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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	27 th	6.00 pm	In Thanksgiving (Fung Family)
Sunday	28 th	8.15 am	Sean Shiel RIP
		10.30 am	Jack Haugh RIP
Monday	29 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	30 th	9.30 am	The Parish
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	31 st	9.30 am	Michael Aherne RIP
Thursday	1 st	7.30 pm	Holy Souls
Friday	2 nd	9.30 am	Moura Davitt Birthday Intentions
		7.30 pm	Prayer Group
Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	Ann Seton RIP
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Lottie-Mae RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



SATURDAY: Exposition with Benediction: 10.00 - 11.00am. Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am & 5.15 - 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:20-32; St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; St. Paul to Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

COLLECTIONS: Church: £468 Stations of the Cross: £5,550 Thank you for your generosity.
This weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Education of Future Priests (Gift Aided)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ken Ellis, Anne Steere, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Bernard Bandy, Deacon Pat Moloney, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY THOMAS MURRAY, PETER MELVERTON and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Patrick Harty, Joan Hawkins, Constance Lilleyman, Janet Flynn, Bernard Flynn, Sheila Mander, Brenda Allen, Douglas Kirkby, Doris Smith, Roger Stubbs, Kathleen Winsall, John Flood, Eileen Scott

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. CREAM TEA IN THE BARN this Sunday, 28th July between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds to Our Lady of Good Counsel Network - a Catholic Pro-Life Charity. Raffle prizes gratefully received

5. THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, led by Bishop Richard, travelled to Lourdes last Thursday and remain until next Friday 2nd August. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they will you

6. READERS AND MINISTERS: Rosters for August are now available in the Sacristy

7. CHILDRENS LITURGY will resume on Sunday 1st September.

8. CONGRATULATIONS TO CHATSMORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL on receiving 'Outstanding' in a recent Denominational (S48) Inspection Report. To quote just one of the glowing statements: 'The school mission statement is a clear and inspiring expression of the educational mission of the Church. "To help every individual to achieve the best that they can through giving witness to the way of life inspired by Christ and taught by the Church" encapsulates the vision of this outstanding Catholic school, particularly in terms of the way in which the ministry of Christ is modelled by all staff. The mission statement is being constantly revisited, reinforcing the holistic perspective.'

9. HAVE YOUR PRAYERS BEEN ANSWERED? If so and your loved one has recovered but is on the list in Item 1 please let Anne in the Office know so that the name can be removed – 01903 242624

10. ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2019 will be held on Saturday 12th October in Arundel Cathedral, with Bishop Richard. for couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Booking is essential - For an invitation please contact Rosie Read at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk or phone 01293 651161.

11. DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS will be held at Arundel Cathedral on Sat. 14th September, at 12 noon, with Bishop Richard presiding. For all who have served, are serving and anybody who would like to. Please bring cassock/cotta or alb. Light refreshments will follow (bring a packed lunch if you wish).

12. MARY'S MEALS: We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Pencil Cases. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks

13. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects): Items they currently need: Coffee, Sugar, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meals, Jams and Spreads, Tinned Tuna, Rice Pudding, Cooking Oil, Juice, Biscuits. Also Baking Trays, Saucepans, Tea Towels, Cleaning products and Washing Tablets/Powders. In clothing they need small waist Jeans, Men's Hoodies. Boxers and Men's T-Shirts. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year.

Father Liam says: Apparently some 650 million people watched on television as Neil Armstrong stepped on to the surface of the moon on 21st July 1969 – just over 50 years ago. I have no clear recollections on whether I was among them or not, but I expect I was. He uttered that famous sentence that so concisely summed up the occasion: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' Armstrong was the commander of Apollo 11 which brought himself, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins on this extraordinary lunar expedition. A few hours earlier the 'Eagle' had touched down on the Sea of Tranquility on 20th July with only seconds of fuel left. There were six anxious hours before the hatch was opened and Armstrong, and a few minutes later Aldrin, emerged on the moon's surface. Michael Collins had duties to perform aboard the command module.

Two hours into that six-hour wait as TV and Radio broadcasted to that huge global audience Buzz Aldrin called for a time of reflection. 'Houston' he said, 'this is Eagle. This is the LM (landing module) pilot speaking. I should like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his own individual way.' Aldrin was an elder at Webster Presbyterian church in Houston, Texas. The congregation had hoped to hold a large service with him on the eve of the Apollo launch but that was not possible. NASA's doctors did not wish that the astronaut should be exposed to so many germs but a few friends were allowed to gather for a private Eucharistic service. At the end of it, the pastor, Dean Woodruff, handed Aldrin a small piece of the communion bread, a phial of wine and a tiny chalice, which the astronaut placed in a small pouch that he was allowed to take with him. He said later that he wanted to express his 'feeling that what man was doing in this mission transcended electronics and computers and rockets.' It was also about putting faith not only in science but in the aid of a higher power. It was about reaching beyond humanity and about communion with God. The following day he was on his way to Cape Kennedy. He had made up his mind how he would mark this moment and how he intended to give thanks.

Having spoken from the space capsule calling for a few moments in silence, he unwrapped the bread, opened the tiny bottle of wine and poured its contents into a mini-chalice. 'In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup' he wrote afterwards. He then ate the bread, drank the wine and read from St John's gospel: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit for you can do nothing without me'. (15:5) At the same moment in Houston, 239,000 miles away, his fellow parishioners gathered for their own Eucharistic service. Aldrin spoke later of how bonded he felt with his friends in the church back home at that moment.

Aldrin was told by NASA, the US Space agency that while it was fine to take communion on the moon, it could not be broadcast. He was allowed to invite the world to take a moment to give thanks but all the world heard of what followed was silence. The reading from St John was heard only by Armstrong who was there with him and by ground control in Houston. NASA took this action because it had recently had to defend itself from an attack by an atheist called Madalyn Murray O'Hair. She had taken out a lawsuit to ensure that no astronaut was allowed to practice religion in space or on the moon. A previous space-mission – Apollo 8 – had angered Madalyn when the crew quoted from the Book of Genesis in a live broadcast. O'Hair believed that this violated the constitutional separation between church and state.

Some newspaper reports at the time did mention that Aldrin had taken bread and wine on the voyage but not that he had consumed them as part of a Eucharistic service. The enormous symbolism of the first food and drink ever consumed on the moon being directly linked with the life of Christ on earth 2,000 years earlier was not mentioned. Aldrin worried afterwards that it may not have been right to make his worship explicitly Christian. 'Although it was a deeply meaningful experience for me', he wrote, 'it was a Christian sacrament and we had come to the moon in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics or atheists.' In his words: 'it was interesting to think that the very first liquid consumed on the moon and the first food eaten there were consecrated elements.'

(I am indebted to a recent article in The Tablet by Joanne Moorhead for much of this information)

*May God Bless you,
Fr. Liam.*