

CHURCHES TOGETHER: After 10 years of service to CTH, Rose Williams is stepping down and is moving away from the town and therefore the Churches Together Executive is looking for a replacement Treasurer with immediate effect. Please see notice for further info. Anyone interested in the role requires nomination by someone from a member church, who needs to email the Chair (Janet Smith) at: chair@harboroughchurches.org.uk

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

We have a Mammoth reading today. I have joined this week's Gospel with that of 20th Sunday as we will be celebrating the Assumption next Sunday. There are layers of meaning in Our Lord's words for prayerful meditation. But his words are also simple and straightforward for those who have faith who believe in him and believe him. They are wonderful!

As bread, a symbol for all food, is necessary for life so is Christ absolutely necessary for eternal life for our spiritual life or Life in the Holy Spirit as I prefer. He says it again and again in different ways. The first step is belief in him as we said last week. We must come to him and listen to His Word of life. To listen to him is to listen to the Father. He and the Father are one. This we do in the first part of our Mass in the Liturgy of the Word and our reading of Scripture. This is vital. To prepare by reading the readings before Mass and again to read them afterward is to come to him. Then during Mass to listen to the power of the Word of God proclaimed to the assembly. In the Jewish Scriptures bread is often a symbol of the word of God

This is not the end of the generosity of God. He desires that not only do we hear his Word but that we should receive him, the very bread of life which is "his flesh for the life of the world". He does not give just words or even grace but he gives himself in Holy Communion. The words of our Lord cannot be clearer for the lowly of heart. This is my body and blood given for you. Jesus teaching today is the same as the Last Supper.

What Jesus do we receive? Do we receive a Jesus at rest reposing? No. Jesus says he is living Bread and the bread he gives is his flesh for the life of the world. We receive him in his living, his living as Son in an eternal receiving and giving of love from the Father and to the Father. That is his living nature expressed in his obedience on earth to the Father unto death.

He is telling us that this living bread is him in his moment of total self-giving on the cross as he offers himself as St Paul says today as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God the Father for us. In Holy Communion we receive his Body and Blood given and poured out. In loving obedience to the Father. He cannot give anymore. Here we receive his flesh for the life of the world. This so that we may live with his life, his self-giving love for the Father and for us.

This is the eternal life we receive in our Holy Communion. As St John says: *He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.* Such is Holy Communion. Such is the union Our Lord desires to bring about in Soul, heart mind and will. And in our Holy Communion we draw life from him so that we can live as him. As Christians we are called to live like Christ but we can only do that if we live from him and in him.

We should consider that as we prepare to receive Holy Communion. We prepare ourselves for this Communion by a regular Confession and at Mass immediately before with the Penitential Rite. St Paul's words to the Ephesians are important for us so that We do not grieve the Holy Spirit who comes to us from Jesus in Holy Communion: *Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.* A good examination of Conscience to open our souls, hearts minds and will to Jesus that he may live in us and we in him. The word of Our Lord expresses a real and straight forward and effective invitation: to Come to him. Trusting and Believing in him we can take seriously the Dismissal at the end of Mass Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!



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8th August 2021
19 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3

Times of Services

Sunday: 19th of Ordinary Time

Sat. 6.00pm: Yvonne & James Atkins Wedding anniv.
9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am: Mass: Philip Green RIP

Monday: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Private Mass: Olivia O'Donoghue- safe delivery (Blamires)

Tuesday: St Lawrence

12 noon Funeral Mass for Frank Woodhouse

Wednesday: St Clare

Private Mass: John Hartland RIP & family(Morgan)

Thursday: Feria

10.00am: Mass: Tadgh McCarthy RIP (Sisters)

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Thomas Murphy RIP (Marshall)

Saturday: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

11.00am Confessions

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 15th - Jim Steriopoulos RIP (Danks)

Sunday: Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Mike Preen



*I am the living bread
which has come down
from heaven.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

FR CHRIS WRITES:

Dear All, I hope you are all having a pleasant summer. The good news is that the Coronavirus infection rate is falling again. This means we can look towards more parish activities again. One of the things we shall be starting again soon is that our Eucharistic Ministers will soon take Holy Communion to the sick and house-bound with all the proper precautions. If you know of anyone in that position, please let me know.

