



18 AUGUST 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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The Eucharistic table is one table and not two.

There was once a king who engaged a local painter to draw the Last Supper. He wanted a beautiful picture of Jesus with his disciples. However, the artist had Jesus with many people of different races. He included the sick, beggars, criminals and misfits. The King was angry and shouted at the artist, 'Of what use is this useless painting?' The artist said "Your Highness, this is a painting of God who delights in all people; all saints and all sorts are welcomed to his table ...and that is my understanding of the Last Supper, Holy Communion and Eucharist." In the Gospel reading, Jesus says "anyone who eats this bread will live." The emphasis is on the fact that God welcomes everyone to his table, there are no boundaries to grace. This is why the Eucharist is a living bread and not a cake. Bread is a staple food that everyone has access to, unlike cake. The poor, the rich, saints and sinners eat bread and by this, Jesus affirms that He is available to everyone. Sadly, we sometimes try to put boundaries on grace and those who can be welcomed to the Church and to God's table. However, Jesus never said anywhere that some are never welcomed to his table. Our Lord often had dinner with tax collectors and prostitutes, people considered outsiders to God's grace. Even, on the day that He instituted the Eucharist, He shared the bread with Judas who will betray him and Peter, who will deny him. Let us always remember that God is the host at the Eucharistic table, it is His table and not ours. He gets to decide who is welcome, not us. Let us never judge and exclude anyone from God's love and our love. The Eucharistic table is one table and not two. There is no sinners table over here and saints table over there. No! There is just one table, and all are welcome to it. And guess what, that is the **GOOD NEWS**. It would not be Good News to find out some are welcome and some are not. The Good News, the Gospel, is that everyone is welcome to God's love. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 18 AUGUST 2024 — 25 AUGUST 2024

(FEASTS: 24TH ST BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE, MEMORIALS: 20TH - ST BERNARD, 21ST ST PIUS X, 22ND THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

Sat 17	18.30: Eileen Knibbs (RIP) <i>(R.Tibbs)</i>
Sun 18	09.00: Nick & Debbie Board - 40th Wedding ANN 11.00: Anastasia, Cletus, Valentine & Sabina Ezenwamadu. <i>(RIP)</i> . 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 19	09.30: Margaret & Thomas Kane - RIP <i>(K Jankowski)</i>
Tues 20	09.30: Maria Sebastian - Ints 19.00: Holy Souls
Wed 21	09.30: Catherine Yap (WB). 19.00: Ian Beard (WB).
Thurs 22	07.00: Sick and housebound parishioners (WB) 09.30: Deacon Al Callan (WB).
Fri 23	07.00: Kate Sage (WB) 09.30: Maureen Stephens (WB).
Sat 24	09.00: Edith Eales - RIP <i>(FM)</i>
Sat 24	18.30: Eileen Knibbs - RIP <i>(A Davis)</i>
Sun 25	09.00: 11.00: Margaret Lynch - RIP 2nd ANN <i>(C Stevens)</i> 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: Ps 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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: O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maid-servants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 33(34):2-3,10-15

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.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but

recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation **Jn1:14,12**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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: Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon: **Ps 129: 7**

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer after Communion: Made partakers of Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his co-heirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PARISH INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Congratulations to Nick and Debbie Board as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless their love and union. Thanks so much too to Nick and Debbie for their years of service to our community.

Next OLI Youth Ministry Event: Sunday 8th September, 4:15 - 5.30 pm. Following a short break for summer, we are excited to invite all young people, Year 7 to the age of 19, to our next Youth Ministry Event in the Parish Hall. There will be games, snacks and, possibly some singing as well so that young people can experience their faith in good company. Please note, going forward we will require a signed consent form, for young people under the age of 18, to attend. Consent forms will be made available at the back of the church from the week of 26th August, completed forms can be dropped off in the presbytery or brought to the event.

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 Jeffrie, our Parish Youth Coordinator, for a free ticket if you are interested. Don't miss out on this exciting event.

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

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), or by online banking:

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

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.

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.

Wall Of Jericho: A teacher was giving a lesson on the Old Testament and asked one of her students, "Tommy, who knocked down the walls of Jericho?" Tommy answered, "Well, it wasn't me." Worried about this lack of Bible knowledge, the teacher called Tommy's mother. His mother said, "Look, my son's a good kid. If he says he didn't knock the wall down, he didn't knock the wall down." More worried, the teacher called Tommy's father. He listened to her story and said, "Well, look, I don't want any trouble. Just tell me how much this wall costs, and I'll take care of it."

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