



Our Lady & St. Joseph, Aire Valley
(incorporating SS. Mary & Monica, Cottingley
and Sacred Heart, Bingley)

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THOUGHT FOR 17th SUNDAY of the Year (24/25th July): Five loaves and two fish doesn't amount to much, especially when there is a crowd of thousands waiting to be fed. But Jesus is able to satisfy their hunger. The same is true with us. God only asks for the smallest step on our behalf: the act of trust. In return He promises the same feast as the multitude received.



1st Reading: (2 Kgs 4:42-44). The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to the hungry people was a sign of God's concern for His people.

2nd Reading: (Eph 4:1-6). This is a plea to the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

Gospel: (Jn 6:1-15). Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously but does so even more astonishingly.

THOUGHT FOR 18th SUNDAY of the Year (31st July/1st August): We try out so many things to make us feel happy, fit, or comfortable. We are attracted by the latest gadget, the newest fad or the most recent diet. In today's gospel Jesus asks us how central our faith in him really is. To have a life built on faith is to live with all the passing things of life, but to know that we have set our minds on the real bread of life.



1st Reading: (Ex 16:2f). God feeds His people in the desert.

2nd Reading: (Eph 4:17f). Paul urges the Ephesians to live lives that are in keeping with their baptismal calling.

Gospel: (Jn 6:24-35). Jesus declares that he himself is the true bread from heaven of which the manna provided by Moses was but a foreshadowing.

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick at this time especially:

Brenda Barker, John Moran, Jacob Kinsey, Christine Matthews,
Brian Marie, Richard Longden, Patricia Long, Tony Shipman,
Frieda Clapham, Elizabeth Hartley, Ian Harrison, Barbara Furniss,
Camilla Devanny, Derek Armour, Geoff Lister, Joan Meggitt,
Philomena McKenna, Barbara Leclerc, Lucy Booth,
Mary Walker, Paul McMenamin, David Ohr, Lisa White and Liam Kay.

Mass Intentions received recently: BEAUMONT FAMILY, MANDY KAY (Id), DESMOND BRADY (a), JOSEPH KEELEY (Id) and Special Intention: L.K.

ST PATRICK'S MISSION FUNDRAISER: The Friars at St Patrick's are having their annual Three Peaks Challenge fundraiser on Saturday August 7th. For more information can be found on their website: www.stpatricksmisson.co.uk/events You can also call Fr Columba at 01274 721989. May I thank Father Christopher and Father Jacob for supplying here recently.

WELCOME TO CANON JAMES CALLAGHAN as your new Parish Priest from Saturday 7th August. I am sure you will make him welcome as he settles in as your new pastor.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS: Please note that there is no need to book to attend Mass, however, wearing a face covering, sanitising hands and social distancing will remain in place.

THANK YOU FROM FR SEAN MOLLOY: To paraphrase a certain song: 'And now the end is near, so I face the final ... weekend'. May I take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE in the Parish for your overwhelming kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. On 20th July I celebrated 31 years of Ordination, 15 of which I have had the honour and privilege of being your Parish Priest (almost half of my priesthood)! Where has that time gone? Whilst people say they are entering a new chapter, I feel that I have come full circle. Ordained at St. Walburga's Church and attending school there as a child, then Cottingley Manor, before St. Bede's (where I have been chaplain for nearly 25 years). I feel as if am now embarking on a new volume with my move to St. Joseph's Tadcaster and St. Edward's Clifford. My road there has been preceded by 5 years at St. John's, Buttershaw and then 6 years at St. Clare's Fagley, (totalling 26 years in the BD postcode area). A big thanks for your most thoughtful and kind expressions of support with gifts and cards. I leave with a treasure trove of many lasting and treasured memories. Aside from guiding a generation of children through St. Joseph's Primary School, was the wonderful occasion of my Silver Jubilee, where we truly celebrated as a parish family - and that is what you have been to me - a true family, experiencing all the ups and downs of family life - from Baptisms, Reconciliation and Holy Communions, Confirmations, Marriages and sadly Deaths. Life's rich tapestry they call it, and that is certainly true - I have been truly privileged. May God continue to bless you. Holy Mass will be offered in Thanksgiving for you all. Yours always in the Lord, *Fr. Sean Molloy.*

