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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection: In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. **We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.**

(liturgical-year/sunday-connection/18thsundayinordinarytimesundayconnectionhtm/)

Please Pray for the Sick: Yoland Rahim, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, John Pat Hillman, Clément, Teresa and Masie.

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

Sat	31/07	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Nora Hyland (RIP)
Sun	01/08	11 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thomas Hyland (RIP)
Fri	06/08	6 pm	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Paul Flanagan (RIP)
Sat	07/08	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Anonymous (Private)
Sun	08/08	11 am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Merin and Family

Confessions

Confession appointments are via email or calls only. See details above.

Evening Masses: Mass @ 6 pm Fridays, 5.30 pm on Saturdays

Masses at SS. Johns and Martins: See link below; <http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/>

Mass Intentions: If you want to say a special prayer for yourself or your loved ones, please use the Mass Intention envelop.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Children in year 3 and above who **do not** attend St Catherine catholic school and would like to prepare for Reconciliation and Holy communion, Please send your Child's details to: stcatherine.bham@rcaob.org.uk. Please include your child's full name and date of birth.

Family BBQ: You're invited to the St Catherine's Family BBQ after mass on Sunday 19th September 2021 to welcome the parish children back to school and for parishioners to enjoy some time with each other. Please bring a dish to share or grill.

NOTE: The front lot will be unavailable on 19th September for car parking. Please find an alternative means of travel or location to park on that day.

Fundraising for Hall construction: Approximately £25,000 has been raised over the past 2.5 years from parish donations – thank you! The Parish will continue to fundraise towards our goal of £50,000 over 5 years (2018 to 2023)

Weekly offering – Please give generously: income from the weekly offerings continues to be low due to COVID's impact on Mass attendance and room rentals in the presbytery. The Parish Council requests you to please give as generously as you can each week to help cover the running costs of the church and priests

Foundation Governors needed for St Catherine's Primary School

Are you interested in the educational attainment, safeguarding and catholic ethos of young pupils in the parish? Do you have professional skills and experience in areas like Finance, Planning, Employment, Analysis and Communication? Please consider becoming a Foundation Governor for St Catherine's Primary School. Contact Monica.Todd1@gmail.com (07738472605) to learn more about what's involved.

Pax Christi – August 2021

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 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. <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