



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 August 2021

We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

**Marriage Matters: *Jesus will give us courage and strength:*** The readings today focus very much on God's love and care for each of us. Our relationship at times can be challenged by something like a serious physical or mental illness, making it very hard to communicate. At such times, if we dig deep, we will find the trust we have in Jesus. This can pull us through together.

**Think Vocation:** Every time we come to Mass and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, we have an opportunity to dedicate our Communion for a particular intention. Perhaps this week, we could offer this intention for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** This week we pray for the parish of St Edmund and St Patrick, Bolton, for Fr Michael Haworth, their parish priest, and for all parishioners. We pray for its primary school, for the Bolton Hospice and for the staff and students of Bolton University. May they always hunger for the Bread of Life and be nourished by the Lord's gift of Himself.

**Prayer During the Pandemic:** O God, our refuge and our shield, even when we walk in the shadow of death you are there at our side. Be with your people in this time of danger: bring strength to the afflicted and protection to those untouched by disease. Give us love and courage that we may trust in your power to save and reach out to all who need our care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Masses / Services This Week
<b>We are asking people attending our churches to wear a face mask (unless exempt).</b>
<b>Sunday</b> – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
<b>Monday</b> – Weekday or St Eusebius of Vercelli or St Peter Julian Eymard No Mass today
<b>Tuesday</b> – Weekday Mass at SL & live-streamed 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> – St John Mary Vianney Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Thursday</b> – Weekday or Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Mass at SsPP 6.30pm
<b>Friday</b> – The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast) Mass at SL & live-streamed 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> – Weekday or St Sixtus II and his Companions or St Cajetan or Memorial of BVM Mass at SsPP 12noon
<b>Sunday</b> – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass at SL & live-streamed Sat 6.30pm & Sun 9:30am Masses at SsPP Sun 8am & Sun 11am
<b>Live-streaming is via our Facebook page:</b> ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford">https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofhopesalford</a> )
<b>Sick:</b> All those who are suffering from the coronavirus and others who are sick at this time, including, Robert Livesey, Nuala Corridan, Tomas Cusack, John Ainsworth, Marie Campbell, David Pickup, Sue Remmer, Peter Carroll, Kathleen Broderick, Andrea Merrall
<b>Lately Dead:</b> All who have died of the coronavirus and others who have died recently: Angela Gaughran, Lorraine Hutton, Stephen Carter, Canon Francis Deeney, Acmad P
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Robert Clooney, Alekutty Mathew
<b>Masses Received:</b> Julie Webster, Robert Clooney (A), Sylvia Connors (S), Alekutty Mathew (A), Acmad P (LD), Paul & June Ashton (Ruby Wedding)

**Congratulations:** To Paul and June Ashton who are celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

**Congratulations:** To Carly and Robert Jackson on the birth of Dorothy Rae Jackson from the delighted grandparents, Ann and Graham Jackson.

**UCM:** The Ss Peter and Paul UCM monthly Mass will take place at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Thursday 5 August at 6.30pm. All ladies from our parish are welcome to join us.

**Lockdown Roadmap:** We will continue to take things slowly and monitor the local conditions before removing any of the arrangements we currently have in place.

**Vaccinations:** Bishop John is urging all adults, who are able to do so, to be vaccinated. Pope Francis has reminded people of the duty to be vaccinated if they are able. The Church is clear that all Catholics can take any of the vaccines on offer with a clear conscience. Even if you are at a low risk of becoming seriously ill, being vaccinated will lower the risk of transmitting the virus to somebody else who might then have a severe reaction or even die. It is particularly important that those in our parishes, clergy and lay-people who visit those who are housebound or otherwise vulnerable are vaccinated.

**Farewell Service:** Due to a technical problem, Height Methodist Church was unable to live-stream the farewell service for Rev Clare Stainsby last Sunday afternoon. However, they were able to record it and it is available via YouTube: [www.salfordcircuit.org.uk/farewellservice](http://www.salfordcircuit.org.uk/farewellservice).

**Caritas Summer Appeal:** This summer, Caritas Salford will support over 5,000 families experiencing challenges and crisis. We will give practical support to those in desperate need. To support our work today, please go to <http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate-3/>. If you prefer to send a cheque, please mark your envelope Caritas Summer Appeal and include your full name and address and how you prefer Caritas to be in contact with you. Please make cheques payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford and send to Cathedral Centre 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP. If you can Gift Aid your donation, it is worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you. Tick the box online or let us know by post with your cheque. Thank you for helping children, families and those affected by poverty across the Diocese of Salford.

**Salford Cathedral's Choral Family:** There is now a range of opportunities for people of all ages and abilities: *Children's Choir* (7–12), *Youth Choir* (12–18), *Music Group* (singers and instrumentalists of all ages and abilities), *Voluntary Choir* (adults of all abilities who enjoy singing in a mixed-voice choir), *Cathedral Choir* (for experienced choral singers with good sight-reading skills) and *Choral Scholarships* (worth up to £1,200 for students ages 18+ in full time education). For more information please get in touch with the Director of Music, Alex Patterson, [alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or 0161 817 2210.

**Our Lady of Hope Online Choir:** You are welcome to join the choir: [www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir](http://www.ourladyofhope.org.uk/index.asp?t=onlinechoir)

**Reconciliation:** If you would like to celebrate the sacrament socially distanced in an open space, please telephone the priests (0161 736 2696) to make an appointment.

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