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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR B SUNDAY 26th AUGUST 2018

*Jesus said: Do you want to go away too? Simon Peter answered: Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life. (John 6:67-68)*



Over the last five Sundays we have heard Jesus' teaching on the bread of life. Many listeners could not accept what he had to say. It seemed absurd to them. As we approach the sacrament of the eucharist today we renew and ratify our belief that we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ. And we pledge ourselves to live accordingly.

## SOUTHWARK PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us. Help us to be open to the freshness of your Spirit. Invite us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters. May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING**

*A reading from the book of Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord". The people answered. "We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God".

*The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 33:2-3. 16-23**

*R. Taste and see that the Lord is good .*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad . *R.*

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. *R.*



They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body — and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.  
*The word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.*

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69*

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.**

*May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*



### **SANCTUS:**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.*

### **COMMUNION RITE**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever*

### **Behold the Lamb of God...**

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.*

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**KERALA FLOOD SITUATION:** we offer our prayers to all the people of Kerala who are affected by the recent floods especially our parishioners who are trapped over there and their families affected. The Death toll had reached 400, 1.34 million people are in relief camps and over 400000 homes are affected. *We keep all the orphans and the nuns in our prayers as the orphanage is completely flooded. They are safe and are sheltered in a hospital. You will get a glimpse of the destruction from the photos on the notice board.*



We appeal to you for your support to help the nuns to rebuild the orphanage. We shall have a collection next weekend 8/9th September. Please do collect a donation envelop. Your donations can be gift aided. Many thanks.

**COUNT DOWN TO THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** we keep in our prayers our parish representatives, all the delegates and organisers as they prepare for the Congress in Liverpool, 7-9 September . The Congress events will be telecasted by SHALOM TV which is available on your Smart TV, Smartphone, Apple TV, Roku, Amazon FireTV, Android TV. Download Free app on your Phone/Tablet.

**POPE FRANCIS' LETTER:** Pope Francis has written a letter to all the faithful on the abuse in the Church titled " LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD". It is available on the Vatican website.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE MASS:** all those who received their First Holy Communion in June this year are requested to come for their Certificate Mass on **Sunday 16th September at 10.30am.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS 2019:** the registration will start from the week-end of **8th/9th September 2018.** Eligible candidates for First Holy Communion are those children who will start **year 3 in September 2018** and for Confirmation those pupils who will start **year 8 or above in September 2018.**

**COFFEE SHOP:** even though we have closed the parish halls for renovation, tea and coffee will be available after Sunday morning masses in the garden where we have put up a marque. Please join the Parish for a cup of tea or coffee. Thank you.

**THE ORDER OF MASS:** those who are not sure of the parts & responses of the Mass, please make use of the **ORDER OF MASS** card leaflet from the back of the Church. Please do not take home this card leaflet but please put it back in the holder for the next person. Thank you.

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY and ROSARY, CHARISMATIC & PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUPS :** closed for summer holidays.

**ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** Fr Jonathon has completed his term in the hospital. We say a Big Thank You to him for the extra ordinary commitment he has shown in his responsibility. We offer our prayers to him as he is preparing for his next appointment. We welcome Fr Mark Higgins as the new Catholic lead chaplain at St George's.

**SUNDAY SHALOM:** a Catholic newspaper by Shalom World is available from the back of the Church.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:** on the last Monday of every month, next one is on **Monday 27th August at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is **week 4 (Team 4) at 7pm**.

**NEED TO SEE A PRIEST:** If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House** on **FRIDAY 31st AUGUST** from **6pm – 7.30pm**. No appointment needed.

**TO BAPTISE A BABY:** Please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on most Fridays from **6pm – 7.30pm** in the Parish Office.

**PARISH HALLS RENOVATION:** thanks for your prayers and support for this project. The works have progressed well over the last 2-3 weeks and there are photographs on the noticeboard and also on the Parish website.

**EXAM RESULTS:** Thank you for your prayers for the young people who received their **A Level & GCSE results**. We continue to pray for them as they pursue their future plans.

**HOLIDAYS:** The Parish wishes all of you a relaxing summer holiday. If you are travelling, the Parish offers prayers for a safe journey.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH AT LINKS ROAD** is having a fundraising event on **Sunday 16th September** following their **11am Mass**. All proceeds will go towards urgent repairs to the Church. Thank you for your support.

**SPARE ROOM:** a spare room to rent in Colliers Wood. 'Female professional wanted for a double room in Mitcham. Please contact Laura for further information if interested on 07983 535 552.

