

From Sunday's Gospel

After hearing Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life, many of his followers said that this teaching was too hard for anyone to accept.

But Jesus said, "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, "This is why I told you that no

one could come to me unless it is granted by the Father." After this, many of his disciples drew back and no longer went with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 22nd August 2021. John 6:60-69
(the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, we understand that loyalty to God is a matter of loyalty to a person to whom we are bound to walk together on the same

road. And this person is Jesus . . " Today's word is **Loyalty**. In this Sunday's Gospel, some people found it too hard to follow Jesus and accept his claims. What did Peter call Jesus? This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, to be Jesus' friends, we must put our loyalty to him before anything else in our life. Through this Gospel, Jesus is encouraging the disciples (and us too) to be loyal to him – to give him first place in our lives. Even if we choose to be loyal, we need God's help and the help of the Church to stay loyal. To be loyal is to be faithful, reliable, supportive and trustworthy – to keep promises and stand up for the truth. Jesus offers to be our loyal friend and invites us to be his. How especially can we show our loyalty to Jesus in these final weeks of the school holidays? Perhaps we can: meet regularly with Jesus and listen to him through daily prayer; follow Jesus' teachings; be self-giving – always trying to put others' needs before our own.



Sacred Heart & St William

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21st—24th Sundays of the Year

August 22nd—September 12th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)

Mass times in BOLD with a congregation.

There will be NO weekday public Masses between August 23rd and September 17th

The intentions for the following WEEKENDS are:

Saturday 21st:	6.00pm	Fr Peter Moran
Sunday 22nd:	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
	10.30am	Myles Downey
Saturday 28th:	6.00pm	James Lewis
Sunday 29th:	10.30am	Geoff Mills

September:

Saturday 4th:	6.00pm	Joyce Lancashire & Teresa Mulhall
Sunday 5th:	10.30am	Sr Claire Jopson
Saturday 11th:	6.00pm	Maria Sweeney
Sunday 12th:	10.30am	Marcella Myhill

If Fr Bernard is unavailable please contact Revd Peter Rudd

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During Fr Bernard's absence Mgr Paul Fisher will be coming to celebrate the **WEEKEND Masses**;

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

Please note there will be NO live streamed Mass at 9.00am on Sundays 29th August, 5th & 12th September.

From Monday 16th August there is no necessity to track and trace, but the 'Touch Points' will need to be sanitised after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays. This will not be necessary after the Sunday 10.30am Mass because the church will not be open until the following Saturday.

Stewards and Cleaners

Saturday 21st August 6.00pm: Susan & Jan Gedziewelski

Saturday 28th August 6.00pm: Ian Charnock & Mary Farmer

Saturday 4th September 6.00pm: Celia Hall & Carol Street Brown

Saturday 11th September 6.00pm: Susan & Jan Gedziewelski

Saturday 18th September 6.00pm: Mary Farmer & Celia Hall

Cornerstones sleep out on Friday 17th September.



As already mentioned in the newsletter, Mary Farmer will be taking part in the Cornerstones Sleep Out this year, which hopefully will raise much needed funds for the Charity which the parish has supported over many years. If you would like to support Mary with a donation you can do this through:

Justgiving at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mary-Farmer4>

Or: Pick up a sponsorship form from the back of the church and give a cheque made payable to—Cornerstones Day Centre - or cash to Mary. Thank You.

The Charity Shop



After nearly 18 months the Charity Shop opened on Tuesday August 17th. Those who visited this week were genuinely delighted to be there, and, as word gets round that the shop has re-opened more people will visit. Our thanks to the volunteers who give of their time so generously. Please watch this space for details of when new items can be accepted. Thank You.

Street Pastors



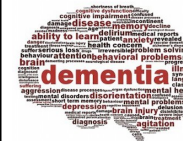
A Request for more prayer pastors:

Street Pastors are looking for more people in the community to be Prayer pastors. This does not involve being out on patrol but rather being willing to pray for those on patrol. Patrols are normally done on Friday or Saturday evenings, and a prayer pastor would be on a rota basis every four or six weeks.

A Street pastor Social:

This will take place on Sunday 12th September from 5.00pm in Ebenezer Church. It is open to anyone interested in the work of the Street Pastors in Saddleworth when there will be the opportunity to meet those involved. It is a 'Bring and Share Table', and you are invited to turn up on the day or to speak with Mary Farmer for further information.

Alzheimer Patient's Prayer



Pray for me I was once like you. Be kind and loving to me that's how I would have treated you. Remember I was once someone's parent or spouse I had a life and a dream for the future. Speak to me, I can hear you even if I don't understand what you are saying. Speak to me of things in my past of which I can still relate. Be considerate of me, my days are such a struggle. Think of my feelings because I still have them and can feel pain.

Treat me with respect because I would have treated you that way. Think of how I was before I got Alzheimer's; I was full of life, I had a life, laughed and loved you. Think of how I am now, My disease distorts my thinking, my feelings, and my ability to respond, but I still love you even if I can't tell you. Think about my future because I used too. Remember I was full of hope for the future just like you are now.

Think how it would be to have things locked in your mind and can't let them out. I need you to understand and not blame me, but Alzheimer's. I still need the compassion and the touching and most of all I still need you to love me.

Keep me in your prayers because I am between life and death. The love you give will be a blessing from God and both of us will live forever.

Carolyn Haynali

Offertory Collection Weekend August 15th

First Collection: £290.50 Second Collection: £58.70. Thank you