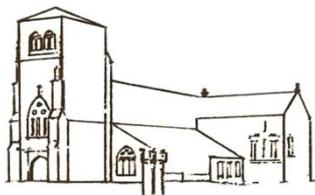


# Newsletter for the parish of St. Anne & St. Bernard.



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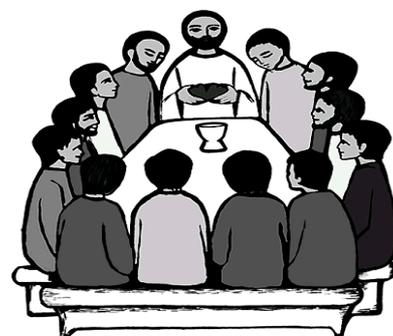
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## The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year 05.08.18

**Revolution in kindness** (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –*Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.* (St. Francis de Sales)

**Today's Scripture.** *"...the Bread of God is that which...gives life to the world."* Today's Gospel continues the theme of Jesus as the *Bread of Life*. Jesus has fed the people and they can not see beyond the food. They can not see that the food had other meanings. This is why Jesus says *"Don't work for food which cannot last but work for the food which endures to eternal life"*.



Jesus as the Bread of Life needs to be embraced at two levels.

As with many images in Scripture faith in Jesus is what nourishes and gives life. Jesus is our life giver, by his word he feeds us. But there is a second level which becomes more evident in the Gospel readings of the next two weeks. Jesus nourishes us with his own glorified body and blood. He is himself our food and drink.

Some scholars think that whole of Chapter 6 divides into two parts, the second part strongly "Eucharistic" - emphasising the reality of Christ's presence in the bread and wine. Others point out that John frequently writes his Gospel at two levels, the first the Christ who feeds our faith but with another level of the real, what we call the *sacramental*, presence of the risen Christ. Our faith must be fed otherwise we will not accept the Eucharist. Any reference to bread in the Gospels immediately makes Christians think of the weekly celebration when we are fed with the real Christ, made presence sacramentally as bread and wine. We eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Jesus himself is the *Bread from Heaven*. He has to be received by faith and his love to be experienced, the Christian life lived out, before ever people will know the Eucharist for what it really is.

Here Jesus says God *gives the bread from heaven*- his life, his truth, his revelation, his grace, his word, his Spirit, all that is life giving and will lead to eternal life. Then Jesus says

*"I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never be hungry; the one who believes in me will never thirst."*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** which we celebrate every weekend - on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m. There are **confessions** every Saturday and Sunday during the Adoration.

**Mass** this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Maureen & Gerard Riley
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Michael Armstrong
Tuesday	12.00 noon	A deceased grandfather in Poland
Wednesday	12.00	Peter Nash's intention
Thursday	12.00	Phena's intention
Friday	12.00	Sr. Conleth
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Parishioners.

**Deanery Holy Hour** of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament - in St. Anne's on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Leading up to the Eucharistic Congress each month a different parish in the deanery has celebrated an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. People are invited from other parishes. This month it is our turn to host the **Holy Hour on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>. August at 7.30 p.m.** I do invite everyone to come. Prayer is at the heart of everything. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a continuation of the Mass, our involvement with Jesus in his act of saving us.

**Money Report** . The collection last weekend was **£428**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,052.80**. Thank you all very much.

**Please keep our sick friends in your prayer** - Peter Knowles, Jeanette Airey, Jane Maguire, Chloe Woo, Eileen Cullen, John Reynolds, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahan, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

Please pray for Sarjit Kaur and George Rockwood

The new edition of the **Catholic Pic** is available

The next **parish assembly** will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The **Prayer Group** meets in **St. Anne's House** on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

The **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>. August, at 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

**Justice & Peace**. Next meeting is 20<sup>th</sup>. September

**Messy Church** - 8<sup>th</sup>. September . Theme is the Eucharist. To meet every 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday.

Pope Francis has recently clarified a point in the official *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that in **no circumstances is the death penalty justified**. The Catechism now says It is an "*inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person*". It had said that in the gravest of circumstances it was admissible.

Many parishioners will be aware of the work of MRANG, a charity which supports women asylum seekers and refugees and their children. MRANG has a long connection with our parish. It began its work in 2004 and used to meet in St Bernard's Hall. Over the years it has expanded and now reaches out to women living in hostels and women living outside Liverpool. The original name was an acronym, and after taking advice and considering the matter carefully, the organisation has announced that from this week it will be known by a new name: **Refugee Women Connect**.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage** -21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. February 2019. Forms are available in the sacristy.

