

FAITH IN FOCUS: SHAPES AND PATTERNS

A famous scholar once wrote a book nearly 800 pages long after reading today's gospel. When he read the account of the feeding of the 5,000 he noticed there was a shape or pattern to what Jesus did that was reflected elsewhere, particularly at the Last Supper. And then he went on to discover that this pattern would shape the liturgy for centuries to come.

He pointed out that there was a four-fold shape to the actions of Jesus: Jesus took bread, said a blessing, broke it and then gave it out to be distributed. He then looked at the account of the Last Supper and found that the same structure (this time with the wine too) underlay Jesus' actions. When he went to St Paul's writings he discovered that this pattern was there too: take, bless, break and give.

Because of this he was able to trace the way Christians had celebrated eucharist over the centuries. We take bread and wine which are brought up from the people and presented at the altar where they are prepared. Although some people refer to this as the offertory, these gifts are not in fact offered until later in the eucharist.

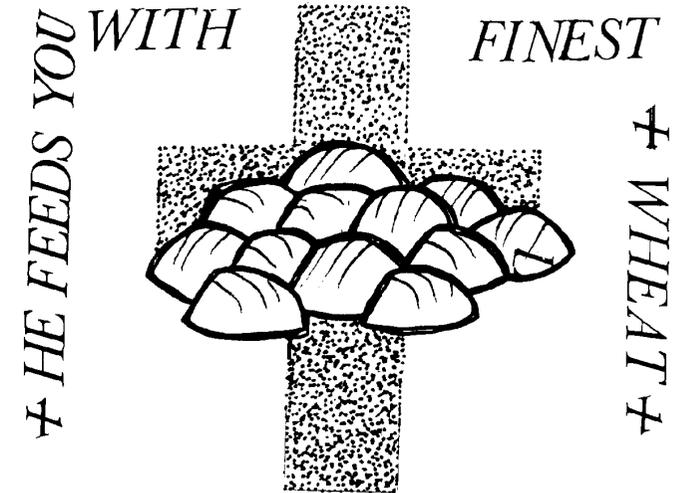
When the gifts have been taken, a blessing is pronounced (the Eucharistic Prayer) praising and thanking God and asking that by the power of the Holy Spirit they may become the body and blood of Christ.

Shortly before communion the bread is broken (that's why the priest does not break it during the Eucharistic Prayer) in preparation for the eucharistic meal.

Finally, the bread and wine (the body and blood of Christ) is given to those who come forward to share communion.

Take, bless, break and give: actions of Jesus that would shape the liturgy for years to come. As the gifts are presented we are invited to bring our lives before God to be transformed; as the blessing is said we are encouraged to praise and thank God for his presence in our lives; as the bread is broken we renew our commitment to give ourselves to the very end in serving God; and as communion is given we are reminded that it is in giving ourselves to others that we become the very thing that we receive: the Body of Christ.

25th July 2021
17th Sunday Year B
(Prayer of the Church Week 1)



Sunday Masses
6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

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Sunday
First World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly.

Vigil Mass Sat 6.30pm
8.30am, 10.30am Mass

Monday
St. Anne & St. Joachim
9.30am Mass

Tuesday
9.30am Mass

Wednesday
9.30am Mass

Thursday
St. Martha
11.00am Funeral Mass **Arthur**
Hicks RIP

Friday
12.00am Funeral Mass **Tony**
Cappaldi RIP

Saturday
10.00am Morning Mass

Next Sunday
18th Sunday in Ordinary
Time. Year B

First World Day for
Grandparents and the
Elderly

You may be aware that Sunday 25 July will see the celebration of the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this World Day is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of

expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. Please bring this to the attention of grandparents and the elderly. You may consider helping those who are not normally able to come to Mass to be able to attend on that day.

Monday 26th July Feast of
St. Anne & St. Joachim

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/saint-joachim-and-saint-anne-grandparents-of-jesus/>

Bishop's Message to
catechists

I would like to invite all our catechists to an event at Worth Abbey on September 25th.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the ministry of our catechists and enable the Formation Team to share a renewed vision for catechesis in the Diocese that is a part of a "Cradle to Grave" formation in Faith, supported by the new Directory for Catechesis.

I would be very grateful indeed if you could ask your catechists and anyone whom you think might be suited to this important ministry to e-mail Ruth Gerun at the St. Philip Howard Centre on ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

Ruth will then be able to send out an invitation to what will be an important event for us as we move out of these times of the Pandemic and seek renewed ways to share the gift of Faith.

Redundant iPads and

Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josie@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

Anniversaries Mass: Taking place at St Joseph's Guildford, on Saturday 9th October, at 11.30 am, with Bishop Richard.

For couples and their families celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Numbers limited to 150. Parking off site.

You can sign up by clicking [here](#). Or contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Fighting Modern Slavery:

The latest edition of the diocesan newsletter is attached. Parish modern slavery awareness ambassadors are still needed. Information on the role is contained in the newsletter or contact tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk
Thank you.

Diocesan Youth Service

40th Anniversary Celebration
4 September 2021 - Arundel

Cathedral - We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminiscence with old friends, and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.