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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told his apostles to come to him to find rest. We meet in his name to receive from him renewal of heart and mind and spirit, and to worship him as Lord of our busy lives.

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6 Almost 600 years before Christ, the prophet recounts the shortcomings of religious leaders and promises that one day a "virtuous Branch" will lead God's people in the right way.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18 Paul reminds his readers that in Christ the barriers of hostility between different groups of people have been broken. All can be united in, and through, Christ.

Gospel Mark 6:30-34 Jesus gives his disciples a break from their hectic work, but still finds himself called on to minister to crowds of people who are searching for purpose in life.



Sat 17th		
5pm	Public Mass	Intentions of Helen Huson
Sunday 18th		
10am	Public Mass	People of the Parish
12noon-12:30pm	Private prayer and exposition.	
Mon. 19th		
8:30am	Carleton Crematorium service for Peter Davies	
9am	Public Mass	Intentions of Paul Huson
11am	Carleton Crematorium service for Dorothea Evans	
2pm	Year Six Leavers Assembly	
Tues. 20th		
12noon	Public Mass	Judy Berk (Birthday Intentions)
1:30pm	Mass at Holy Family School	
Wed. 21st		
9am	Public Mass	Gladys and Jonny Turner
Thurs. 22nd		
12 Noon	Public Mass	Winifred Littler
Fri. 23rd	No Public Services Today	

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Sat 24th		
5pm	Public Mass	Margaret Finn
Sunday 25th		
10am	Public Mass	People of the Parish
12noon-12:30pm	Private prayer and exposition.	

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Dorothea Evans and Peter Davies all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time especially, Margaret Marsh, Ellen Hilton, Stephen Mitchell, Winifred Littler, Terry King, Carmel Jones, Max Backhouse, Sheila Haughan, Giorgio Piva, Eileen Ford, Ellen Green, Irene Young, Michael O'Neill, Margaret Finn and Bernadette Corr and for those in need of our prayers: those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, Joan Farnen, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Sarah Green, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Mo Long, Ethel Marshall, Gloria Morris and Bob Taylor.

St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED

we are just going to have to do things differently for a while.

Private Prayer and Exposition this Sunday 12noon-12:30pm due to a baptism

Fr. Peter will be in the Sacristy throughout for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mass will be streamed live on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am. and then available for the week. If you wish to watch 'live' please tune in five minutes beforehand. Please join us in prayer on the St. Bernadette's Bispham Channel on the YouTube.

Search 'YouTube St. Bernadette's Bispham'

All Masses in Church are now Public Masses

Places for seating will be limited to certain benches, to aid sanitizing afterwards, and people are asked to be responsible with regards to signing in themselves on Monday and Wednesday, sanitizing on entering and leaving, and ensuring social distancing is maintained.

'Opening Up'. As we go to press we have not yet received any guidelines or support on the post-lockdown running of our Churches from the Diocese (no mention of whether we are allowed to sing, for example). The dispensation from Sunday Obligation continues. In the meantime, while services will return to as much pre-lockdown normality as possible, please continue to sign in for masses for track and trace, and wear masks whilst in the Church buildings and environs, and help everyone to stay as safe and healthy as possible. Any changes will be brought to your attention as soon as the Parish receives them. Continued thanks to all the amazing people who have enabled us to stay open and safe throughout the last eighteen months.

We should all be very grateful for what we have managed to achieve.

Fr. Peter's Summer Challenge

To raise funds for those in need in the Autumn and Winter term.

In Christian Art, the crane bird is a symbol of vigilance, loyalty, good life and works, and good order in the monastic life. The crane became the symbol of vigilance, and God's constant, loving, watching over us at all times, as the crane keeps watch over its children all night while standing on one leg so that if they fell asleep, they would immediately be woken up. In Japanese Origami (paper folding) there is a tradition that if you make 1000 Origami Cranes, your prayer will be granted. To that end, over the summer, Fr. Peter would invite sponsorship for him to make 1000 paper cranes. Each will be individually numbered, and many will be at the back of Church as bookmarks, notelets, and napkins, which you are free to take and make an offering for if you wish. Bulletins and Messages will keep you posted as to how he is doing.

So, sponsorship is invited for Fr. P.'s 1000 Crane Challenge to raise money for those in need. Over to you!

All donations welcome in the usual ways:

in envelopes clearly marked in the collection

or through the Parish Bank Account (please mark your donation Cranes or Challenge)

Many thanks in anticipation.

Mass Intentions can still be left at the presbytery and these intentions can continue to be said. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being.

Food Sunday will continue, and likely to be more necessary than ever. Food can be brought to the Church or the presbytery at any time.

Hospital On-Call Chaplains: Although hospital visiting is now severely restricted we are still operating a 24/7 on-call R.C. Chaplain's rota in Victoria Hospital. The active priests are on the rota. If you need a priest in an emergency please ring the ward and ask them to call the on-call duty R.C. chaplain.

Weekly Offerings. Given the financial ramifications of these times the diocese is asking our parishioners to consider and arrange keeping-up their weekly offertory donation, either by setting up a standing-order, or continuing weekly offerings in Church. You could also alternatively send us what you would normally put in the collection via bank transfer. Email us to take up this option. Many thanks.

Newsletters continue to be printed every week, and emailed to everyone on the list, and copies left in the Church porch. Please take copies of the newsletter or print them out to give to people you know without email, as well as other prayer sheets and cards etc. that I will leave at the back of Church and send by email. The Church Porch will generally be open from 10am to 1pm.

Book Exchange available in the Church Porch. Please help yourself
