



Mon 9th is feast day of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

The youngest in her family, she was born into the Jewish faith on 12 October 1891, in the German city of Breslau, now

Wroclaw, in Poland. Her father died when she was young, and her mother, Auguste, raised her seven children and ran the family timber business, even into her eighties. She was an impressive woman, who was proud of her Jewish traditions and faith.

By the age of twenty-one, Edith was a self-confessed atheist. To placate her mother, she continued to attend the synagogue, but she felt nothing there. After reading a biography of St Teresa of Avila, she converted to Catholicism and entered the Carmelite convent in Speyer.

On 15 April 1934, Edith was clothed in the Carmelite habit, and took the name she herself had suggested, Sr. Teresa

Benedicta of the Cross. The following year, on Easter Sunday, she made her profession. 'How do you feel?' someone asked. 'Like the bride of the Lamb!' was her reply.

As the Nazis gained a stranglehold on the life of the nation, the situation in Germany continued to deteriorate. A decision was made that Edith and Rosa, her sister who had followed her into the Church and Carmel, should leave Germany and move to Echt in Holland. Holland too was in the grip of the Nazis, however, and many Jews were being deported to the Polish concentration camps and to certain death.

On 2nd August 1942 all non-Aryan people were arrested and Edith too was arrested, together with Rosa. From Echt, she was brought to Auschwitz extermination camp, in Poland. She never returned, for her life, and Rosa's, ended there on 9 August 1942, just a few days after their arrest.

In 1998 Pope John Paul canonised her as a saint, with a feast on the ninth of this month.

She is one of the six Patrons of Europe.

### Saints of the Week

Mon 9 ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) VIRGIN AND MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE

Tues 10 ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

Wed 11 St Clare, virgin

Thurs 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

St Muredach, bishop

St Attracta, virgin

St Lelia, virgin

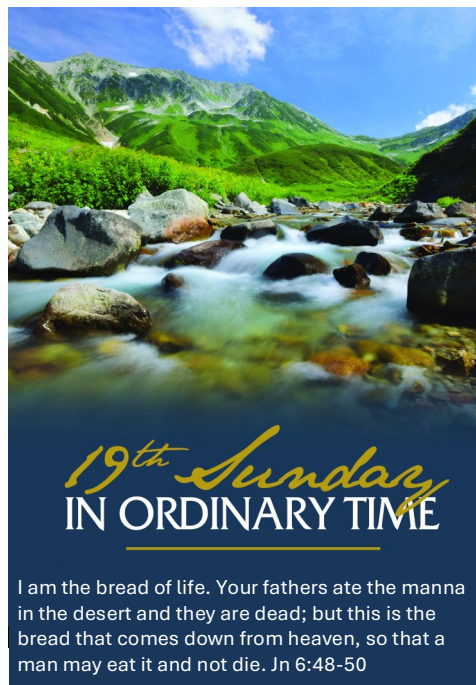
Fri 13 Ss Pontian, pope, and Hippolytus, priest, martyrs  
St Fachtna, bishop

Sat 14 St Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr



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### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. Jn 6:48-50

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### 6 pm Vigil Sat 7th August:-

Brian Larkin - Recently Deceased

Tom Barrett - Anniversary

##### 11.30 am Mass Sunday 8th August:-

Michael O' Dwyer - 1st Anniversary

Colette Hearne - 4th Anniversary

Maureen & Ned Kerr - Anniversaries

Carmel O' Brien - Birthday

Remembrance

#### Other intentions

##### Anniversaries:-

Annette Strickland

Nelius O' Connell

James Cagney

##### Recently Deceased:-

Paschel L' Estrange

Pat Barrett

Sheila Howard

Sinead Gill nee Newell



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that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life

**The annual Dun Laoghaire series of Organ concerts continues on line this evening 8th August at 8.00 pm in St Michael's Church with soloist Fergal Caulfield and music by Martin O'Leary ,Dietrich Buxtehude,Johann Adam Reincken, Frank Corcoran Johann Sebastian Bach and Léonce de Saint-Martin.**



## 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead.

(1 Kings 19:4-8)

### PSALM

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips.

(Ps 33:2-9)

## SECOND READING

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes.

(Eph 4 30-5:2)

### GOSPEL

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said 'I am the bread that came down from heaven'

(Jn 6:41-51)

## BE GENTLE WHEN YOU TOUCH BREAD

Be gentle when you touch bread.

Let it not lie, uncared for,  
Unwanted.

So often bread is taken for granted.

There is such beauty in bread--

Beauty of surf and soil,

Beauty of patient toil.

Wind and rain have caressed it,

Christ often blessed it.

Be gentle when you touch bread.

From an anthology by David Adam, *The Open Gate: Celtic Prayers for Growing Spiritually*

For five weeks this summer (weeks 17-21 in Ordinary Time), Catholic and many

Protestant Sunday liturgical readings feature the great 'Bread of Life' discourse from Chapter Six of the Gospel of John.

The new pilgrim path website [Poem of the Week](https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie) and [Music of the Week](https://www.newpilgrimpath.ie) are chosen with this theme in mind.

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Greeting the faithful in Saint Peter's Square on a sunny and sultry Roman Sunday 1st August, Pope Francis offered reflections on the day's Gospel reading which speaks about the crowds following Jesus, after they had witnessed the



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miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. However, the crowds did not grasp the meaning of what Jesus had done and appeared to be more concerned more about having their fill of material bread.

The Pope said we too risk from this same narrow mentality, what might be called an "idoltrous temptation" he described as one where we seek God only for our own use and needs of the moment. This requires us to ask, "why do we seek the Lord?", he said, and to think about what are our true motivations, to consider if our faith concerns seeking God primarily when we need him and forgetting about Him when we are satisfied. The Pope said it is right to present our needs before God, but we need to understand that the Lord first of all "wishes to live with us...in a relationship of love", and to know that in response to our prayers He "acts far beyond our expectations". True love is all gift, not expecting a favour in return, the Pope observed, and the relationship with God "goes beyond the logic of interest and calculation."