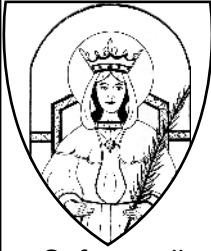


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Week 19

13th August 2023.

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Psalm 84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

The power of God is a common thread in our readings today. In the first reading we see that God was to be found not in the mighty forces of nature but in the gentle breeze. The holy Prophet Elijah had gone to Horeb and took shelter in a cave and only came out when he heard the gentle breeze for he recognised this as being the presence of God. In the gospel we see Christ having power over the physical forces of nature and walking on water. Christ is always with us whether it be in the gentle breeze or in mighty power. While God is the Creator of all that there is he does always make his presence known in a great show of power but is to be seen and felt even in the quietest and most still moments in life.

In the second reading, we see St Paul lamenting the fact that the Israelites have prayed for centuries for the Messiah and yet they refuse to accept Jesus as the Messiah despite his miracles and his teaching. We are called on to believe in Christ and his presence even though we cannot see him. We are asked to take to heart his words in today's gospel – "Do not be afraid."

God Calling 13th August – Perfection

O Jesus, help us, we beseech Thee.

Ever your Helper through dark to Light, through weakness to Power, through sin to Salvation, through danger to Security, through poverty to Plenty, through indifference to Love, through resentment to Perfect Forgiveness. Never be satisfied with a comparison with those around you. Ever let My words ring out. "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Stop short at nothing less. Make it your practice, each of you, to review your character — take it in relation to life, to your dear ones, your household, friends, acquaintances, your country, your work. See where I, in the same relation or circumstances or situation, should act differently. Plan how best such and such a fault can be eradicated, or such and such sin, mistake, or omission, be avoided. A weekly review at least you must have. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God. *Hebrews 12:14,15*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”

The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

Nugent Gala

After last year’s successful event, we are so excited to host another amazing evening consisting of welcome drinks, 3 course dinner, fundraising, live entertainment and DJ. Funds raised from our Gala will allow us to develop our community services such as our food pantry, hygiene hub and crisis fund, develop our accommodation offering, strengthen communities, provide memorable experiences, alleviate poverty and contribute to healthier and happier lives; creating Brighter Futures for all.

Key event info: Date: Thursday 9th November Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Rum Warehouse, Titanic Hotel, Liverpool.

Attire: Dress to impress!

You can purchase tickets by visiting our website –

<https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/events/gala/> or by contacting
fundraising@wearenugent.org.

If you would like to support this event further, or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please get in touch!

Saint Joan of the Cross 17th August

An encounter with a shabby old woman many dismissed as insane prompted Saint Joan to dedicate her life to the poor.

For Joan, who had a reputation as a businesswoman intent on monetary success, this was a significant conversion.

Born in 1666, in Anjou, France, Joan worked in the family business—a small shop near a religious shrine—from an early age. After her parents' death she took over the shop. She quickly became known for her greediness and insensitivity to the beggars who often came seeking help.

That was until she was touched by the strange woman who claimed she was on intimate terms with the deity. Joan, who had always been devout, even scrupulous, became a new person. She began caring for needy children. Then the poor, elderly, and sick came to her. Over time, she closed the family business so she could devote herself fully to good works and penance.

She went on to found what came to be known as the Congregation of Saint Anne of Providence. It was then she took the religious name of Joan of the Cross. By the time of her death in 1736 she had founded 12 religious houses, hospices, and schools.

Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982.

Reflection

The downtown areas of most major cities hold a population of “street people.” Well-dressed folks usually avoid making eye contact, probably for fear of being asked for a handout. That was Joan's attitude until the day one of them touched her heart.

Most people thought the old woman was crazy, but she put Joan on the road to sainthood. Who knows what the next beggar we meet might do for us?



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention August 2023 For World Youth Day

Pope Francis dedicates this month's prayer intention to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, and invites young people to set aside fear and embark on a joyful journey to bear witness to Christ in our world.

We are invited to watch the video Pope Francis hosts for World Youth Day. You can watch it at <https://thepopevideo.org/august-for-world-youth-day/>

Join in Pope Francis' prayer intention for August. **“We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.”**

Marriage Care

August is traditionally the month for weddings, but it's also a good time for us all to give our relationships a 'spring clean'. Marriage Care UK tell us families are often physically together but they are not really focused or paying attention to each other. Research in recent years has shown that the average person can spend up to 8 hours on electronic devices and that we spend more time with our phones than talking to our partners! The August 'Marriage Care' challenge is to leave the mobile devices at home and go out for the weekend. Visit www.marriagecare.org.uk for ideas

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at

www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	12th	6.00pm	Tony Hemson L.D.
Sunday	13th	11.30am	Edna Gilson L.D
Saturday	19th	6.00pm	George Fredson L.D.
Sunday	20th	11.30am	Vera Harris L.D., Mary O'Dowd



BAPTISM

Elliot Baire Haigh



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

James McHugh, Vera Harris,
Cathrine Carroll, Jimmy McDonald

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Tommy Shutt (B'day), Francis Doran (B'day),
Bernard Conway, Bernard Hough,
Mary O'Dowd,

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Diane Bell Eileen Guy Moya Russell Bernie Boyde Angela Adlen David Holgate Margaret Lace Angela Gregory Marie O'Connell	Paul & Kate Ellen Cooke Janet Clark Josie Dunne Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Sr Edith Culliton G., + MP., + TC.,	Toni Dal Joan Foster Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Ann Shreeve Michelle Roehrig Peter & Jane Kelly Marie O'Shaunessy	Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u> Margaret & Joseph <u>Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
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Snack & Stay or Snack Away!

The archdiocese is launching snack & stay or snack away to provide a free sandwich, fruit, crisps and drinks to children of any age during the school holidays.

This initiative will be available at our parish centres throughout the archdiocese. For updates on this, please visit liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news