



Feeding of the five thousand

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **28th July 2024**
St Joseph's St Edward's

Saturday	6.15 p.m.		Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday	9.15 a.m.	.	Mass
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Mass followed by Tea, Coffee and Cake and an opportunity for the candidates putting themselves forward for the leadership of the conserve community.
Wednesday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Thursday		9.15 a.m.	Eucharistic Service
Friday	9.15 a.m.		Mass
Saturday	6.15 p.m.	9.15 a.m.	Mass Vigil Mass
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Further Travels of Father Geo

The original travel plans for Fr. Geo last week changed, as all good plans can do. The new itinerary involved a trip to Chester Zoo. Such a wonderful place, where the animals are the first priority. The size of the area surprised him, and the Indian elephants greeted him with affection.

He did not leave on Wednesday as family from London took the opportunity to travel to the Northwest, and enjoy the excitement of the M6, as well as the beauty of the Yorkshire Dales.

So now it is planned that he will spend a week in London viewing many of the treasures we have borrowed from India, and tasting food prepared not by an Irish Fr Brian, but his own sister.

We wish him well on his onward journey and hope that whatever the future holds, brings him fulfilment and peace.

Make 'em Laugh

You may not be aware that Pope Francis met recently with 100 comedians. He believes that they have the skill and cultivate the gift of making people laugh. There is so much gloomy news all around us at the moment. It is so easy to become downhearted.

But to spread happiness with "Serenity with a smile" means that we can communicate with different people, different generations and of different cultural backgrounds and is a precious gift.

The Holy Father said, "You can spread peace and joy, within hearts and between people, helping us to overcome difficulties and cope with daily stress" and you can even "make God smile" with your actions.

Always remember "continue to cheer people up, especially those who find it hardest to look at life with hope. Help us, with a smile, to see reality with its contradictions and to dream of a better world."

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Jane Mazzafiore (LD), Teresa Little (LD), John Sweeney (LD), Vera Clarendon (LD), Mark Holden (LD), Diane Chippendale (LD)

Anniversary: Eileen Mears, Robert Large, Mary Ellen Taylor, Tom McIver, Bill Clarkson,

Special Intentions: For the Hackett Family.

Red Boxes

It is that time of year again when the red donation boxes for the Mill Hill Missionaries are due to be collected. This will happen over the next few weeks. If your box has not been collected, please let Maggie Alvarez know who will make the arrangements for collection.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES



ST. JOSEPH'S
MISSIONARY
SOCIETY

"To love and
to serve"

Summer Holidays

The children are at this moment asking, "Are We There Yet?".

Let us pray for all family's that at this time of year, whether rain or shine, can be fun! Those staying at home can enjoy the many Darwen parks, woods and moors that surround us. All waiting to be explored and the adventures and excitement to begin.

Then get Grandma to take them shopping or share play days with friends and have a picnic on the grass.

The Love of God be with all.

If only

To be old enough

Not to need children

To visit a zoo

Or play with pebbles on a beach

To feel the exhilaration

Of sunshine on the face

And sleep

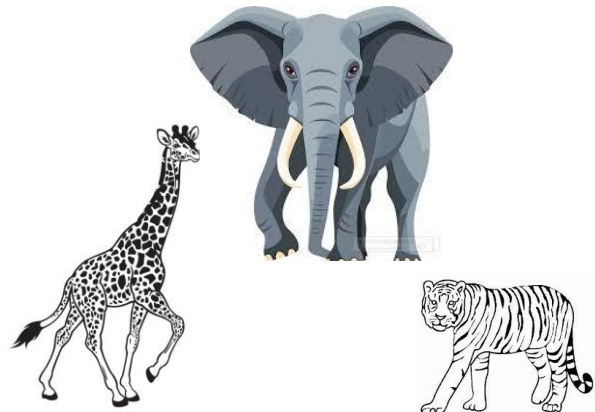
Free

Of pointless anxiety.

Chester Zoo Trip

As a parish we have organised a trip to Chester Zoo. This has been partly sponsored from donations and is due to take place on **20th August**.

Due to popular demand all places have already been snapped up. This trip has nothing to do with how much Fr Brian loves the Zoo.



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It is worthy of note that you contribute towards our beautiful churches that are used by so many. So, thank you and pray that we can keep on going.

Thank you for your support.

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Rotas this Weekend 27th and 28th July 2024

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: P. Craven

Sun 9 am: G. Brindle 11 am: M. O'Boyle

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm R. Knowles

Sun 9 am: M. Worden 11 am: M. Bauer

Rotas next Weekend 3rd and 4th August 2024

Readers Sat: 6.15 pm: A. Morgan

Sun 9 am: F. Davis 11am: J. Walsh

Eucharistic Ministers Sat: 6.15 pm: D. Witherington

Sun 9 am: F. Davis 11 am: T. Kennedy