



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch

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NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Canon Chris' Day off: Wednesday.

1st and 2nd August – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm Response: You open your hand and fulfill us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Together these readings remind me that our faith is not one in which we are seeking for things to get individually better, but that whatever we go through we'll be in the love and care of God who in love also calls us to be with and for others in love. We are called outside our own anxieties and worries to see the love of God already active, to enter into that love, and to act in response to that love to God and others.

These readings also remind me of the recent readings of the Parable of the Sower and lessons about God rather than what is our temptation to think about what kind of soil we are (another reflection piece I saw pointed out it was not called the Parable of the Four Soils). The parable speaks of a Sower who sows without worrying about running out of seeds. In the gospel we see a presumably brokenhearted Jesus withdrawing after hearing of John's death, who in his own sorrow is still moved to pity for the crowd and feeds them in health and food. There is a consistent message of a God of love who shares love and grace without end and beyond our needs, with enough left over to fill many baskets.

The invitation to all from Isaiah, and Paul's letter showing that absolutely nothing separates us from the love of God emphasise this love-giving God. It sounds like the model of Christ for Christians is to bring what we have, even if it is only five loaves and two fish, and allow ourselves to be united with the love that God is so freely and wantonly shared with us all, and help others to see the love that is already being shared with all by God.

As St. Faustina said: *Jezu ufam tobie (Jesus I trust in You)*.

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ANDOVER CATENIANS PARISH BBQ – SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST

We are delighted to invite you to our Annual Parish BBQ
on **Sunday 23rd August** at St John the Baptist Church.



Drinks will be available after the 10:30am Mass, with food being served from 12:15pm.

Tickets are available from the Catenians after the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday 10:30am Mass
at St John the Baptist Church, from now until the day of the event.

Your ticket includes: a burger and a sausage (each served in a bun); side salads and a dessert

Ticket prices: Adults: £6.00 Children (7 and under): Free (a ticket is still required for catering purposes)

Discounted family tickets are also available. Both cash and card payments are accepted. There will also be a Charity Raffle.

If you are able, we would be very grateful if you could donate a raffle prize to help support this year's charitable cause.

We look forward to seeing you there for an enjoyable afternoon of good food, fellowship, and fun!

Baptism Course Evening

The next pre-Baptism evening course will be on **Wednesday 16th September** from 7.00pm to approximately 9.00pm in the Parish Hall. Completion of the session is required before booking a baptism. To register for the course, please email / telephone the Parish Office. Both parents are requested to attend - not children - and must be registered with the Parish.

A Plea from the Office!

Please, please, take 5 minutes of your time to **register with the parish** via the Parish Website It's a simple 'click the link' to fill in the online form, one form for each member of your household – there is a separate link for adults and children.

I only have 356 adults and 105 children currently registered – there are so many more of you out there!

Following the success of the Parish International Day, a total of £357 was raised for the Andover Foodbank.

A huge thank you to everyone!

MASS INTENTIONS FROM 1st August – 16th August.

Congratulations to Chloe Eveena Goloran Greig and Caleb Jacob Earle who are to be baptised this weekend.

Sat. 1st August Andover Mass 10.00am followed by Exposition and Confessions St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial. Annette Maud Cassel RIP

Sat. 1st Andover Mass 6.00pm Clifford and Eileen Ramsbag RIP - Anniversary

Sunday 2nd August – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am For the People of the Parish

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am Fred Tarrant RIP - Anniversary

Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August – No Masses or Services

No 10.00am Mass on Saturday 8th August

Congratulations to Cesar Onel-Marambio who is to be baptised this weekend.

This weekend we welcome Father Bruce Barnes who is to celebrate our Masses this weekend.

Sat. 8th August Andover Mass 6.00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday 9th August - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am Donald Watkins RIP

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am Felix Okafor RIP

Monday 10th August – Friday 14th August – No Masses or Services.

Monday 10th August 11.00am - Burial of Ashes of Ben Dunne RIP at St John the Baptist.

No 10.00am Mass on Saturday 15th August.

Congratulations to James David Michael Jordan who is to be baptised this weekend.

This Saturday we welcome Fr Simon Everson who will be celebrating the Saturday Evening Mass for us.

Sat. 15th August Andover Mass 6.00pm Holy Souls in reparation and thanksgiving.

Sunday 16th August – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Whitchurch Mass 8.30am For the People of the Parish

Farleigh School Mass 10.00am -

Andover Mass 10.30am Holy Souls in reparation and thanksgiving.

Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Fiona Hilleard, Tony Fabian, Helen O'Connell, Douglas Manning, Diane Mahoney, Rita Casey, Carol Keenan, Eileen Wharton, Oran Keenan, Margarita Hardiman, Robert Colledge, Eileen Price, Concepta Cuddihy, Frank Hinds, Clan Furtado, Lisa Rammage, Susanne Church, Sandy Saunders, Margaret Blair, Pat Middleton and Angelo and Angela Alvarez.

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School's 50th Anniversary Podcast

To celebrate its 50th Anniversary an ex-student, Simon Jones and now owner of a Podcast Company – The Bonjour Agency - has been recording a series of episodes recalling memories of the school. There are interviews with retired members of staff, ex-students (including students from the first cohort), a Priest who recalls the early days of the planning of the school and then right up to date with some current students and staff. They are wonderful to listen to and provide a great insight into the history of the school and how it has become a special place for so many. They can be heard here:

iPhone on: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-bishop-challoner-school-podcast/id1886147202>

Spotify on: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4bKhst18o1jIMOkMYy4RGi?si=4f29ddcb195547d8>

Thank you very much for your continued support of the school, it is greatly appreciated.

Tuesday after Mass Tea, Coffee and Cake.

There will be no refreshments in August, the next one will be after the 10.00am Mass on **Tuesday 1st September.**

A huge thank you to all those who set up, clear up and bake the most delicious things for this monthly gathering – to which ALL are welcome!

The latest **Cleaning Rota** is up on the noticeboard in the church porch and there is a copy for each of the volunteer cleaners.

Thank you all for your hard work, especially in this heat!

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

25th / 26th: Loose plate: £534.62 Gift Aid Envelopes: £315.50

Standing Orders: (weekly average) £933; Direct Debits: (weekly average) £315.00