

**Requirements for Opening** WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO OPEN THE CHURCHES, IF WE HAVE AT LEAST 2 STEWARDS FOR EACH MASS. WE ALL NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR CHURCH; THEREFORE, IDEALLY, WE WOULD LIKE DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH OCCASION, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO REQUIRE CLEANERS AFTER EACH MASS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP, THANK YOU.



**Parish Finances** Nobody likes to talk Finance, but we need to tell you honestly, that our finances are sadly damaged by the Virus Crisis. (income down and usual bills still needing to be paid) We are still unable to hire out the Parish halls and the collections at Sunday Mass haven't taken place since March (no public masses were possible until very recently). We incurred extra costs in order to open and to keep us safe [P.P.E.]. Our thanks to all who have continued to pay by standing order at this time. And to those who have sent donations in lieu of their normal offertory. If you would like to take out a Standing Order or make a Gift Aid Declaration, please contact the relevant Parish office.

**Parish Office** The Parish Offices will remain closed to the public; BUT any queries can be made by email, which will continue to be answered. There will be someone to answer the phone in person on a Friday morning only in St Peter's. Our contact details are below. *If you need a priest urgently, please phone St Peter's Church on 01285 65208736*



**Parking at St Peters:** If you regularly park your car on St Peters drive; will you please ensure that there is enough room for someone to park next to your car and get out! There is enough room for at least three cars on each side; thank you.

**"Achieve Africa" Draw in Swindon:** You will, of course, remember that sometime before lockdown, we advertised a draw for a valuable bottle of whisky tickets are still available from Fr Isidore in Swindon. The winning ticket will be drawn at 1.30pm on Sunday 16th August in the Convent next door to the church.

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### SUNDAY XVIII 'THROUGH THE YEAR' (YEAR A)

#### WORSHIP FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (In thanksgiving)  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

Weekdays  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. Feria of Week XVIII [Year 2 readings]  
NO PUBLIC MASS

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Aug. St John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars, Patron of Parish Priests  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's (Fr. Martin Queenan in Warminster)  
Traditional Latin Mass 6.00pm in St Peter's

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. Feria/Our Lady of the Snows  
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's (celebrating Frank and Sue Morgan's  
70yrs of marriage - RIP)

Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, Feast  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. Feria  
Mass 9.30am in St Peter's  
Traditional Latin Mass Noon in St Peter's

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. St Dominic  
Mass 10.00am in St Michael's

#### CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY AT PRESENT

#### NEXT XIX SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's  
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populo)

*WE WELCOME EVERYONE, WHETHER RETURNING AFTER THE CLOSURE OR VISITING OUR PARISH FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY WORSHIP WITH US*

**Due to advice from the Diocese the following has been put in place: -**

- There will be baskets at the back of the church to put your offering and charity donations on leaving
- the church
- Hymn books, Mass cards etc. are not being used at present and everything you need is on this sheet. Please take your newsletter home with you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING**

## MASS TEXTS

### 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

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(And, striking their breast, they say)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### First Reading

Isaiah 55: 1-3

### Responsorial Psalm

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

### Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 14: 13-21

### Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is, seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come and judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every time.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen.



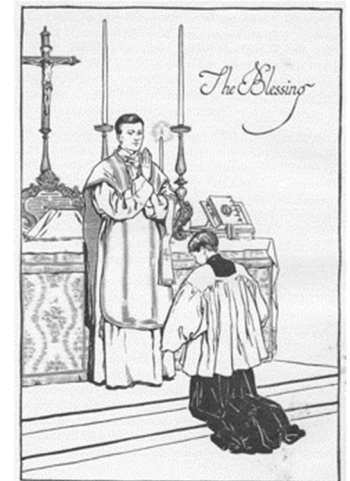
Action of the Mass – He Took, He Blessed, He Broke, He gave.

Christ satisfies our physical hunger with the appearances of bread and wine, but He nourishes our souls with Himself, His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This Feeding of the Five Thousand with bread and fish comes after the Lord has been teaching the crowd and telling them stories. This too is nourishment and the Liturgy of the Word is an indispensable part of the Mass in our own experience.

Perhaps, the detail in this Sunday's gospel that people miss is that the Lord wanted to spend some time in quiet reflection, but forewent the recuperation, because the crowds sought Him out. I wonder whether we allow time to express our Eucharistic Amazement in quiet times with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Visits to church for prayer before the Tabernacle used to be common. We live in a busy world and times for quiet are precious. Even outside the Mass, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament cares for us, loving us, bestowing blessings and giving peace of body and soul.

### Please remember in your prayers:

- Bishops and clergy, in their daily offering of the Mass: that all Christians may be fed by their ministry
- Governments and relief agencies, helping to feed the starving people of our world: that their work may be successful.
- The poor and hungry: that the compassion and closeness of God may inspire them with hope.
- The role of women in the Church: that by their gifts, insights and service, our Faith Community may be enriched.
- The parishes of Yeovil with South Petherton, Somerton with Langport: that they may pursue prayer, communion and mission in equal measure.
- The sick: that Jesus will open wide His hands to them in healing and hope.
- The dead: that they will be welcomed into God's peace in heaven, where pain and suffering are no more.



### Father Philip writes

In retelling for us the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, St Matthew is clearly influenced by his experience of going to Mass each Sunday. He saw all accounts of meals and feeding miracles as foretastes and promises of the Holy Eucharist. Thus it is that he reproduces the Four Fold