



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

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12th/13th June 2021

Cycle B for Sundays Year 1 for Weekdays Psalter Week 3
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Dear Friends,

I am at an age where I can look back and reminisce about the past. Today's Gospel reading about one image of God's Kingdom: the tiny seed, given time and the natural elements can grow to be something very special – a great tree. Well I reflected on my grandfather Jim Leary and his son Jack getting the wedges of potatoes that they had already prepared in neat rows across the shaped mounds of raised earth called ridges, You cut the potato in a certain way, you did not let it lie around but buried it in the ground and you waiting until green leaves appeared, then you sprayed them with a mixture of limestone and washing soda to save them from blight (a fungus that rots the leaves and the potatoes can't grow). This is repeated over and over again in an almost slow-motion fashion, but it does the trick. Months later when the new potatoes were ready to eat it was like Christmas, the taste with butter and salt you would not wish for anything else. And yet the one item I did not mention was **time**, it all needed time and great patience. Season after season the household looked forward to the new potatoes. Could they hurry them up? No; some seasons were better than others, but all the painstaking time and care could produce from one small wedge as many as 10 or 12 potatoes of varying sizes.

What is all that got to do with the Kingdom of God? 1) We need the raw material. 2) We need to know what we are doing. 3) We need time. Yes, there is a time for everybody, and we will not achieve our potential unless we follow the master's steps.

Following the government's Step 3 easements of coronavirus restrictions on 17th May, all parishes have been issued with Step 3 guidance from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

We will now be implementing the following in accordance with the Step 3 guidelines:

- ✚ Maximum capacity in the church is now **140**.
- ✚ Social distancing will be **1 metre plus** in our church and hall (if the hall is being used as an overflow for Mass).
- ✚ **Masks must still be worn by people as they come forward for Communion.**
- ✚ Priests and Special Ministers are now 'permitted to announce, "The Body of Christ" for each communicant' and the response "Amen" made by the person receiving Holy Communion.
- ✚ These may appear to be small steps and are without question. However, we hope that stage 4 in July will give people confidence when it arrives. I suppose you could call this stage an examining of how restrained we can be.
- ✚ I am personally delighted that they have moved on from naming variations of the virus after a country to going to the Greek alphabet in future. So, nationals of these countries will no longer have to wonder is my country going to be blamed again, when there never was evidence that their people contributed to it.

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading Job 38: 1, 8-11

Psalm 107

Second Reading 2 Corinthians: 5: 14-17

Gospel Mark 4: 35-41

Reflection

Jesus sleeps through a storm. Did you ever think "where are you Lord in my need?"

✠ First Holy Communions began today at 11am and 2pm. Please pray for the children, their parents and catechists.

Finally: *Ancient wisdom: "New situations usually call for re-organisation which creates the illusion of progress while it leads to confusing inefficiency, thus solving nothing." Gaius Petronius. AD 66*

God Bless You All,
Fr John

Mass Intentions

Sat 12 th June	6.00pm	Ronan McGarvey RIP (1 st Anniv) (Maureen & Family)
Sun 13 th June	8.30am	Kim Selvon RIP (Ray Handysides)
	10.30am	Jean Cadwell RIP (Maureen Bowers)
	5.30pm	All Parishioners
Mon 14 th June	7.30pm	Peter Murphy RIP
Tue 15 th June	10.00am	Lukose Family Intention (Rene Lukose)
Wed 16 th June	10.00am	Victims of Domestic Abuse (Ella)
Thu 17 th June	10.00am	The Pandemic
Fri 18 th June	10.00am	Talion & Roberts Families (Antonia)
Sat 19 th June	6.00pm	Ella Hennessy RIP (Joan)
Sun 20 th June	8.30am	Michael & Jackie Mouat (25 th Wedding Anniversary)
	10.30am	Thanksgiving: Emin Manuel (Maxi), Edward & Margaret Saint (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
	5.30pm	Kerry Horne RIP (Gerard, Annette & Family)

Gift Aid Update

We recovered about £17,000 through Gift Aid in the previous year with the prospect of doing even better this year. 'THANK YOU' to all of you who use Gift Aid and an invitation to those who have not yet joined, to do so soon; just send me an email or ring me and I will welcome you to the scheme. Finally, a reminder that Annual Statements are now available to those who need one. Contact Tony Duhig if you have any questions.✉

Mass for Engaged Couples – Arundel Cathedral

Friday 25th June at 7.00pm with Bishop Richard. To book a place contact Marriage and Family Life Adviser:
<mailto:mkatherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk>

Catholic Young Adults Group – If you're aged 18-35 years old, get in touch with lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

Day for Catechists – Gathering from around the Diocese on September 25th, get in touch with <mailto:mruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk>

Finding Stillness: The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey – Retreat (online or in person) from August 24th to 26th, for more information go to www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats

Collections for Weekend 5th/6th June 2021

Offertory Collections	£477.05
Gift Aid Collections	£109.00
Standing Orders (Weekly Average)	£1016.00
Total	£1572.05

Please pray for all those who have died recently:

John Brownhill; Julia Newman

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are sick at this time:

Marie Bellizzi, Maureen Bowers, Pauline Brookman, Robert Burbridge, Joe Buttaci, Vivian Charlton, Lally Clarke, Joan Cottrell, Zita Falber, Pat Farrell, Hermanthe Fernando, Leo Gibson, Kath Grant, Mary Higon, Gill Kirwin, Georgia Mackinlay, Miriam McDonnell, Helen McLachlan, Eric Miller, Maura Morris, Paul Pullen, Wilson Rabanos, Claire Raynor, Donal Reidy, Milo Reiske, Gill Shaw, Sherry Small, Ralph & Pauline Smith, Godelieve Vandersloten, Patricia Van Kuyk, Alfonsa Varghese, Lorraine Vella, Mark Wardell and all those named on the noticeboard in Our Lady's Shrine. *May they find consolation in their suffering.*
