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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B) SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021

"Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, ..." (Mark 7: 34-35)

The miracle story in this Sunday gospel happens in pagan territory, and is a sign of the openness of Jesus to healing all people. In this healing miracle



Jesus uses different techniques to cure the man, including placing spittle on the man's tongue. Such techniques are known to have been used by other healers in ancient times, and it is remarkable that on occasion Jesus uses them too, perhaps to show that all healing is the work of God. The word 'Ephphatha' is one of the rare instances of Aramaic words of Jesus being recorded by the evangelist.

Hearing and speech are restored to the man, but Jesus then commands silence about the miracle. This is a particular feature of the gospel miracle stories and may be explained if we recall that Jesus was particularly concerned not to be made the leader of a popular movement, perhaps even a revolt against Roman rule. The purposes of the coming of Jesus are not involved with the politics of the day but with the true healing of people and societies. The passage concludes with an allusion to the prophecy of Isaiah in our first reading. The days of the blind seeing, the deaf hearing and the dumb speaking were long desired by the people of former times. God's coming, it was hoped, would transform people's lives and the whole of creation. The miracle story suggests that these days have come. Let us pray that we may use all our senses in the service of the gospel.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, our God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145(146):7-10

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: All those who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become an Altar Server. Training for the new altar servers will be on Saturday 11th September at 4pm and their induction on Sunday 12th September.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet on 15th Sept & PARISH COUNCIL on 16th Sept at 7.15pm respectively. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY: A day dedicated to pray for Catholic Education. There will be a Second Collection to support Catholic Schools & Colleges.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2022: Registration forms for the 2022 programme will be available from the first weekend of October from the Church Porch.

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

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House on Fridays 4-6pm.

SATURDAY EVENING CONFESSIONS: Will resumes from Saturday 11th September at 5.45-6.15pm.

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION: every year, the Parish runs a programme called "RCIA" for any person who was never baptised, or was baptised in another Christian tradition and would like to become a Catholic, or any Catholic adults who have never been confirmed. Please come for an informal open house on Saturday 25th September at 5pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES: *On Thursdays at 7.15pm. The next one is on Thursday 23rd September.*

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 birthday (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: On Saturdays at 4pm.

PARENT AND BABY SUPPORT: 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

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.

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.

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

HALL BOOKINGS: Please visit 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 Week3 (Team 3) at 10am.**

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

DIED RECENTLY: Daisy Jhugroo, John Doyle, Linda Burns, Mari Waters, Daniel Gilhooly, Ofelia Bermudez & Eina O'Sullivan

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 Monday *27th September 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, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, 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 Doyle.

Anniversaries: Lucia Laidlaw, Susan Colton Smith, Nick Pullenger, Dorothy Dempsey, Ana Gillespie, Karen Forbes, James Smyth, Amanda Lewis, Teresa Gonzales, Pastora Loaiza, Salvatore Diana, Christine Zielinski, Bebe Khan, Fitzroy Gludd, Joseph Loughran, Zara Hope Keegan, Mary Wolsey, Grace Achato
May they rest in peace – Amen.

	4th & 5th September	11th & 12th September
LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)		
Sat 18.30	Jim Russell	Doris Cubero
09.00	Angela Lum Wai	Mary Donoghue
10.30	Ada Ikpoh	Rose Adroa
12.00	Clynn Da Cunha	Mathewson Mathews
13:00	Pam Fernandes	Deuwayne Ikpoh
18:30	Sally Canizo	Liza Asante
Cleaning Rota:	Wk3: 6th September @ 10pm	Wk4: 13th September @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2468.37)
 Bag collection £1259.87 Card collection: 742.00 & S/O: 466.50



<p><u>Sunday 5th September</u> TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY YEAR (B)</p>	<p>09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 14:00 15:00 18:30</p>	<p>Sharon Shillingford B'day Valerie Moran Ints Anita Fonseca ints Family & Friends of John Quinn RIP Wasył Sydoriuk Mr & Mrs Zerafa RIP Elizabeth Elder Baptism Baptism Eina O'Sullivan RIP</p>
<p>Monday 6th September Feria</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>John Conlan Celedonia Jan Pua RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th September Votive St Anthony</p>	<p>09:30 18.30</p>	<p>Gerry Mulqueen Ashton Rozario RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>09:30 12:30 18:30</p>	<p>Lani Villanueva Thanksgiving Funeral Onwugbolu & Ojukwu RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 9th September Saint Peter Claver</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Jerome, Christy & Agnes Lobo RIP Mr & Mrs Thommypillai Wedding A. Ely Ines RIP/ Maria & Igmedio Villanueva RIP</p>
<p>Friday 10th September Feria</p>	<p>09:30 18:30</p>	<p>Pro Populo Mary Waters RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 11th September The Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>09:30 14:00 18:30</p>	<p>Doreen Theodora D. B/D Baptism Juan Donayre, RIP</p>
<p><u>Sunday 12th September</u> TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR (B) Education Sunday</p>	<p>09:00 10:30 12.00 13.00 14:00 18.30</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Krupa B/D Damrus Rosario RIP/ Sandra Brekalo Theresa Schembri & Curuana Family Mark McCafferty Baptism John O'Driscoll</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 6th September</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel <u>Tuesday 7th September</u> Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel <u>Wednesday 8th September</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 9th September</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church <u>Friday 10th September</u> Parish Open House</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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