Last Wednesday we celebrated the feast of St John Marie Vianney the Cure of Ars, Patron of Parish Priests, He was a man so at one with his vocation that Christ Just shone through him such that he changed the lives of his Parishioners(230 souls) and people came to his tiny Church from all over Europe to confess to him. He simply sought to do the will of God aware of his own frailties. As we read John 6 this weekend at Mass, we should be inspired by his great devotion to Holy Communion and Our Lord's presence in the Blessed sacrament. Back in 2009 Pope Benedict 16 wrote in his [letter](#) for the Year for Priests: *Saint John Mary Vianney taught his parishioners primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray, halting frequently before the tabernacle for a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

[12] "One need not say much to pray well" – the Curé explained to them – "We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his sacred presence. That is the best prayer".

[13] And he would urge them: "Come to communion, my brothers and sisters, come to Jesus. Come to live from him in order to live with him... [14] "Of course you are not worthy of him, but you need him!". [15] This way of educating the faithful to the Eucharistic presence and to communion proved most effective when they saw him celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Those present said that "it was not possible to find a finer example of worship... He gazed upon the Host with immense love". [16] "All good works, taken together, do not equal the sacrifice of the Mass" – he would say – "since they are human works, while the Holy Mass is the work of God". [17]

As we are now coming out of lockdown we do need a **Parish Health & Safety representative** if someone could volunteer who has some relevant background.

Covid 19: As you all know the Government removed regulations on Monday 19th July. However, the Virus is still about and the rate of infection remains high. So we need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate** is just as important as ever.

So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity

There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church., even if we can relax the spacing a little in the future We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church.

Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on week-days** there will be only one steward who will still ask people to sign in or use the NHS Q code. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday.** On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Tuesdays, Our Lady's on a Thursday and Sacred heart on a Friday. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.

The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Enter through Fairfield Rd
Sanitize your hands on Entry & Exit
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed

FUNERALS: This Tuesday 10th August at 12 noon we have the funeral of Frank Woodhouse. All are welcome to both funerals. You can book online. Our Condolences to Brenda and all the family. Sadly Michael Payne died at Kibworth but with all the Sacraments

READERS FOR SUNDAY, 9.00 am. We urgently need two more readers for the 9.00 a.m. mass on Sunday. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please give your name and contact details to either Fr. Chris or Margaret Atkins, 01858 446369, margaretatkins52@gmail.com.

Results of
THE VICTORY PRIZE DRAW
for August:
1st Prize £70 P Clifton ticket No 110
2nd Prize £30 K Shiers ticket No 29
3rd Prize £20 G Cottrell ticket No 219

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI: At this time we remember the devastation caused in **Hiroshima and Nagasaki** when the atomic bombs were dropped, on 6 and 9 August 1945, and we pray that nuclear weapons will be abolished so that they can never be used again.



In his message, 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace', Pope Francis asks, 'How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care'. Pope Francis calls on us to 'strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another'. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/> Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> Cheques payable to: Pax Christi.. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY . Tel: 0208 203 4884

The Pope's world wide network of Prayer: **PRAYER INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION AUGUST** "Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel." n his video message for his prayer intention for August, Pope Francis reminds the faithful that "the vocation of the Church is evangelization," and even more, "the Church's identity is evangelization." In this month, the Holy Father reflects on the situation of the Church, its vocation and its identity, and calls us to renew it "by discerning God's will in our daily life," and "embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit."



"Our own reform as persons is that transformation," the Pope said. This allows the "Holy Spirit, the gift of God in our hearts, to remind us what Jesus taught and helps us to put into practice." See the Video message of the Holy Father [here](#) ([Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk) Cf <https://www.popesprayer.va/>

"**Churches Together** is hoping to run a Holiday at Home again this year (COVID lockdown permitting) from the 18th to 20th August at the Methodist Church from 9.30 to 1.00pm. This is for senior citizens of all faiths and none. Transport can be arranged. We are calling it Fun, Fellowship and Food with different activities to choose from each day. A light lunch is included every day with fish and chips on Friday. The cost is £3 per person including lunch and coffee on arrival. To book a place phone Christine on 01858 410878. If no reply, leave your name and phone number so we can ring you back"

"**The Rosary for Today:** This attractively produced booklet, written by Fr Kenneth Payne of St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont, is a way of encouraging meditative use of the Rosary. Each booklet costs £3.95 and copies can be purchased from Amazon, the publisher, McCrimmons, or from Fr Payne directly email: kjp2906@yahoo.com; telephone: 01494 763518.