St Lawrence's Church Sidcup

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The church will be closed once the 09.30 morning mass has finished, in order for the stone washing and repairs to take place.

The Voice- Parish Magazine. Due to the pandemic restrictions, NO Printed copies of the Summer issue will be available. The Magazine has been published on line, via the parish website. Payment can be made via the newspaper collection box in the church, or through the parish office- donation £2.00.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will available on Saturday Morning from11am- 12pm. We will use the Community Hall as it has the approved social spacing. Please follow the necessary Risk assessment procedures, there will be a designated waiting area in the hall.

We remember in our prayers those who have recently died Blessings on the King who comes in the name of attend Mass in order to assist with the NHS Track and Katie O'Connor, Theresa Stone, Margaret Evans, Carmel **Clarke and Eileen Milligan..**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A. Vigil Mass Saturday Evening 6.30pm. Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am & 11.30am

Sunday 2nd August

6.30pm Maurice Madden. RIP. 8.30am Deceased members of Mercy Convent. 10.00am Intention of Lorna and Ray D'Silva. 11.30am People of the Parish.

Monday 3rd August. 9.30am Margaite Paitek.RIP.

Tuesday 4th August. 9.30am Nora Turner. RIP.

Wednesday 5th August 9.30am Ted Fendick. RIP.

Thursday 6th August.

9.30am Intention of Sean and Karen Kelly.

Friday 7th August. 9.30am Sr. Camillus Walsh. RIP.

Saturday 8th August.

09.30 am Imogen Gordon. RIP.

Sunday Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-3. Psalm : 144.. Second Reading: Romans 8:35.37-39. Gospel: Matthew :14:13-21.

Acclamation: . Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. Alleluia.

Weekly Collection for 26th July 2020. Cash : £445.68 Gift Aid :£1453.21 Total: £1898.89

The gospel this weekend introduces the reader to the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

We can see what this event meant to St Matthew and to his followers. For them the miracle recalled the Old testament story of manna in the desert.

Jesus is the new Moses who feeds his people, and through this feeding they lead towards an anticipation of the Eucharist.

The gestures and the words used are those of the Last Supper, and of the prayers we may hear at Mass.

" he took the bread and blessed it, broke it and gave it to them"-

Left to our own resources we may feel that we are simply drifting without any direction, what Jesus does in the Gospel is to give the people what they need.

We don't know the exact number of people who were fed, but in the Bible the '12' alerts us to the twelve tribes of Israel. So the 12 baskets of scraps show the crowd as the as the new people of Israel, fed and cared for by Our Lord. Face Coverings – This advice was received from the **Bishops Conference of England and Wales:**

Face Coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and will be mandatory in shops and in supermarkets from 24th July. People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet such as the church. If a new advice is posted an announcement will be made at church.

We are trying to ensure that as many people can be seated safely in the church, additional seats have been set up in the hall, following the advised social distancing quidelines.

Our government has now asked that parishes endeavour to create an accurate temporary record of those who Trace. Please take the card and complete, and return to the parish office where it will be retained securely for 21 days. You can download and complete the card and bring it with you when you next come to mass. One card per individual or household group.