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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



### *Jesus' Wisdom - our true treasure!*

What is our real treasure? What is our true wealth? Solomon replied by praying for the Wisdom of God to lead his People in the Ways of the God of the Covenant. Jesus tells us it is the Kingdom of God hidden in the field of the world and our own hearts.

The wisdom of Jesus is to give everything away so as to capture the pearl of great price - that is you and me and with us all creation! He gives everything - to the last drop of His blood poured out from the Cross and continually poured out for us in the Eucharist.

This sacrificial love is our true wisdom which seems so foolish to a self-seeking, wealth and power obsessed world. But for us it is the true treasure of our lives - the foolish wisdom of Jesus - sacrificial love!

**SUNDAY:**      **PARISH MASS at 10am**  
    **Mass lived-streamed on Facebook at 12.30pm**

**MONDAY:**      **No Reflection today**  
    **Adoration at 5.30pm**                      **Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm**

**TUESDAY:**      ***Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus***  
    **Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
    **Adoration at 5.00pm**                      **Mass at 5.30pm**

**WEDNESDAY:** ***Feast of St Martha of Bethany, woman of Faith and Service***  
    **Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am**  
    **Adoration at 5.00pm**                      **Mass at 5.30pm (NB note change of time)**

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**THURSDAY:** ***Feast of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop of Ravenna (died 450)***  
 Mass live-streamed on Facebook at 10.30am  
 Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm

**FRIDAY:** ***Feast of St Ignatius Loyola, priest & founder of Jesuits (1491-1556)***  
 Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 10.30am  
 Adoration at 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm

**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, founder of Redemptorists, theologian.***  
 Adoration at 11.00am. Mass at 12 noon  
 Streamed Faith Reflection on Facebook at 6.00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 4.30pm - 5.00pm

**TODAY** [1] Continuing Jesus' parables of the Kingdom, the **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus who is the Wisdom of God made flesh, the treasure worth giving everything to possess! Is he the riches treasure of our lives? What are we prepared to give up in order to yield our lives to Him and be lovingly shaped by His Wisdom.

[2] Because so many are still not able to attend Mass, there is an **extra Mass at 12.30pm live-streamed on FaceBook** from the Presbytery prayer room. ***The internet has brought us a wider family, a more dispersed community: how can we more effectively connect with them and associate them with the life, work and mission of our parish community?*** Installing the infrastructure to live-stream Mass and talks etc is now a priority for both Mission and Pastoral Care. Thank you for your support for this developing ministry.

**NEXT SUNDAY** [1] The **Eighteenth Sunday of the Year** celebrates Jesus, God's compassion for the hungry crowds of the world. Wanting time to grieve John the Baptist's death at the hands of Herod, he puts aside his and their need to feed the crowd with Bread of the Word and Bread for their physical hunger. In a world filled with so many of our sisters and brothers hungry for food, for medicine, for homes, for a place of belonging, we cannot break the Bread of the Word or the Bread of the Eucharist if we are not also breaking bread to feed the hungry and to liberate the poor and the oppressed. We must not 'send them away', but rather 'give them something to eat yourselves!' We have no right to celebrate the Mass if we are not feeding the poor with food and hope of liberation!

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**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St Osmund, Most Holy Redeemer, St Gregory & English Martyrs, Salisbury, with Good Shepherd & Mary, Queen of Angels, Downton and The Holy Family, Whaddon served by Fr Fr Anthony Paris, Deacons John Proctor, John Detain and Steve Godwin, Parish Administrator Marilise Smurthwaite and all their communities. We pray also for the work of the Alabaré Community and Alabaré Christian Care Centres.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing upon the ministry of our **Altar Servers**. Each week they assist our Sunday Mass, enriching our liturgy and enhancing its solemnity. Sadly at the moment with the restrictions due to Covid 19 we can only have three servers each Sunday, but we have a team of some 25 servers altogether. We look forward to training new servers as soon as current restrictions

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permit. Any boys or girls, young people who wish to train, please contact Fr Richard or Mary so this can be organised as and when possible.

**WORD OF GOD FOR SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	1 Kings 3: 3-5, 7-12 / Psalm 118 / Romans 8: 28-30 / Matthew 13: 44-52
<b>Monday</b>	Jeremiah 13: 1-11 / Responsorial Deuteronomy 32 / Matthew 13: 31-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jeremiah 14: 17-22 / Psalm 78 / Matthew 13: 36-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21 / Psalm 58 / John 11: 19-27
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 18: 1-63 / Psalm 145 / Matthew 13: 47-53
<b>Friday</b>	Jeremiah 26: 1-9 / Psalm 68 / Matthew 13: 54-58
<b>Saturday</b>	Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24 / Psalm 68 / Matthew 14: 1-12

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Env £250.00 + Loose £116.50+ S/O's £90.58 = TOTAL: £457.08 - Thank you!

