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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B) SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST 2021

*"After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?'". (John 6: 60)*



With this gospel passage we come to the end of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, which we have been reading over the last several weeks. The followers of Jesus are said to be struggling with his teaching in the dialogue with the Jews which follows the working of the sign of the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus has spoken of himself as the 'bread of life'. Early in the chapter this referred to his life-giving teaching, but in the later verses Jesus began to speak of people eating his flesh and drinking his blood, in a clear allusion to the Eucharist. It seems to be this teaching about the Eucharist that is difficult for some of his followers to accept.

There is a contrast here between the followers of Jesus and the chosen Twelve. It is the Twelve who are then challenged by Jesus: 'Do you want to go away too?' One can understand the perplexity of the ordinary followers, but from those who have been with Jesus throughout the ministry greater insight and greater fidelity might be expected. The response of Peter comes in a firm commitment to Jesus: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' This speech of Peter, his profession of faith in the name of the others, recalls the reading from the Book of Joshua, in which the people newly arrived in the promised land renew their covenant commitment to be the people of God: 'We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' Do I appreciate that the words of Jesus are truly words of life?



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## 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 Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

**A reading from the book of Joshua**

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 and serving other gods! Was it not 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?



What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33934)**

***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**

**Ephesians 5:21-32**

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

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 to 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**

**John 6:60-69**

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

#### **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**

**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.



**PARISH OPEN HOUSE:** No parish Open House until 3rd September. Please contact the parish office for urgent matters.

**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:** We resume collection normal way (collection bags will be brought to you) by the ushers and altar servers.

**MASS OFFERING:** It is a practice of offering a Mass for a particular intention. The grace of the Eucharistic is so immense. By offering a Mass for a special intention/ someone, we are bringing the graces of the Eucharist to them. You are encouraged to offer Mass for some one you love and cherish in your life especially those who died on their death anniversary or someone's birth day ( the best gift you can give) or some one unwell or as a thanksgiving. **Of course the Mass is not exclusively for this intention – every Mass is offered for all people, especially those in need.**

**YOUTH CHOIR:** Parish family wishes to say a Big Thank You to all the young people who led us through signing at 12:00 Mass on the Assumption Day. Well done!

**ST BONIFACE CAFÉ:** Is closed from 23rd Aug to 1st Sept inclusive.

**PARENT AND BABY :** If you are a parent/grandparent/carer and interested to join a support group for chats, walks and activities please contact Lisa on [lisa\\_singh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lisa_singh@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**COVID-19:** As lockdown rules came to an end by 19 July, we as a parish, do everything we can, to protect and make others comfortable to come for Mass especially elderly. **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.** Many thanks for being mindful of others and taking care of them.

**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 Week4 (Team 4) at 7pm.**

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

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



**DIED RECENTLY:** Mari Waters, Daniel Gilhooly, Ofelia Bermudez, Douglas Martin, Eina O'Sullivan & Maru Nkum

**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:** Is 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:** Christi Lobo, Agatha Hanley, Raymond Gearing, Joseph Kelleher, Patrick Moran, Istavan Goher, Veronica Hunt, Roy Charlton, Francis Malone, Nancy Pierce, Lovell McKenzie, Daphne Moonie, Victor Lawrence, Michael Hickey, Sarah Muscat, Maria Allen, Monica Fung, Marie Requin, James Lynn, James Seery, Josephine Omoya. Pat Watkins, Pat Sexton, Richard Norton & Lucia Laidlaw. May they rest in peace – Amen.

	21st & 22nd August	28th & 29th August
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Nancy Biney	Ethna Power
09.00	Berrie Ellis-Daley	Rexon Rebidelmo
10.30	Anastasia Ogbonna	Mary Sagoe
12.00	Tara Butler	Charmaine Fernandes
13:00	Pam Fernandez	Ian Johnson
18:30	Ivon Kandia	Susan Daniel
<b>Cleaning Rota:</b>	<b>Wk1 Mon 23rd August @ 10am</b>	<b>Wk2 Mon 30th August @ 7pm</b>

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2135.66)  
Box collection £1150.16 Card collection: 627.00 & S/O: 358.50



## **DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

<b><u>Sunday 22nd August</u></b> <b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY</b> <b>YEAR (B)</b>	09:00	Kochappu & Annam Edattukaran/ Danny Gilhooley RIP
	10:30	Linda & Gary B/Days Fr Slavko Barbaric, RIP
	12:00	Mr & Mrs Zerafa
	13:00	Rosalie Hickey RIP
	18:30	Eugene Barros RIP
Monday 23rd August	09:30	Dympna Speers Julito Canonoy, RIP (A)
<b>St Rose of Lima</b>	18:30	Joseph & Marie Waters W/A
Tuesday 24th August	09:30	James Seery, RIP (A)
<b>St Bartholomew</b>	18:30	Rita Lobo Ints
Wednesday 25th August	09:30	Noel Michael B/D
<b>Votive St Joseph</b>	18:30	Fanton Sinfailam Family, RIP
Thursday 26th August	09:30	Leonardo Figuera, RIP Rino Villanueva B/D
<b>Dominic of the Mother of</b>	18:30	Sheila Reilly, RIP
Friday 27th August	09:30	Euthalia Leyton
<b>St Monica</b>	18:30	Lilly De Souza Desira Fernandes Ints
Saturday 28th August	09:30	For the people of the Parish
<b>St Augustine</b>	18:30	Frank Haughty Ints Elida Larcote, RIP
<b><u>Sunday 29th August</u></b> <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY</b> <b>YEAR (B)</b>	09:00	Rosily & Thresiamma Mynatty- parambil
	10:30	Martin Burke, RIP Victor Ponniah, RIP
	12:00	Theresa Schembri & Curuana Famly
	13:00	Ints Fr Shaju
	18:30	Ints Bridget McDonagh

**All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.**

**Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 26th August.**

**Parish Open House: No Parish Open House until Friday 3rd September**

<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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