The **Messy Church** needs helpers, especially for September 8<sup>th</sup>. when there will be visitors coming for the Eucharistic Congress

**Divorced/separated support** from the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department, (Pastoral Formation). The course is for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown. People can be at any stage in the process – they may have been recently separated or divorced for many years - the course is designed for anyone whose committed relationship has ended. For further details see the poster on the parish notice board or contact Maureen 07967753371 or Jacqui 07793825815

**Care for our Common world.** Eco-friendly cleaning products available at Windmill Wholefoods, which is at 162 Aigburth Rd. You can take your own bottles - thus also saving on using a new plastic bottle each time- and they fill them with dishwashing, detergent, fabric softener etc for you.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1.00 pm** Walk with Richie the Ranger (these walks are excellent) ***Paxton's Princes Park***  
*A delightful tour that discovers our oldest Victorian Park. Designed by the great Joseph Paxton, we learn of his influence, the intriguing history of the park and we discover beautiful features, flora and fauna. Also visit the houses and villas surrounding the park. (Easy walking). Meet at the Sunburst Gates Princes Road £2.00 per person*

There are many events which support the **Eucharistic Congress**. There is a leaflet available at the back of church describing these events, many of which seem to be very interesting. Some of you will find that whole weekend very interesting, and I suggest you set that weekend aside and spend the Saturday going from one event to another. Anyhow, do take a leaflet. There are still places available on the Saturday at the main event in the Echo Arena. Go online. The archdiocesan website should help. The parish will pay.

**Parish Room Bookings.** We are expecting use of the rooms to grow considerably in the coming months as our various parish groups make use of them. Please remember that all bookings must be notified to our Administrator, Jane. Please use the email address at the head of the newsletter [admin@stannestbernardliverpool.org.uk](mailto:admin@stannestbernardliverpool.org.uk). The website should soon be able to display bookings and availability. The rooms will only be available to parish groups, and will not be available for hire for social functions because of health and safety, site management and licensing complications.

Deacon Francis is away this week as is our administrator, Jane. Happy hols to both.

**Syrian Refugee Family Community Sponsorship Scheme.** We are making good progress towards submitting a Resettlement Plan to the Home Office. The Three parishes – St. Anne & St. Bernard, St. Charles and St. James, have nearly collected the minimum financial guarantee of £9,000. We have to date £8,842.25, though a figure of £10,000-12,000 has been advised. Your generosity has been most remarkable. The next big step is to find suitable accommodation which can be earmarked for the family. Our planning group is looking at school places, English language support, employment and training opportunities, and most importantly, how we can support the family when they arrive after the trauma of war and living in refugee camps. Thank you for all your encouragement.

**Fr. Ferdinand Van Camden** is one of the White Fathers who will be moving into the parish of St. Vincent de Paul at the beginning of September. Currently the presbytery is being repaired, redecorated and made ready for use, hopefully by the end of the month. Fr. Ferdinand is the first of the four priests to come, and he wants to get a feel of the area, of our parish, and meet whoever he can. Because our house is full he will be sleeping in Mount Carmel presbytery, but he wants to be around St. Anne's and Asylum Link. Fr. Ferdinand arrived today and will be with us at Mass during the weekend. You will of course make him welcome.

**The car park.** I am very happy to announce that Mr. Alan Pearson, our neighbour, who had intended to build on the land next door, has decided not to continue with his project, and is in the process of returning the land he had borrowed to facilitate the project. He is currently levelling out the land and will cover it with the tarmac chippings used in the rest of our car park as he had promised. That will enable us park several more cars. The best thing to do, once the whole project is in use, is to line the parking bays. We must see how best this can be done.

In September we hope to start a series of Alpha programmes, inviting everyone in the parish, over the coming months and years, to commit themselves to come to the parish rooms, on a weekly basis, for eleven weeks. This programme, being used worldwide, is proving to be very successful in deepening and enriching faith. The first task is to find out which days and what time in a day is most suitable for people. Please fill in the sheets at the back of the church.

**Little Mick's Spot** (paws for thought). What a transformation. One moment we are open to everyone's gaze, the next we have a seven foot fence bordering our new garden. Not a garden yet, it is all rubble, but it will be. But what about me! I had the whole building site of the church, the old hall and the new houses as my playground, now only this little garden. TD is pleased that I won't get lost somewhere or disappear and can't be found. Now I am contained. The rat holes by our back door are still keeping me occupied, so that's a consolation at present. And I can't wait for those slabs to be lifted and the rats driven out. I may have to call on my twin brother, Spike, for help to get the varmints. By the way, praise indeed, I'm getting more sociable with other dogs, TD thinks. I agree with him that I need more park time to help my socializing progress report. He is very proud of the way I get on with little children who maul me all over. Don't go near his eyes, he warns them. It's ok, TD. I can cope. Those little ones are safe with me. But he'd never leave my by myself with them

