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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2021

*"Jesus answered: I tell you solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but you had all the bread you wanted to eat." (John 6: 26)*

After the multiplication of the loaves by Jesus, once the crowds have caught up with him again, there is a dialogue concerning the sign Jesus has worked. The crowds have interpreted the sign in a materialistic way.

They want to make Jesus their king so that they can be sure of their supply of bread. The sign has not been understood. Jesus invites them to believe in the one God has sent, but they clamour for a new sign. They disparage Jesus' works by referring to the manna Moses gave in the desert. Once again, Jesus challenges their interpretation.



It is God who is the source of all good gifts. The new gift God is giving, if they could accept it, is the gift of himself, the 'bread of life'. The conversation should not be about material survival, but about life in its fulness. The theme of the 'bread of life' will continue as the chapter unfolds. To what extent do I misunderstand the signs Jesus gives me? Do I understand what it means to 'work for God'? We pray for an understanding that faith can resolve our human concerns. We pray for a deeper love of Christ as the one who satisfies our deepest needs.



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

## 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    Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content.



Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.” And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 77(78):3-4,23-25,54**

*R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
these we will not hide from their children  
but will tell them to the next generation. **R**

The glories of the Lord and his might  
and the marvelous deeds he has done,  
Yet he commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **R**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food;  
So he brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 4:17,20-24**

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;*

*No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

**John 6:24-35**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made. ✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your 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.*

**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:** *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

### **PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION**

**YOUTH CHOIR:** Young people of our parish are invited to join a new Choir for young people . If you can play any instrument or sing, please join for choir practice at 4pm on Saturday 6th July. Youth Choir will sing at 12:00 Mass on 15 August.

**OFFERINGS by CARD & GIFT AID:** *YOU CAN FIND THE CARD TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS and also AT THE EMERGENCY EXIT LEADING TO THE GARDEN. You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. You can use card for Sunday offering/ Offering to the Poor/ Second collection/ Shop etc. Please follow the instruction on the welcoming screen. Thanks for using the facility.*

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** From this weekend, we resume collection normal way ( collection bags will be brought to you)

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** All those who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become an Altar Server. If you wish to become, please fill in a form which is available from the Porch and hand it over to a priest or in the parish office. Training for the new altar servers will be on *Saturday 11th September at 4pm.*

**PRAYER & CHARITY GROUPS:** Will resume their meetings from **6th September.**

**SENIORS DAY:** A Big Thank You to all of you for your prayers and support to our Seniors Day on last Sunday. Parish wishes to thank all young people, Tommy, and all the volunteers who helped. Well done!

**BIRTHDAY:** We wish Fr Anthony a happy birthday as his birthday is on this Saturday, 31st July.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Holy hour on this Friday 6th August 5.15-6.15pm.

**LOCKDOWN RULES TO END ON 19 JULY:** As lockdown rules came to an end by last Monday, 19 July, we as a parish, do everything we can to protect ourselves and general public. *Since we are still not out of the pandemic, it is our responsibility to make others comfortable to come for Mass especially those who are still shielding.* **So, even though it is not mandatory to have face covering, you are encouraged to have it in the Church, and we shall keep the safe distancing & hand sanitising rules for some more time.** We shall try to keep everything as now for time being. Many thanks for being mindful of others and taking care of them.

**FUNCTION SUITE:** The use of function suite for vaccination programme will be until 31 August. The nursery at the Hall will be extending, and as result, they will use the Function Suite **Mon-Fri from 1st September.** We are happy to hear that the nursery is doing well.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:** 9.30am on Mon–Sat and Sun at 12:00.

**MORE SPACES IN THE HALL:** There will be live streaming of the Masses in the Hall on Sunday 9am, 10:30 & 12:00. If you cant find a space in the Church, please make use this facility. Communion will be brought to the hall.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Please visit [www.stbonifacehall.co.uk](http://www.stbonifacehall.co.uk), call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

**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 Week2 (Team 2) at 7pm.**

**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

## **TO BAPTISE A BABY**

Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** will be on this **Monday 30th August at 7.15pm** in the Parish Hall.

## **NEED TO SEE A PRIEST**

If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed.

## **HOSPITAL VISITS**

If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr March Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

*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.*

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

**The Sick:** Mary Waters, Daisy Jhugroo, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke, Eli Lee Roberts, Daniel Bird, Anne & John Doyle.

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Dunne, Dennis Carroll, Mary Thornton, Margaret Leonard, Monica Gomez, Thomas Nugent, James Harrington, Edith Ikpoh, Cosmos Wardally, John Rooney, Maura Ansbro, Maura Malone.

**May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	<b>31st July &amp; 1st August</b>	<b>7th &amp; 8th August</b>
	<b>LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)</b>	
<b>Sat 18.30</b>	Lucinda D'Souza	Kirstein D'Souza
<b>09.00</b>	Remo Manoharadas	Ansshakila Manoharadas
<b>10.30</b>	Gary Bennett	Anita Bennett
<b>12.00</b>	Annmary Kurikose	Keoni McGowan
<b>13:00</b>	Ian Johnson	Deuwayne Ikpoh
<b>18:30</b>	Emie Roberts	Ivon Kandiah
<b>Cleaning Rota:</b>	<b>Wk2 Mon 2nd August @ 7pm</b>	<b>Wk3 Mon 9th August @ 10am</b>

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£1805.58)  
Box collection £914.08, Card collection: 595.00 & S/O: 296.50



## **DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

<b><u>Sunday 1st August</u></b> <b>The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (B)</b>	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 <b>15:00</b> <b>16:00</b> 18:30	Theodore & Domingue Flys Christina Francis Mr & Mrs Zerafa Carmel Murry, RIP <b>Baptism</b> <b>Nnebisi UK Mass</b> Frank Kilroy RIP
Monday 2nd August <b>St Eusebius</b>	09:30 18:30	Pascal Fernandes RIP Magdalene Taylor Thanksgiving
Tuesday 3rd August <b>Votive St Anthony</b>	09:30 18:30	John Furtado RIP Celedonia Tan Pua RIP
Wednesday 4th August <b>St John Mary Vianney</b>	09:30 18:30	Frank Kilroy RIP November Deceased
Thursday 5th August <b>Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</b>	09:30 18:30	Pro Populo Winston Devonish
Friday 6th August <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	09:30 18:30	Denise Parry FM- Elizabeth Pryor
Saturday 7th August <b>Our Lady</b>	09:30 14:00 18:30	Barry Fitzgerald <b>Baptism</b> Basil Netto RIP
<b><u>Sunday 8th August</u></b> <b>The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (B)</b>	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 <b>14:00</b> <b>15:00</b> 18:30	Vareeth & Rosa Myanttyparambil Sharon Wrightman Neves Desa Birthday/ Antonette Crowley Conchita Cortez thanksgiving <b>Baptism</b> <b>Baptism</b> Phil Byrne RIP

**All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.**  
**Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 5th August.**  
**Parish Open House: Friday 6th August 4-6pm**

<b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	<b>Novena to St Anthony</b> Tuesday: 10am <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> Friday: 10am	<b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturday: 10am
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