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Who did Jesus feed?



FROM
Community
TO
Communion

"We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved, honoured, worshiped and adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual to discover the Lord waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle".

Today we hear a very familiar Gospel.

Today's Gospel is usually referred to as the 'Feeding of the 5,000' I imagine that's because we're told that 'as many as 5,000 men sat down' but we are not told that all five thousand were fed! There is a very important piece of information that's usually overlooked....

Who did Jesus feed? Well, we are told in the Gospel:

"Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish"

To be 'sitting ready' is a condition and that's true for us too, we have to be ready to be fed by the Lord when we come to Mass.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As you know, we have been looking at the POST-COVID situation the church now faces and most especially the differences the 'new normal' has made to our own parishes here in Bordon, Liphook and Grayshott.

We've said right from the beginning of the pandemic that 'The Parish will never be the same again'

It is going to take an incredible amount of effort and hard work to rebuild each of our three parishes. It will be almost like building a parish from scratch!

Although we have worked hard to become the Holy Family Cluster, what has become very clear to me is that the pandemic has changed the situation here and all that we planned **pre-COVID** is no longer feasible. We now have very different priorities, and our plans must change. In fact, the plans and the priorities of the whole diocese must change, which is why there is soon to be a review of the diocese.

So, with this in mind, Bishop Philip has appointed Fr Simon Chinery to be the Parish Priest in Grayshott and Liphook. Fr Simon will look after and re-build the parishes there. Fr Simon is a married priest and he and his wife, Jean, will live at St Joseph's in Grayshott.

So, as from 8th September, Fr Simon Chinery will be the Parish Priest of St Jospheh's GRAYSHOTT and Immaculate Conception LIPHOOK and I shall continue to be the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, BORDON.



Father Simon is a member of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham which was established in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI to allow Anglicans to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church whilst retaining much of their heritage and traditions.

Fr Simon is currently Parish Priest in Hemel Hempstead. He will continue to have responsibilities working in the Ordinariate Parishes and so will be unavailable on Saturday evenings.

Father Peter Hart: Fr Peter has been appointed Parish Priest in Fleet and Church Crookham from 8th September. However, Fr Peter will be living in the Presbytery at Immaculate Conception, Liphook for the foreseeable future. He will have his hands full with his own two parishes, so he will not be available to help here. If you need a priest, please use the usual telephone number or send me and email.



**to the Parishes of The Sacred Heart, Bordon,
The Immaculate Conception, Liphook and St. Joseph's, Grayshott.**

My Dear Parishioners,

I send my prayers and best wishes to all of you, the clergy and faithful of the parishes of The Sacred Heart, Bordon, Immaculate Conception, Liphook and St. Joseph's, Grayshott. I write, first, to express immense gratitude to Fr. John Chandler who, for these last years, has acted as the parish priest of your three communities. Fr. John has had a weighty responsibility and it is only thanks to God's grace and to your willing help and support that he has led these three communities wisely and faithfully, not least through the crisis of the pandemic. Please continue to pray for him and to support him in his priestly ministry.

I would also like to thank all of you in the three parishes for your commitment and generosity over the years and for the involvement of so many in the various activities and ministries which contribute to parish life.

I write with the good news that from September, I am able to appoint a second priest, Fr. Simon Chinery. A married man, Fr. Simon is a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Please pray for him. I know you will give him a warm welcome. He and his wife will live at Grayshott.

This development enables us to review the pastoral provision for the three parishes. Fr. John will be responsible for Bordon as its parish priest and Fr. Simon will look after Liphook and Grayshott as the parish priest of both. (Fr. Simon will also have a responsibility for the Ordinariate group in Chichester.) I am sure all three parishes will continue to work closely together and with Petersfield and the Pastoral Area. Each parish will now have a new opportunity to engage even more energetically in the Church's mission to Bordon, Liphook and Grayshott.

