



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Spiritans

Dangers of a complaining spirit.

A monk joined a monastery and took a vow of silence. After the first 10 years, his superior called him in and asked, "do you have anything to say?" The monk replied, "food bad." After another 10 years the monk again had opportunity to voice his thoughts and he said, "bed hard." Another 10 years went by and again he was called in before his superior. When asked if he had anything to say, he responded, "I quit." The Superior said to him; "It does not surprise me a bit. You have done nothing but complain ever since you got here." In the Gospel reading, Jesus warns us to stop complaining about God and about others, because nobody can come to him unless the person is drawn by God. Hence, another word for the Eucharist is thanksgiving and complaining is the opposite of that. Too often, we focus on what we do not have or on what could be different for us or for other, but neglect what God has blessed us with. Indeed, there will always be something to complain about because we live in an imperfect world, however, complaining prevents us from enjoying the life that God has given to us. It limits us into seeing the negatives, thereby limiting our growth. The Eucharist prayers remind us that everything we have, including our thanksgiving is itself a gift of God. This humbles us for it is God that brought us to His table and not through our power or intelligence. All glory should go to him and not to us. However, the devil wants us to complain how bad things are, how unfair life is to us and the terrible time that we are going through. Please, do not enter into that trap even if it seems that life is unfair to you. If this mistake is made, life becomes covered with darkness by the devil. Maybe your heart has been broken or maybe you have a diagnosis of a life-threatening disease or have lost a loved one and the pain is much; do not give in to complaining, rather, thank God for all he does in your life. He will bless you and give you the bright life and peace that you deserve. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 11 AUGUST 2024 — 18 AUGUST 2024

(FEASTS: 15TH THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION), MEMORIALS: 14TH - ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE)

Sat 10	18.30: Chandra Fernandes - RIP 11th ANN (<i>Mary</i>)
Sun 11	09.00: Patrick Grogan - RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>) 11.00: Ikenna & Esther Okafor & family (God's protection) 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 12	09.30: Catherine Yap (WB)
Tues 13	09.30: Holy Souls 19.00: Gerry Taylor (WB).
Wed 14	09.30: Martin Dray (WB). 19.00: Jimmy Simons (WB)
Thurs 15	07.00: Allan Cook (WB) 09.30: Hazel D'Aguiar (WB). 7pm. Lionel Holland (WB).
Fri 16	07.00: Ray & Liz Lewry (WB) 09.30: Eric Powell (WB).
Sat 17	09.00: Angela Bailey (WB).
Sat 17	18.30 Eileen Knibbs - RIP (<i>C Stevens</i>)
Sun 18	09.00: 11.00: 18.00: People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:	MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8am
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):	MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9am
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
YOUTH MASS:	LAST SUNDAY: - 6pm Mass
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:	TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:	WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:	FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass
SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL	FIRST FRIDAY - of the month



REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Joe Ingrassi, Jamie (James) McDonagh, Eileen Clarke, Bernadette Mitchell and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

THE SICK: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Hazel D'Aguiar, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Wendy Cook, Tony Cook, Nivetheni Robert, Baby Freddie Page, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Ravenna Ahmed, Jesse Osborne, Vinitha Sherin, Jisha Nelson, Ralph Smallwood, Adam Martin, Mark Draper, Tim & Janice Ryan, David Knights, Lionel Holland, Gerry Taylor, Allan Cook and Angela Bailey.

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Penitential Act: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*And, striking their breast, they say:*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. **Amen.**

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.**

Opening Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading **1 Kings 19:4-8**
Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm **33(34):2-9**

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.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading **Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who

has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. **Alleluia!**

Gospel **John 6:41-51**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They will all be taught by God*, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Priest:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: 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. *(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow)* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit 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.**

Prayer over the Offerings: Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon **Ps 147: 12, 14**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion: May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH OFFICE HAS CLOSED AND HAS ONLY AN EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF AUGUST. IT WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

August 15 is the feast of Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation when every Catholic is obliged to go to Mass. There will be three masses at 7am, 9.30am & 7pm. **Young adult's Concert is being organized by the Spiritan Religious order's Youth Ministry on Saturday, 21st September, from 10am to 5pm at St. Mellitus, Tollington park, London.** It is a day of worship, fun activities, and adoration. Many young adults will be coming from all the Spiritan Parishes in London. It will begin the series of preparation for the next World Youth Day. Speak to Fr. Michael or Jeffrey, our Parish Youth Coordinator, for a free ticket if you are interested. Don't miss out on this exciting event.

'Threads through Creation' is showing at Southwark Cathedral from now until 26th August. You will see the black and white pages of the creation story in Genesis transformed into astonishing colours and designs. It's beautiful, breath-taking, uplifting and inspiring for all ages Textile artist Jacqui Parkinson spent three years stitching twelve HUGE (almost 3m high) silk panels to make this spectacular art exhibition.

The Parish is updating its list for the sick and house-bound for visitation by the Clergy and Eucharistic Ministers, If you have in your family or know anyone that is sick or housebound and should be visited and given Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Michael or the Parish office. This is very important.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND: Weekly collection reporting will resume at the end of August because the parish office is closed and previous report will be published later.

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JULY 2024

Cash / cheques – £4974.74

1. Gift-Aided – £1,545.04

2. Non-G/A – £3,429.70

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,390

1. Gift-Aided – £1,973.00

2. Non-G/A – £417.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,329.11

Total = £8,693.85 (Last month: £7,670.28)

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Please make **cheques** payable to: *RCAS Tolworth*

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at [olionline.co.uk](http://online.co.uk)), or by online banking:

RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

NEW FORM FOR THE BOOKING OF THE PARISH HALL IS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARISH OFFICE - All new bookings and existing groups must complete this form or the bookings will become invalid.

MASS ENVELOPES ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND MASSES CAN ALSO BE BOOKED THROUGH THE EMAIL OR TELEPHONE Mass offerings can be made online to the parish account.

JOURNEY MERCY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS who are travelling for their Summer Holiday, may God bless and protect you. May all those who are staying in our beautiful Tolworth and its environs also have a peaceful and restful holiday.

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of going to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day and mowed the yard, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!" Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked. Again, they all answered, "NO!" She was just bursting with pride that they knew that we need to do a lot to get to heaven. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

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