*For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.*

***Wish you all a Blessed Week!***

*We keep in our prayers Lucia Laidlaw who died recently. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends. Her funeral is on this Tuesday at 12.30pm.*

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL:** we keep in our prayers all the five Parish delegates who will represent us at the Congress. We will pray the Southwark Prayer for the Congress as the concluding prayer to the Prayers of the Faithful that can be found on the front page of this missalette/newsletter.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** For person admitted in St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Jonathon Routh, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

**The Sick:** Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Mary & Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Terence Rodrigues, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Mary Prospere, Cecil Adams and Pat Nolan.

**Recently Deceased:** Lucia Laidlaw, Susan Colton Smith, Nick Pullenger.

**Anniversaries:** Gino Marengi, Joy Nwabude, Mavis Pusey, William Paget, Mary Wilson, James Doherty, Richard Pierce, Christine Stokes, Herta Boyton, Conchita Pechon, Anthony Cooper, Patrick McElwain, Jacqueline Ward, Augustus Allen, Baby Sofie Sandrin Sutharsan, Moira Parvin. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	25th & 26th August	1st & 2nd September
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Daren Alfred, Adrian Alfred	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza
09.00	Pat Connors, Angus Xavier	Mary Donoghue, Barrie Ellis-Daley
10.30	Christi Anoop, Cyprian Ritkowski	Francis Ikpoh, Deuwayne Ikpoh
12.00	Calynn Da Cunha, Matthewson Matthews	Ian Johnston, Ronald Cabrera
18.30	Padraig Cronin, Angel Babu	Sally Canizo, Ivon Kandiah
	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)</b>	
Sat18.30	Agnela, David and Manuel Cabral	Kirsten, Lucinda & Mathew D'Souza
09.00	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues	Mary Donoghue, Pat Willis, Monique Sinfailam
10.30	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling	Carina Jualo, Isabelle Mitchell, Kasia Zuzewicz
12.00	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne	Neves De Souza, Nellie de Santos, Tharma Kandiah
18.30	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Agnes Babu, Juliana DeSouza

Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 27th August @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 3rd September @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the Garden	Marquee in the Garden

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last week was **£2081.52** [Loose plate **51%**; Gift Aid **49%**]  
Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 26th August <b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Narcisa De Los Reyes RIP 2nd A Guiseppe Piccinini, RIP 1st A & Phil Power Leonard Figueira RIP A Nell & John Connor RIP
Monday 27th August <b>St. Monica [Bank Holiday]</b>	09.30 18.30	Seamus Conroy RIP Thanksgiving the Robin family
Tuesday 28th August  <b>St. Augustine</b>	09.30 <b>12.30</b> 18.30	Lily De Souza <b>Funeral: LUCIA LAIDLAW</b> Lenny Moakes
Wednesday 29th August <b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b>	09.30 18:30	Katherine Kings's Intentions Mella Savage RIP
Thursday 30th August <b>Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line &amp; Margaret Ward</b>	09.30 18.30	Sapiencia Maria Noronha Henry Bailey RIP
Friday 31st August <b>St. Aidan &amp; Ss of Lindisfarne</b>	09.30 18.30	Mariyakutty Antony RIP Mary Quinn RIP A
Saturday 1st September <b>Feria</b>	09.30 18.30	Hugh McClafferty RIP <b>FM: Michael, Mary &amp; Annette Creegan [RIP 5A]</b>
Sunday 2nd September <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)</b>	09.00 10.30 12.00 <b>15.00</b> 18.30	Fr Wilfred Obina's Intentions Joseph Pereira, RIP & Arthur McGinn James Seery <b>Baptisms</b> Marie Collins RIP 2nd A

Monday 27th August  
Padre Pio Group  
(Closed until 10th Sept.)

Tuesday 28th August  
Charismatic Prayer Group  
(Closed until 11th Sept.)

Wednesday 29th August  
Rosary Prayer Group  
(Closed until 12th Sept.)

Thursday 30th August  
**Knit & Natter Group**  
(3pm Parish Meeting Room)  
**Legion of Mary**  
(7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)  
**Tamil Mass** (7.30pm Church)

Friday 31st August  
50+ Club  
(Closed until further notice)

Parish Open House  
(6pm– 7.30pm in the Presbytery)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm

**Adoration & Morning Prayer**  
Monday - Saturday: 8.45am  
**Holy Hour on First Friday**

**Novena to St Anthony**  
Tuesday: 10am  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**  
Saturday: 10am