While change can be challenging, I hope and pray that, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, this new arrangement will ensure continuity and also bring joy and fresh energy to your communities.

In Corde Iesu,

+Philip

**Bishop of Portsmouth
The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year, 25th July 2021.**

News from Bishop Philip



Father John Chandler new appointment:

I am pleased to announce that Fr John Chandler has been appointed our Diocesan representative for the upcoming Synod of Bishops "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". I thank him for accepting this role as the link person between our Diocese and The Bishops' Conference.



Diocesan review:

"We all recognise that our Diocese, like much of the rest of the Catholic Church, faces some acute challenges, many of which have been accelerated recently by the covid pandemic. These include a fairly consistent decline in the numbers of practising Catholics over the last six decades, together with a decline in vocations to the priesthood, an ageing clergy and Mass going population, and the stark loss of young people.

There is great pressure on our finances with many parishes now either drawing on reserves to support themselves or overdrawn with no reserves at all. There is the burden of servicing an ageing estate. This all, against the backdrop of an increasingly secular culture which has marginalised the role of the Church and faith in society".... "We need a ten year plan to address these issues."

Note: As you know, I have been presenting in the newsletter the POST-COVID difficulties we face here in the Holy Family Cluster and I have fed this into the review. Fr John

Clergy moves:

This is the time of year that clergy moves are announced. Here is the latest list of moves to take effect as from 8th September:

- Fr Peter Hart from Bordon to Fleet and Church Crookham as Parish Priest.
- Fr. John Lee in the autumn will be undertaking sabbatical leave with further studies
- Fr. Liam Cummins will become parish priest of both Maidenhead St. Joseph's and Maidenhead St. Edmund Campion. He will be the team leader, living at St. Joseph's and will be assisted by other MHM priests.
- Canon Simon Treloar will become parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Swithun's Southsea
- Fr. John Lavers is moving to Holy Ghost and St. Bede's Basingstoke as hospital chaplain and assistant. Fr Leslie Adams to Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne
- Fr Joe Gruszkiewicz to St. Joseph and St. Thomas Havant and Emsworth
- Fr Marcin Drabik to South Wight parish, IoW.
- Fr Leo Odomeja to Bishop's House, Portsmouth
- Fr Ansel D'Mello to VEC Rome for further studies at the Angelicum
- FrJohnpromise Umeozuru to St. Joseph's and St. Edmund's Southampton as assistant priest
- FrMichael Fava to St. Joseph's Newbury
- FrPaul Obada to St. Bernard's and St. Michael's Waterside
- FrJoe McNerney to St. Thomas's Newport and St. Saviour's Totland Bay

Sacramental Preparation in the Parish

						
<p>Baptism preparation:</p> <p>Will begin again on Saturday 5th June after the 10am Mass.</p>	<p>Confession:</p> <p>Is available by appointment and after any Mass upon request until the Autumn.</p>	<p>First Confession and Holy Communion:</p> <p>The next preparation course will begin on Saturday 4th September.</p>	<p>Confirmation classes:</p> <p>Will begin again on Saturday 11th September after the 10am Mass.</p>	<p>Marriage Preparation:</p> <p>It takes approx. 1 year to prepare for Marriage. Catholics must be Confirmed before Marriage.</p>	<p>Holy Orders:</p> <p>If you have ever considered a Vocation to the Priesthood / Deaconate, please speak to Fr John.</p>	<p>Last Rites:</p> <p>If there is ever the danger of death, please contact Fr John immediately.</p>

12 noon Mass next weekend:

Next Sunday Bishop Philip will celebrate the ordination of 3 men to the Diaconate at 2pm. Fr John will need to be there as the Bishop's Master of Ceremonies and Fr Peter will need to be there as he has been responsible for their formation. So, to enable both to attend, the 12 noon Mass will be at 11am next Sunday 1st Aug.

