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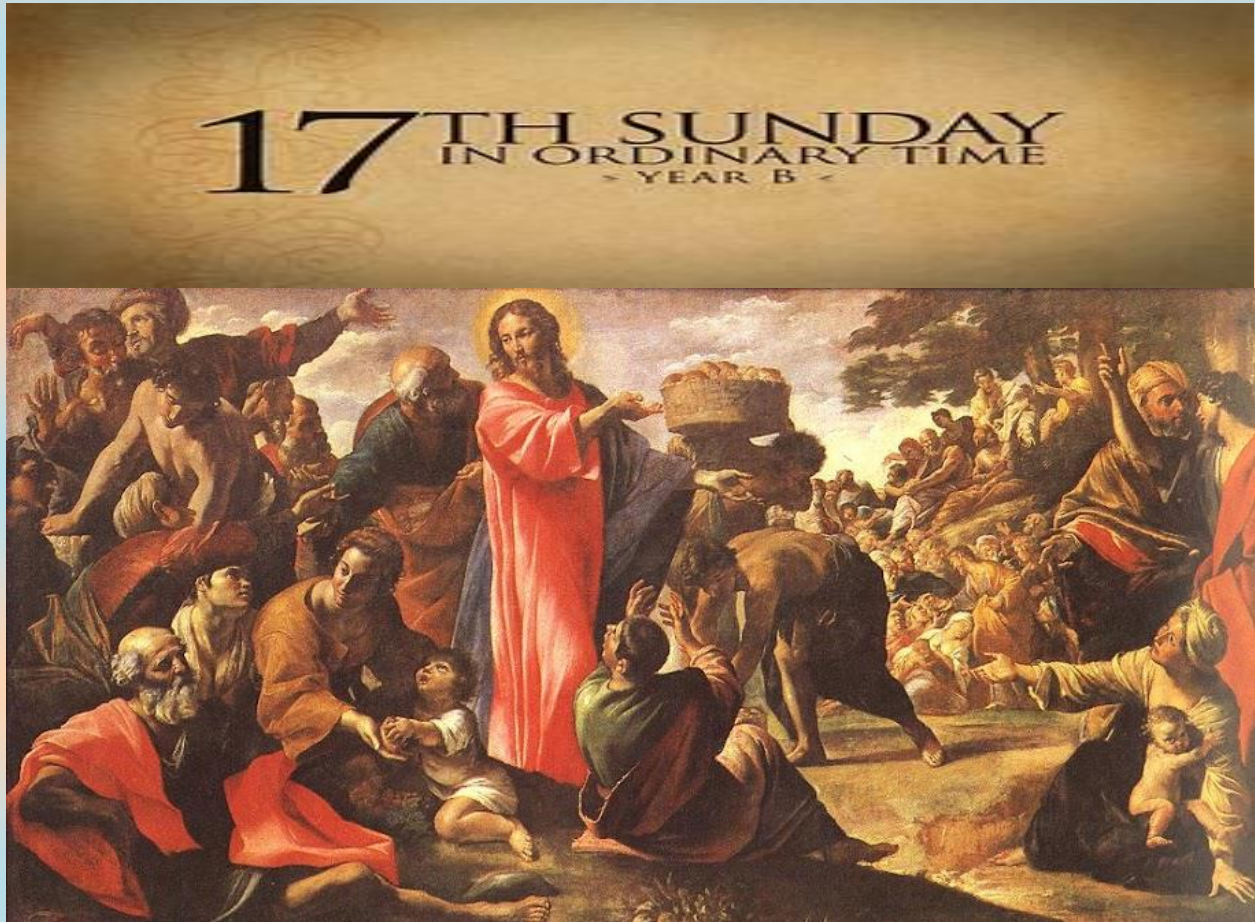
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**Dear Friends,**

Today's Gospel passage is a story of compassion, of simplicity, of abundance, of generosity, of sharing, of giving, of trusting... a story that carries much for us. Jesus, who continued to feed those who followed him with God's truth, became aware of their physical hunger and he attended to that need as well. He showed that it was important to recognize and meet those urgent needs. Jesus cared for the whole person and called his disciples to do the same. The physical hunger became a channel of recognizing the deeper hunger for God, for truth, for justice, for love... and much more.

Jesus called the disciples to feed the hungry with whatever was available and showed that there is always abundance in giving and sharing. Five loaves and two fishes go a long way in meeting urgent needs. There was not only enough for all, but there was enough left over to fill twelve wicker baskets... there was an overflowing, “my cup is overflowing”, an abundance, simple abundance, God’s abundance...

*Those who are fed are charged to feed others...those who are full are called to fill others!*

## All the readings of today call and challenge us to:

- be gracious, generous, self-sacrificing, and trusting in God and overcome our undue desires for wealth and material prosperity and nurture our hunger for God and God’s ways.
- live noble lives... lives of virtue, honour, mutual love, compassion for one another, peace, and harmony.
- be mindful of those who are less fortunate than we are, when we are served oversized, biggie-sized, and super-sized portions in restaurants...portions that we are unable to handle...
- be grateful and joyful and generous with the abundance that is available to us and not be discontent and looking for more and better...
- rethink our needs, downsize our appetites, and share with the hungry and the needy...
- recognize the hunger of people and nourish them in word and sacrament.
- share from the abundance we have received, food for the body as well as food for the spirit.

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30 pm	St. Peter’s	Anna Adamczyk-RIP	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> July 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s	Maria Baltag-RIP	<b>Seventeenth Sunday</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>No Mass</b>		<b>Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b>
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Kazimiera Korn-RIP Teresia Tatu Nicholas-RIP	
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July 10.00am	St. Michael’s		<b>St. Ignatius Loyola</b>
Thu 01 <sup>st</sup> Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		<b>St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori</b>
Fri 02 <sup>nd</sup> Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am and by appointment, please ring to arrange.

Thank you.

**A Warm Welcome:** today is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

**Pastoral Ministry Formation course** which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If anyone is interested or intrigued to find out more and you did not attend any of the sessions around the diocese, then they can join us for an online information session taking place on 29 July at 7pm (Microsoft Teams). The information session will outline the purpose of the courses and provide the opportunity for asking questions and gaining sufficient information about how to apply. You can sign up via the Eventbrite link here: <https://pastoralministryinfo.eventbrite.co.uk>.

**Catholic Social Teaching video series:** Solidarity The third video in our five-part series introducing Catholic Social Teaching is now available on our website. In this series we are offering the image of a three-legged stool to help grasp the whole of Catholic Social Teaching. The three legs represent three major Catholic Social Teaching Principles – Dignity, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity – and the seat of the stool represents the Common Good, the end to which we are called to work. The video focuses on the second leg of the stool: Solidarity, and how our nature as social animals direct us towards supporting one another. You can find Solidarity video, as well as the Introduction video and the Dignity video if you have not yet seen them, on our website here: Video four, Subsidiarity, will be available next Friday.



## Offertory Collection

### Last Week:

**St. Peter's:** £594.44 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

**St. Michael's:** £94.30

Legacy Donation: £1000.00

100 club profits: £192.00

Hall hire: £224.00

Thank You

