

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

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.

COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation,
nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and
guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of Kings.
A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing
Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-
fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in
the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha
said. But his servant replied, "How can I
serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the
people to eat" he insisted "for the Lord says
this, 'They will eat and have some left over.'"
He served them; they ate and had some over,
as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 144

Response:

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

- All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

- The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

- The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to
lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear
with one another charitably, in complete
selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all
you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit
by the peace that binds you together. There
is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all
called into one and the same hope when you
were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one
baptism, and one God who is Father of all,
through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea
of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large
crowd followed him, impressed by the signs
he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed
the hillside, and sat down there with his
disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish
feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds
approaching and said to Philip, "Where can
we buy some bread for these people to eat?"
He only said this to test Philip; he himself
knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip
answered, "Two hundred denarii would only
buy enough to give them a small piece each."
One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother, said, "There is a small boy here with
five barley loaves and two fish; but what is
that between so many?" Jesus said to them,
"Make the people sit down." There was
plenty of grass there, and as many as five
thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the
loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all
who were sitting ready; he then did the same
with the fish, giving out as much as was
wanted. When they had eaten enough he said
to the disciples, "Pick up the pieces left over,
so that nothing gets wasted." So they picked
them up, and filled twelve hampers with
scraps left over from the meal of five barley
loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he
had given, said, "This really is the prophet
who is to come into the world." Jesus, who
could see they were about to come and take
him by force and make him king, escaped
back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your
gifts,
that through the powerful working of your
grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our
present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine
Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of
your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond
all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD**SHARING IS CARING**

JOHN 6:1-15

Today, and for the next four Sundays, we read from the famous bread of life chapter in the Gospel of John (6:1-69). Today's text is John's account of the feeding of at least five thousand people.

Jesus is on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The people have gathered because they have seen him work a healing miracle or "sign", as John likes to call such miracles. Jesus retreats with his disciples to a mountain.

When Jesus sees the crowd approaching, he senses that they are hungry and asks Philip where they could buy food. He is testing Philip. Jesus knows exactly what he is going to do, but he wants to see if Philip knows. Philip does not know, nor does the other disciple, Andrew. They fail to understand that Jesus is the one who will satisfy the people's hunger.

Philip and Andrew try to come up with practical but conventional solutions. There are five thousand men present, not counting women and children. According to Philip, there isn't enough money to feed such a crowd. All Andrew can come up with are the five loaves and two small fish that are offered by a little boy. Conventional solutions will not feed the people; only Jesus can feed them. Jesus then works the miracle.

Notice something very important in John's account. It is Jesus himself who shares the food with the people, not the disciples. He is the source of the gift for these hungry people. The miracle produces so much food that twelve baskets of leftovers are gathered.

As always, the people are ecstatic about the miracle. They identify Jesus as a prophet and want to make him king. But Jesus is cautious about such enthusiasm based on his miracles or signs. He is truly a king, though not in the way the people think. His response is to withdraw by himself to the mountain. He will not be their earthly kind of king. ■

DO

Listen carefully to the words of consecration
at Mass, during which the bread and wine
are changed into the body and blood of our
saviour.

SAY

"Lord, help me to realise
that we are not solitary
beings but are called into
relationship with you and
with one another. Amen."

LEARN

In Jesus, God's power is at work.

Individualism is not a Christian value.

Jesus is the bread of life, who satisfies our
deepest needs.

For the Christian, power and authority are
about service.

PRAY

Pray for a deeper understanding of the gift of
the Eucharist. Ask the Lord to increase your
faith.

REFLECT

Our culture today places huge
emphasis on the individual.
There's a "rugged individualism"
type of mentality around. We're inclined
to focus solely or mainly on our own
needs, our individual rights, our
individual entitlements. Think of how
some people have refused to respect
the advice of health officials during the
COVID-19 lockdown, how they put their
own selfish needs above the welfare of
the community.

The same can apply to our religion. We
can reduce our religious practice to a
private affair, as if it has nothing to do
with our obligations to our sisters and
brothers.