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARCUS TO ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER STEWARDS AND CLEANERS IN PARISHES WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS: Dear Stewards and Cleaners, as we approach a new period in which we welcome back parishioners safely to our churches, I want to express to you my sincere thanks for all the time and hard work that you have given over the past year and a half during the current pandemic. Quite simply, without your dedication and generosity it would not have been possible to safely open our churches for the celebration of Mass, the sacraments, and for private prayer. So many members of the clergy have related to me how the stewards and cleaners in their parishes have not only carried out the practical tasks associated with maintaining a high level of hygiene and directing the safe movement of people within the church building but how they have also exercised a very real ministry of welcome and pastoral support. Through countless acts of kindness, and with patience and understanding, you have helped parishioners, who have often been isolated for long periods or struggled with health problems, to overcome any anxieties they may have had in coming back to church during this worrying time. As a Church, humility often inhibits us in advertising our successes and the great work which is done in our parishes, and rarely do these make the spotlight. But I want you to know just how much you have been a real beacon of light and hope to so many people, and such an invaluable help to the clergy of your parishes. Although many of the specific tasks carried out by stewards and cleaners associated with the pandemic restrictions are gradually easing, I hope and pray that you will continue to be available to support your parish clergy with the ministry of welcome and friendship, as well as other important roles, which have developed so fruitfully in many parishes. Please keep me in your prayers! With the assurance of my sincere thanks and my prayers, I remain, Your servant and Steward in the Lord, Marcus Stock Bishop of Leeds.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES: There are many vacancies for employment within Catholic Care, as well as opportunities for volunteering. Please see website: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> for full details.

The Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust, which governs the Catholic schools in the Bradford and Keighley area, is recruiting more Board members. It needs people with specific, work-based skill sets such as marketing, human resources or finance, as well as those who possess wider skills developed through their work in business or elsewhere. If you would like to help, please contact CEO Andrew Morley: andrew.morley@bcwcat.co.uk

We offer our congratulations to BRIAN GALLAGHER and RACHEL SWINDEN who were married on 24th July and TOM STEPHENSON and JENNY TROTTER who are to be married on 5th August.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: will be lit each week in memory of your loved ones.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

17th SUNDAY (24/25th July)

BINGLEY: KATHLEEN KELLY

COTTINGLEY: HOLROYD & GOUGH FAMILIES

18th SUNDAY (31st July/1st August)

BINGLEY: DAVID FALKINGHAM

COTTINGLEY: KIRWAN & HICKS FAMILIES

19th SUNDAY (7/8th August)

BINGLEY: KANAGARAJAH & JEFFREY FAMILIES

OUR LADY: BROSNAN FAMILY

COTTINGLEY: ANGELA HOLMES

17th Sunday of the Year 24/25th July 2021	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Doug & Winnie Stableford
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Gina Gill (B'day A) Freda Baker (LD)
Monday 26th SS. JOACHIM & ANNE	PRIVATE MASS	Shirley Lyons (LD)
Tuesday 27th Ordinary Time	PRIVATE MASS	Kathleen Kelly & Angela Holmes
Wednesday 28th Ordinary Time	7.00pm COTTINGLEY	Anna Teahan (Birthday)
Thursday 29th ST. MARTHA	10.00am COTTINGLEY	Deceased Members of Holroyd Families
Friday 30th Ordinary Time	10.00am BINGLEY	Private Intention: A.M.
18th Sunday of the Year 31st July/1st August 2021	12noon COTTINGLEY 5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Ernest Harrison John O'Regan
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Joanne Kett (LD) In Thanksgiving: Pro Populo
Monday 2nd Ordinary Time	NO MASS	OR SERVICE TODAY
Tuesday 3rd ST.OSWALD	NO MASS	OR SERVICE TODAY
Wednesday 4th ST. JOHN VIANNEY	NO MASS	OR SERVICE TODAY
Thursday 5th Ordinary Time	Wedding Service: 12noon BINGLEY	Jenny Trotter & Tom Stephenson
Friday 6th TRANSFIGURATION	NO MASS	OR SERVICE TODAY
19th Sunday of the Year 7/8th August 2021	5.00pm [Vigil] BINGLEY	Pro Populo
	9.15am COTTINGLEY 11.15am BINGLEY	Trevor Greenwood Kanagarajah & Jeffrey Families

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**17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY
24/25th July**

**There is a small boy here
with five barley loaves and two fish;
but what is that between so many?
(John 6:9)**

**18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
THE FURTHER HUNGER
31st July/1st August**

**I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.
(John 6:35)**



**17th Sunday & 18th Sunday
24/25th July & 31st July/1st August**