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18th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time



Hi Friends,

Last Sunday, we reflected on Jesus feeding the multitude with five loaves and a couple of fish. The crowd did not fully grasp the meaning and the value of this experience. They did not come to believe in Jesus and failed to understand what Jesus was offering them. They looked for the one who gave them food to eat, the person who worked a miracle and gave them a free meal.

It is amazing to see how Jesus ministered to them even in this time of misunderstanding and used misunderstanding as opportunity to serve and to reveal the truth that he came to proclaim.

He moved them from their misunderstanding about the bread of life, about the bread that would not perish as the kind of bread their ancestors received in the desert to an understanding of the imperishable bread that would feed their soul, their heart and their mind... that He himself was the bread of life...

He taught them and challenged them to work for imperishable bread and they said, “Sir, give us this bread always” and he responded, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst”. God alone will satisfy the hunger of our soul.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 03 rd Aug 5.30pm	St. Peter’s	Hugo Shepherd, Int.	Adoration followed by Mass
Sun 04 th Aug 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s		Eighteenth Sunday
Mon 05 th Aug	No Mass		
Tue 06 th Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		Transfiguration of the Lord-Feast
Wed 07 th Aug 11.00am	St. Peter’s	Wedding of Andrea & Ross	
Thu 08 th Aug 9.30am	St. Peter’s		St. Dominic
Fri 09 th 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 04th August. 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.

Sunday 4th: There will be “**Songs of Praise**” today at 5.00pm in the Abbey Grounds by the Churches Together in Cirencester.

Wednesday 7th: As there is going to be a wedding Mass in St. Peter’s on Wednesday, there will be no Mass in St. Michael’s.

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.

Just politics or a Just Politics?

Clifton Diocese was represented by four adults and 2 children at the 46th annual National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Conference last weekend. The theme was 'Just Politics' planned before the date of the General Election was announced – all the more relevant for that.

How do we ensure that our political system is based on honesty and integrity?

The Conference was chaired by John Battle whose deep knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and political experience as former Labour MP for Leeds threaded through and brought together contributions from our speakers, from workshops, the Just Fair and from conversations. The Conference had attracted 160 people of ages varying from small children to those who had attended Conference for 40 years and more.

Speakers included One of the highlights was a panel discussion between 'Young Leaders', eight young adults (in their late teens and twenties) who described their passion for social justice and the importance of CST in their lives.

We left with work to do! As a final session we planned an action to be taken by individuals or as groups from various organisations and dioceses. A zoom meeting will be arranged in the autumn to encourage each other in our work.

For a fuller report click [here](#).

Sue Ingham





Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £545.02 (incl. via the Dona Machine)
Standing Order for July: £1,165.00

St. Michael's: £162.00
Standing Order for July: £831.00

Thank You