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE STANDING ORDERS IN FAVOUR OF THE PARISH OR MADE OTHER DONATIONS TO THE PARISH (eg Foodbank or the Caritas Fund) - thank you for your generosity. Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing at this time.**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

29th July	Zoom consultation of Black Lives Matter with Thangham Debonnaire MP
6th Aug	<b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b> - Hiroshima Day of Prayer for Peace
8th Aug	Feast of St Edith Stein, Carmelite nun, Martyr of Auswicz
14th Aug	Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest, Martyr of Auswicz
16th Aug	<b>Feast of the Assumption of Mary</b>
10th Sept	Zoom meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission
13th Sept	<b>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino</b>

**TRACK AND TRACE MEASURES FOR ALL ATTENDING MASS** We have been asked to assist 'track and trace' should anyone attend Mass who then tests positive for Covid-19. It is very simple. One member from each family group and each individual not in a family group will be asked to fill in a simple form with their name and contact telephone number: this information will be strictly confidential and used for no other purpose other than in the event of someone testing positive for Covid-19. All forms will be placed each Sunday in an enveloped which will be sealed and dated and after three weeks destroyed - it will only be opened and used (again confidentiality) should one of our community be tested positive, in which case it will be given to those responsible to Track and Trace. This measure is to do all we can to limit the spread of this potentially fatal virus. **Thank you for your co-operation.**

**THANK YOU - ALL WHO HAVE RETURNED TO SUNDAY MASS IN CHURCH**

Last Sunday about 65 people came to Mass - thank you! We think we can safely accommodate 100. I realise there are still many fears and concerns but I do hope more of us will be assured enough to resume coming to Mass. It is great to see you and we have all missed one another! And yes the Mass is so different, with no singing and no gathering afterwards in the Hall, but we are still being fed from the Table of the Word, the Table of the Eucharist and by each other's presence!

[1] We observe 1 mtr+ safe distancing WITH THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS (provided at the door where necessary). Family groups sit together with 1 mtr+ gap between adjacent family groups or individuals. We can welcome 100 people.

[2] Everyone (except the presiding priest and the three assisting servers on the sanctuary) MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS. If you do not have one, it will be supplied to you.

[3] Stewards at the entrance to the church who will guide family groups and individuals to a designated seating space. You may not to be able to sit where you normally do.

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[4] Stewards will also guide you to and from Holy Communion, observing the 1 mtr+ spacing while queuing for Communion, to be received only in the hand and under One Kind.

[5] Stewards will also guide you at the end of Mass to exit the church safely. Do not re-enter the church after leaving. When greeting one another outside the church please be aware of others exiting and the need to observe safe distancing on Church premises.

[6] There is no singing at this time, as singing projects droplets twice the distance.

[7] Sadly Children Liturgy is not possible to offer with safe distancing.

[8] There is no Offertory Procession, so please leave your offerings in the baskets at the door, either on the way in or on the way out - thank you. Also leave goods for the Food Bank in the porch and they will be taken to the Food Bank at the earliest opportunity.

[9] Only the priest, 3 altar servers and sacristans are allowed into the Sacristy before and after Mass - again because of the requirement for safe distancing.

[10] Please collect your box of Offertory envelopes from Robert at the door when leaving.

[11] Everyone needs to sanitise their hands on entering and exiting the church.

[12] We will have to remain in our places for the non-contact sign of peace.

[13] There is one toilet only available - the disabled access toilet in the parish hall, which includes a baby changing unit. A steward will guide you and will also cleanse the toilet after each person has used it. Children must be accompanied to the toilet by a responsible adult.

[14] The Lady Chapel is not in use, because safe distancing/ventilation is not possible.

[15] **We need suitable volunteers for stewarding (4 each Sunday), for deep cleaning the Church on Friday mornings and after Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 01179090419 to volunteer - thank you).**

**Sunday Mass at 10.00am, with the church open from 9.15am and doors locked at 10.00am as Mass begins.** All Masses will be celebrated at the main altar and be live-streamed as soon as possible. The cost of this will be £3000. We have received donations of £1600 - thank you for helping us establish this new form of mission and ministry.

Your Parish Pastoral Council will keep these measures under constant review. Thank you to all volunteers enabling us to gather for Mass safely *Shalom!* **Richard**

**FOODBANK NEWS!** You can now see in the forecourt of the church the 'container' which will house the FoodBank. There is something very fitting that it stands in front of the church, we all pass it when coming to Mass. It may not be beautiful, but it is very symbolic of our mission and how we live Eucharist outside the church building! It arrived on Friday - it will take a few days to fully install and equip as well as adapting fencing, equipping internally with extra fridges and freezers, shelving etc. re-siting the bicycle racks and the refuse bins - all of which will cost money! *We hesitate to ask for more support, but we do need to ask for help in raising a further £2000 to carry out the necessary 'works' to enable the FoodBank to continue serving impoverished families and individuals. This is part of our parish's 'Covenant with the Poor', inspired by the Gospel & St Nicholas of Tolentino.*

**REFLECTING TOGETHER ON THE FUTURE** [1] A number of us have been sharing that we need opportunities to 'unpack' the experience of the Covid-19 lockdown so as to recognise what God might be saying to us through this experience and to learn from it. In this sharing we can also receive healing of the wounds this experience might well have inflicted upon us and our families and loved ones. [2] Also some have shared that we need to come together to reflect more deeply upon the Black Lives Matter Movement and how we should respond.

I support these suggestions and we will discuss with our Parish Pastoral Council at the earliest appropriate moment how we might engage in this 'deeper thinking' so that it becomes a 'rethinking of the future'. I and the PPC welcome your ideas and suggestions.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS ON ZOOM** Tuesday 28th July at 7.00pm - please contact Richard, Eustace of Margaret to contribute to the Agenda. Your voice matters!

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