Month of August:

Please note, as usual, the weekday Mass schedule will be reduced during the month of August to allow Fr John to have a break. Mass times in August will be:

Wednesday 10am (SJ) & Thursday 10:30am (IC)

Weekend Masses will not be affected.

Grotto:

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help. We hope to have the grotto built in time for the 1st Oct (the month of the Holy Rosary). We hope to begin building in September.

Crucifix at Sacred Heart:

Thank you to all those who have donated towards the cost of a new crucifix for Sacred Heart.....we are nearly there! We need to raise a total of £650. If you can help, please contact Fr John.

Time to enrol:

If you have a child who will be **7 years old** next June (2022), or **14 years old** next June, then now is the time to enrol for the First Confession and First Holy Communion Programme and /or the Confirmation Programme. Forms are available from Father John.

POST-LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS:

We will continue to follow the COVID safety requirements, as we have been since last July, with the following exceptions:

- There won't be the need to keep the 1-meter distance.
- Face coverings will be optional.
- You will not have to book a place at Mass.

Everything else will remain until 8th September:

- Hand sanitising on the way into church.
- Good ventilation.
- The one-way system.
- Holy Communion will be distributed under one kind.
- No sign of peace.
- No liturgical ministries (i.e., reading / altar serving).
- The collection will continue to be taken on the way in / out of church.
- The church will continue to be sanitised after Mass.
- We won't share hymn books, so no singing of the hymns.
- To allow for the church to be cleaned the doors will be closed after Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY RETIRING COLLECTION: on the first Sunday of the month for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

'People often have vague, even wrong ideas about the Mass.... The Mass is the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary'

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Heaven and Earth are united

St Paul says in our Second Reading today:

“Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism...”

St Paul reminds us of the material realm and the spiritual realm, the natural and the supernatural, the body and the soul and we can use these words of St Paul when meditating on the realities of the Holy Mass....

During Mass Heaven and earth are united, the material and spiritual, the natural and the supernatural.

The Holy Spirit descends from heaven and falls 'like the dewfall' upon our offerings, offerings which become the Lord Jesus.

St Paul calls us to 'do all we can to preserve the unity of spirit by the peace that binds us together' and we are reminded of this in the Eucharistic Prayer; we hear that we are 'gathered into one by the Holy Spirit'.

The priest also asks Jesus (when He is upon the altar) not to look upon our sins but on the faith of His Church and to grant peace and unity to us. In these words, addressed to the Lord, we acknowledge that it is sin that breaks the peace and divides our unity.

Unless we are in a state of grace, we cannot have peace or unity or be gathered into one, which is why we need to go to confession regularly for our good and the good of God's Holy Church.

Mass times in the Month of August:

Saturday: 10am (SH) / Vigil Mass 6pm (SH)

Wednesday: 10am (SJ)

Sunday: 10am (SH) / 12 noon (SJ)

Thursday: 10:30am (IC)

Saturday 24th July Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass: 10:00am **Sacred Heart, Bordon** Private Intention

Holy Mass: 6pm **Sunday VIGIL Sacred Heart, Bordon** Bernadette Knight RIP

Sunday 25th July

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am **Sacred Heart, Bordon** People of the Parish

Holy Mass: 12 Noon **St Joseph's, Grayshott** **NO MASS**

Tuesday 27th July

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Holy Mass: 7:00pm **Sacred Heart, Bordon** Norah Collier RIP

Wednesday 28th July

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 10:00am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Howel and Elizabeth Lewis Int.

Thursday 29th July

Luminous Mysteries

Dedicated to the Eucharist

Holy Mass: 10:30am **Immaculate Conception, Liphook** Private Intention

Friday 30th July

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Holy Mass: 10:00am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Martin & Helena Galvin RIP

Saturday 31st July Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass: 10:00am **Sacred Heart, Bordon** **NO MASS**

Holy Mass: 6pm **Sunday VIGIL Sacred Heart, Bordon** Leonard Cheshire RIP



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