This blindness in our culture is the
opposite of Jesus' vision of things.
Jesus was totally other-centred.
Food, friendship and togetherness
were at the heart of his ministry. He
had compassion for those who were
hungry, as today's Gospel shows.
The meal practice of Jesus and our
celebration of the Eucharist tell us
that we are a community first, that we
belong together.

The feeding of the five thousand may
have been due to some miraculous
multiplying of food. But the real
miracle may have been far simpler. It
may have been that, even though the
amount of food appeared small, there
was sufficient for everybody when
everybody shared. By his willingness
to share what he had, the little boy in
the Gospel story encouraged others in
the crowd to share what they had. His
display of generosity inspired those
around him to be generous also. And
when everybody shared what they
had, there was more than enough to
go around.

Our world produces enough food to
feel everybody adequately. Our planet
generates enough wealth to ensure
that everyone has a decent standard
of living. If only we were better at
sharing.

The Eucharist is a foretaste of the
heavenly feast in which we hope to
share. It's a reminder that everything
we have is given to us as a gift. As the
little boy demonstrated, if we rely on
each other, if we are willing to share, if
we have Jesus' vision, then we will not
only survive but thrive. ■

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NEWSLETTER 25th July, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (B)

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MASS TIMES: Sunday 9.30 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. - currently by advanced reservation only.

Weekdays (Tuesday – Friday) 10.00 a.m. – no need to book

Confessions: On request.

Following the announcement that Fr Andrew will be retiring it can now be announced that Fr Leslie Adams, currently Parish Priest at Havant, will be the new Parish Priest here at Our Lady Immaculate from early September.

After careful consideration and consultation, and taking into account the vulnerabilities of many of our congregation, the poor ventilation within the church (especially in the summer period) and continuing high infection rates, it has been decided that we will continue with Covid precautions, namely:

- attendance at Sunday mass by advanced booking only (no reservation needed for weekday mass)
- social distancing within the church
- the wearing of masks

This will be kept under review depending on how the situation, locally and nationally, develops and, hopefully, a gradual and safe relaxation may be possible in the not too distant future.

Please remember in your prayers Mary Barry who has died. May she rest in peace.

Liturgical Calendar

To request mass intentions, please email or phone the Parish Office or leave an envelope at the church.

Sunday 25 th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (B)	C & T Stolarjick RIP (9.30) People of the Parish (11.00)
Monday 26 th	Ss Joachim & Anne	-
Tuesday 27 th	of the day (17 th week)	Leonard Fawkes RIP
Wednesday 28 th	of the day (17 th week)	-
Thursday 29 th	St Martha	-
Friday 30 th	St Peter Chrysologus	-
Saturday 31 st	St Ignatius Loyola	-
Sunday 1 st August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish

Prayer Corner: Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Patricia Kowalewska, Win Sheridan, Patricia Plumb, Kathleen Wood, Peter Henry, Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay, Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici, and Marjorie Lee.

Mass times and church opening:

Sunday mass is at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. **by advanced reservation only.**

Weekday mass (Tuesday – Friday) is at 10.00 a.m. No need to book. There is generally good capacity on all days.

For all masses **please be punctual.** The doors will be closed five minutes before mass starts and it will not be possible to admit latecomers.

Please be advised that the Sunday obligation remains suspended and so, for some, it might be beneficial to attend during the week.

On Sundays, the church will remain open after the 9.30 mass until 10.30 for those who may wish to make short individual visits but will then be closed for cleaning before the 11.00 a.m. mass.

During the week, the church will remain open after the 10.00 a.m. mass until 11.00 a.m.

Please note: There will be no access to the Hall, the lift or to the toilets.

How to make a reservation to attend a Sunday mass:

You can request a reservation by one of the following methods (in order of preference):-

- 1) *Send an email to oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*
- 2) *Leave a clear message on the parish office phone **01202 760640***
- 3) *In writing, and placed in the letter box by the church door, or by post to Our Lady Immaculate, Seamoor Road, Westbourne, BH4 9AE*

When making a booking, please give the following details and you will be contacted by phone or email to let you know which mass you can be offered:-

Name(s)

Phone number or email address:

Number of seats required:

Which Sunday mass you would prefer: 9.30, or 11.00, or either.

Would you like to be added to the ongoing Sunday rota? Yes/No

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