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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK
From the Parish Priest**

The readings for last week, which were concerned with discipleship and the necessity to be focused upon the Kingdom of Heaven, reach their theological conclusion in the Gospel for today. We are reminded that God is Master of our lives and that the true disciples is not only ready to serve the Lord in this life but is ready to be called to Heaven at any moment. Our lives are in the hands of God and we have no right to end it ourselves. He is the One who gives and the one who takes away; He is the One who calls us and gives us the gift of Faith as disciples and He is the One who will call us home at the right moment. We need to be ready to follow Him through thick and thin, through pain and joy, through hardship and pleasure, knowing that the Victory is ours through Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Fr Bruce

DIARY

15 August – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION –
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –
Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

27 August – 12 noon – Funeral of Michael Dormer

PARISHES TOGETHER: The Bishop has decreed that the parishes of Hungerford and Wash Common should work together and that the Parish Priest of Wash Common will have responsibility for Hungerford. This means that there will be a need to look at the Mass times for Sunday as, at the moment, Hungerford have only one Mass on a Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sat 10 Aug	10 am 6 pm Vigil Mass	Confession NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	For the Parish For the Parish
Sun 11 Aug	10 am Mass	Feria	For Frieda (NP)
Tues 13 Aug	12 noon Mass	St Maximilian Kolbe	Joaquin Paul de Souza R.I.P.
Thurs 15 Aug	9 am Mass  9.30 am - 10.30 am Adoration 7.30 pm Mass	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	In thanksgiving to Our Lady Ciaran Burke R.I.P.
Sat 17 Aug	10 am 6 pm Vigil Mass	Confession TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	For the Parish For Paul & John (NP)
Sun 18 Aug	10 am Mass 4.30 pm Mass	Vietnamese Mass & Wedding	For the happy couple

WELCOME FR ZBIGNIEW: by now you will have heard that Fr Bruce will be the new Dean of Guernsey and will be leaving on 9th September. Fr Zbigniew (pronounced Zbig-knee-ef) will replace Fr Bruce and will begin his ministry here on the following weekend. Please pray for him.

If you would like to be included in the Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Courtney Andrews, Mary Craig, Maria Hall, Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Marie O'Sullivan, Pauline Smith, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner** who ask for our prayers.

Hymns for Sunday

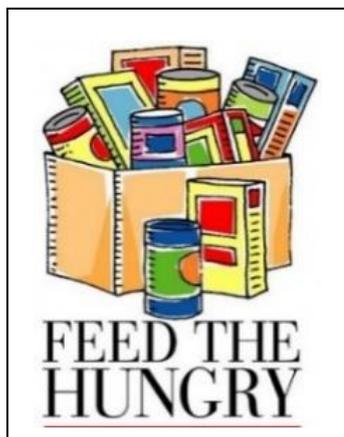
Ent: 194 Gloria: 527 (L) Psalm: 1054
Gospel Acc: 47 Off: 779
Holy, Holy 482 Memorial Acc: 557a
Lamb of God: 487 (L) Comm: 240
Rec: 310

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

West Berkshire Homeless 70s Music Quiz Night – 20th or 21st August at different venues. Please see poster for details.

Pope's intention for August
That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4th September from 7.15pm-9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Nikki Evans, CAFOD's programme officer for Bolivia, will be speaking about their work there. Please book your place so that they have an idea of how many people are going by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.



For August, the Foodbank urgently needs Tinned Meat, Shampoo, Shaving Foam, Deodorants and Mixed Herbs and are low on stock for Garlic Puree, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fish and Dried Onion Granules. Please be as generous as you can.

Cleaner wanted to clean the hall and presbytery for 3 hours a week. £10 an hour. Do you know someone who might be interested? Please tell them. References required. Contact the Parish Office.

"Give us this day our daily bread."
Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr John Cooke on vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE: after Saturday or Sunday Mass I shall ask for volunteers to help move some not too heavy pieces of furniture. Could I have two or three strong men or women to help?

Congratulations to Joanna Skeels and Angela Spellman, winners of the 100 Club draw for July.

Help wanted to deep clean the presbytery on Tues 10 Sept at 10.15am for as long as it takes! Hopefully no more than a couple of hours. This would be a good way to welcome Fr Zbigniew. Would you please sign the list in the porch if you can help.

A REQUEST: Fr Zbigniew has asked if there is someone in the congregation who might be willing to do a little ironing for him as he is totally incapable of wielding an iron with precision! Helpers should contact Judith in the Parish Office.

Thea is fifteen years old and currently raising money for an expedition to Eswatini (Swaziland) in 2020, helping to build an old people's home, as well as assisting with running a care point for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children. The money raised will help to buy materials and necessities for both the home and care point projects, and also to assist with conservation work within Eswantini's National Parks. Any opportunities to raise funds by babysitting, gardening, car washing, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please contact her using deirdre.bowden@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Thurs 29th August at 10.00 am at St Nicholas Church Hall. Offers of cakes, tombola prizes and good bric-a-brac welcome. Contact Sonya on 01635 228386 or 073932 94466. Thank you.

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Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms Please book the hall with Maureen for all events on 01635 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

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<http://www.stfrancisdesales.org.uk/user/register>

Any queries, feel free to contact Andrew at andrewpolland@gmail.com

WELCOMING:

Sat 17 Aug: Maureen Slade

Sun 18 Aug: Frood & Dykes families

CLEANERS:

Fri 16 Aug: Paul Cobb & Clare Huckle

COUNTER:

Sun 11 Aug: Charlotte Syder & Olwyn Brian