ann Shaw
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	5.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation Mass Newent Mass Coleford	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am 9.00am 11.00am  11.00am	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass – Newent Mass – Cinderford Mass – Blaisdon at Blaisdon Church Mass – Sedbury	Intention Blaisdon: People of this parish.

**Next Week's Readings:** Prov 9: 1-6; Ps 33; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58.

**Ministers of the Word:** Helen H & Mike T; Chris R & Robin N; Vin & Janet

**Ministers of Communion:** Tony H & Peter; Maria G, Debbie & Bea Page; David & Helen

## **Looking Forward**

### **GET SPORTEd**

**For Age 7-11 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> August at Newent Community School**

10-4 each day Psalms – Active Faith for the Next Generation. £4 per child per day or £8 per family per day. If you are interest and would like more information or the application form contact St Marys Church Office or [www.psalms.uk.net](http://www.psalms.uk.net) under Event Booking Section.

### **UPTON BISHOP MILLENNIUM HALL – WI**

An evening with QUENTIN LETTS Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
£10 including a glass of wine.

Tickets available from Clare Bell 01989 780282

### **RAF CENTENARY**

There will be a Centenary Celebration Service in conjunction with the United Reformed Church in Newent 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 11am. See Tom Heseltine for more information.

### **CYMFed Flame 2019**

The biggest Catholic Youth event in England & Wales is back! Young people from across the Clifton Diocese aged 14-25 are invited to join Bishop Declan at Flame in Wembley Arena on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. Clifton Diocese Youth Ministry are offering ticket, travel & Diocesan scarf all for just £50 per person. Places are filling up fast, so go to [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) or contact your Parish Priest for more details and to book your place.

**The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage Triduum** During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. Clifton Cathedral dates TBC – for updates please see <http://dowrytour.org.uk/> It will come to Belmont Abbey 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, with schools going on the Friday. See the website for further details.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

13<sup>TH</sup> October 10am to 1pm at Apostle Room Clifton Cathedral.

This formation morning welcomes all those who work to enable the children in our parishes to hear and reflect upon the word of God through Children's Liturgy. For catechists and children's workers. All welcome.

## **CELEBRATE Bristol - 27th - 28th October 2018**

**"See, I am doing a new thing!" - Isaiah 43:19(NIV)**

A Conference for the whole family! A non-residential weekend including tailored 'streams' for all ages of children and young adults. This year keynote speakers, Michelle Moran, and David Wells, will be 'unpacking' an exciting theme. In addition there will be workshops, seminars, praise and worship, prayer ministry, Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. The event is hosted by Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Bede's Catholic College, BS11 0SU.

Further details to be found at [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

## **INVITATION**

**Fr John's last Mass will be at Blaisdon at 11am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018. He will be travelling to Ireland the following day. Blaisdon are inviting us all to join them for a bring and share lunch to say a special good bye to Father. For further information watch this space or contact Clare Viner. Gift envelopes will shortly be available.**



### **From the August Come and SEE**

#### **The prayer of Jabez**

Oh that you would bless me indeed,  
And enlarge my territory,  
That your hand would be with me,  
And that you would keep me from evil.  
Amen

(Another prayer from the bible that helped Pat in her journey of faith)

### **The next COME AND S.E.E.**

We look forward to Siobhan Smith coming to speak about her walk with Christ and how Spiritual Direction is an important part of her life. The first Thursday in September.

## **COLLECTIONS**

The collection for w/e 22/7/18 was £238-70.

The collection for w/e 29/7/18 was £244-50.

The second collection for the Bishop's Charitable Fund was £155-22.

**Poem for the Assumption**  
**The Kingdom is the Lord's      by Father Ambrose**

The two old women by the mother's bed  
Keened into silence and a swaying sleep.  
It was not long before the dawn would break.  
John, in the other room, was still awake,  
Remembering the words her son had said.  
At last they left him and his sleep was deep.

The mother had not stirred since afternoon;  
She lay in the brief peace of those who rest  
Between a sickbed and another bed;  
A slight breeze brushed the unresponsive  
head;  
The grey hair faintly in the fading moon  
Stirred white; the rough hands rested on her  
breast.

The caller did not knock. He stooped and  
entered;  
He did not close the door; he made no  
sound.  
The weary women in their heavy rest  
Slept on. He raised his giant hand and  
blessed  
Them with a moment's cross, and then he  
centred  
His slow smile where the sleep was more  
profound.

Stooping again, as lightly as a child  
Takes in his arms a kitten from the floor,

He knelt and pressed his heavy arms around  
The silent mother and he made no sound;  
He rose as tall as the low room would let; he  
smiled  
Downward to her and tiptoed to the door.

The sun was rising as he stepped outside.  
His warm arms warded off the morning chill.  
The moon was the balloon a playful child  
Drops from the top window. The planets filed  
In circles all about. From high the guide  
Of golden light (not sunlight) reached to fill

The lower blue with gold. Soon all was gold.  
The sleeping mother in his arms was set  
In gold. "Do you not hear the songs that  
guide  
Us through and to the light?" he asked. She  
tried  
To speak, or so it seemed. She was not old.  
Her eyes opened. "Joseph," she said. "Not  
yet,"

He said, "but soon." She saw and smiled. "I  
told  
Them you would come for me." She closed  
her eyes.  
He met her at the singing of the gold.

**PUDDING AND PIMMS – WOMEN V CANCER**

**Thank you to everyone that attended. Over 50 people attended  
and £500 was raised. Don't tell me some of you are reading the  
Newsletter!!! 😊**