

### From Sunday's Gospel



In the evening Jesus' disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place and it's late. Send the crowds away, so that they can buy some food." Jesus said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We don't have anything except for five loaves and two fish." Jesus said, "Bring them

here to me." He told the crowds to sit down. He took the five loaves and the two fish and looked up to heaven. He said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who gave them to the crowds. There were over five thousand people. They all ate and were satisfied.

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 2nd August 2020. Matt. 14:13-21  
(the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)



## Sacred Heart & St William

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**While the Church remains closed until Further Notice**

**Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass**

**IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning**

**The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 2nd 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Sunday: Joseph Priestly  
Monday: People of the Parish  
Tuesday: Brian Keaveney  
Wednesday: Frank Holmes  
Thursday: Special Intention (CI)  
Friday: Graham Redshaw  
Saturday: Louise Harrison  
Sunday: The Ivatt's Family & Friends

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

### **Contact Details:**

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**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people Jesus is the bread of life for our families. Holy Communion is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to feed us with**



**his word and his life."** Today's words are **Holy Communion**. In this Sunday's Gospel, before he fed the 5,000, Jesus looked up to heaven, said the blessing, broke the bread and then shared it. Today the priest does the same thing at Mass reminding us that this story wasn't just a huge, open air picnic, but also a sign of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) which Jesus would establish with his disciples at the Last Supper. Almost 2,000 years have passed since Jesus cared for and fed thousands of people. Jesus cares for us just the same today and through Holy Communion spiritually feeds millions of people throughout the world. Jesus is always with us, sharing his life with us both by what he says and who he is.

### Re-opening the Church



IN order to be ready to open in September we need to have in place:

1. Effective signage concerning entry, exit, one way system and seating arrangements
2. Volunteers to act as stewards with a list of their responsibilities
3. Volunteers to act as cleaners after every time the church is opened
4. The necessary PPE, cleaning materials and sanitising gel
5. A booking system for every Mass to enable track and trace should this be necessary – Susan Gibson has kindly offered to run the booking system

The current situation with regard to social distancing is likely to continue for the foreseeable future and so it is important to emphasise that those who volunteer are taking on a commitment which could well last for some time. When we open in September if stewards are missing or the cleaning has not been done the church cannot be opened. There can be no short cuts when it comes to the safety of parishioners, many of whom are of a vulnerable age. We need to be risk averse and it will be important to review the situation on a regular basis.

**If you are willing to volunteer to act as stewards or cleaners** please contact me in the first instance by phone or email. Thanks to the 8 people who have volunteered so far. I am hoping to be away in August so the sooner you can contact me the better.

Thank You, Fr Bernard

### Local Restrictions in Oldham and Greater Manchester



Due to an increase in the number of people proving positive with the virus certain restrictions have been imposed by Oldham Council to avert a local lockdown as in Leicester.

Details can be found on [Communications@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:Communications@oldham.gov.uk)



“If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.”

— Mark Twain

### Vigil Marking the 75th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Thursday August 6th, 6.30-7.00pm outside Uppermill Methodist Church.

#### **SADDLEWORTH PEACE GROUP**

Affirmation, as adapted by Saddleworth Peace Movement from the declaration delivered outside the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament, **1982**.

We today declare our hope in the future.

From the diversity of our cultural and religious traditions,

We have come to renew our belief in the wholeness of the earth and the sanctity of all life.

We declare we are at peace with all people of goodwill.

We need no leader to define for us any enemy,

Nor to tell us what we need security for and defence against.

Instead, we affirm that our earth's security rests not on the continuing production of armaments, but

In the justice of adequate housing and food,

In the justice of meaningful education and work,

In the justice of an economic order that gives everyone access to our earth's abundance,

In the justice of human relationships, nourished by cooperation,

In the justice of safe, clean and renewable energy, instead of the perils of nuclear power.

We affirm people over property, community over individualism, respect for others in all their diversity.

We choose struggle rather than indifference.

We choose to be friends of the Earth and of one another, rather than exploiters.

We choose to be citizens rather than subjects.

We choose a nuclear free future,

And we will settle for nothing less. Before us to day are set life and death.

We choose life that we and those that come after us may live. Let it be so.