

Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church,

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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass times 8.30am and 10.30am

Weekday Masses Monday and Friday 10.00am

Safeguarding Officer—David Sullivan

Your parish needs your regular donations.

Please consider setting up a Standing Order.

If you are a taxpayer your donation can be gift aided.

The Dona machine has been temperamental but hopefully all problems have been resolved. Cash can still be put in the basket at the back of church.

You can also donate via the Parish website.

Usually, preachers explain the readings at Sunday Mass in their homilies. I'll continue this custom, but I thought it might be useful to provide you with the Collect, or opening prayer, each Sunday. Those who are using the streamed facility might find this helpful, and you might like to reflect on it and pray using its words. The collect usually begins with a main theme, and then ends with how the theme can help us.

This week our collect is

Father of everlasting goodness, our origin and guide, be close to us, and hear the prayers of all who praise you.

Forgive our sins and restore us to life. Keep us safe in your love. Amen.

A reflection. The theme is that God is with us, right from the time we began to exist and will continue to accompany us until we die. So we ask God who has offered us his love, to keep us safe now. At Mass we are restored to life by hearing God's word in in Our Lord's teachings and by receiving his Body and Blood in Communion.

Fr Geoffrey



Arden Foodbank

Next Sunday 7 August is our first collection for the Arden Foodbank and will continue on the first Sunday of every month. Dolores Haden will be organising this on our behalf. As previously, please bring donations to the Mass you attend and put them at the back of the Church. If you have any queries, contact Dolores

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**COFFEE IN
THE PARISH
HALL AFTER
10.30 MASS
TODAY**