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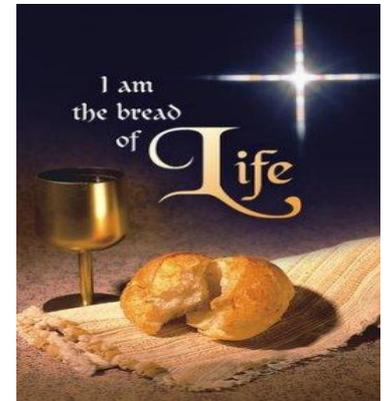
SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of loaves...." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst."
(John 6:26, 34-35)*

The hunger of the human spirit goes beyond the hunger for food and drink. This was the central undertone implied in the "Bread of life" discourse. No wonder then the Church depicts the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is prefigured in the "Bread of Life" dialogue, as one of the invaluable gifts of Christ to His Church. Reminisce that last Sunday, we read how Jesus fed the crowd, and how they were intent on making him king so he could continually provide their material needs. In today's Gospel, Christ reprimanded the people who came all the way to Capernaum to see Him because their motives were purely materialistic. Thus, He said: "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs, but because you have all the bread you wanted to eat" (Jn. 6:26).

This statement of Jesus apparently seems too blunt, impolite and insensitive; yet it invites us to engage in a soul searching venture: Why do I seek Christ? Why do I go to Church? Do I seek Christ because He is a problem solver or do I intend to establish a personal relationship with Him? Note that if our relationship with Jesus is based on what He can offer us, we soon experience frustration when our needs are not immediately met. Jesus concludes 'the bread of life discourse' by reminding us that He is the Bread of Life. In the Eucharist, Christ presents Himself daily to us and it is through our worthy participation in this Sacrament, that we can nurture this close intimacy with Jesus. May we allow Christ to be our personal friend and Saviour, and surely He would always be there for us in times of joy and distress.



CONFITEOR (I Confess)

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, 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.

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.**

First reading: A reading from the book of Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

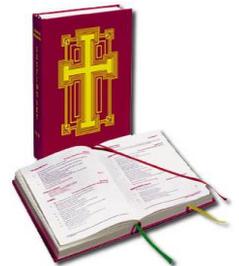
The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us 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.



Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood the things our father have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and high might. **R**

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. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R**

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:17,20-24

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, 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, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel John 6:24-35

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.

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 yours 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.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of 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.

Latin

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Dóminus Deus Sábaoth

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosána in excélsis.

Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.

Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray **Preface VI** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

**O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine. x 3**



PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Annual Leave: Fr. Cyriacus is on annual leave for the month of August. Fr. Stanley, a student priest from Birmingham is looking after the Parish in his absence. Please make him welcome and assist him where needed.

Parish Office: The parish office will now be **closed** for 2 weeks. Any enquiries will be dealt with by the parish secretary upon her return on 22nd August.

Parish Surgery: Please remember there will be **NO** parish surgery in the month of August; they will resume again on Thursday 6th September.

Prayer for the Success of the Eucharistic Congress: Once again, this weekend, we shall be collectively saying the prayer for the success of the Eucharistic congress in Liverpool after the reception of the Holy Communion. Please find the prayer on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

200 Club: Congratulations goes to Lorraine Lawson who was our July winner. £500 is on its way to Lorraine!! Renewal forms for the 200 club will be issued in the next few weeks.

Coffee Morning: Our next two coffee will be held on Monday 20 August after 9.30am Mass.

August Birthday Celebrations: We shall be celebrating birthday cake Sunday on 19th August after each mass. Please check the August birthday list in the porch and add your name if it is not shown. Please note, as the parish secretary will be away, this list will not be updated so please write clearly so Fr. Stanley can read your names with ease on the day.

Outreach Table Sales: The Outreach Group will be holding table sales on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd September. Please bring in any donations and leave in the box at the back of the porch.

Parish Celebration Day: Our parish celebration day will be held on Sunday 16th September. The volunteers will be meeting on Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm in the church hall to discuss the day in more detail; more help is needed so please feel free to come along and join us.

Day trip: Our next day trip will be to the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St John Baptist which is based in Norwich. The cost of this trip will be £10 per adult; £5 per child under 12. This trip will also include a tour of the ground level of the cathedral; the parish will fund this cathedral tour. There are only 6 spaces

available so please put your name down on the list in the porch if you wish to join.

2019 Pilgrimage: An update on pricing of The Footsteps of St. Paul - A pilgrimage tour in Greece will be with you by October.

Rosary Group: Monday, Thursday and Friday at 10am & Saturday 13.00pm.

Mothers Prayer Group 1: Holds every Friday at 8pm at Irene Williams' house.

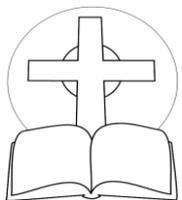
Mothers Prayer Group 2: Holds every Friday at 8pm at Nneka Omo-Idahosa's house.

PARISH EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER	
SUNDAY 16TH	PARISH CELEBRATION DAY
SATURDAY 29TH	DAY TRIP TO CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN BAPTIST IN NORWICH



Request for Prayer for the Sick and the Housebound

Please continue to pray for: Mario Angeli, Eleanor Smith, Terry Burns, Maureen McMahon, Monica Gallagher, P J Connor, Mary Stanley, Betty Evans, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Colman, Marya Misajat, Shelia Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Eamon Murphy and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR AUGUST

We remember in our payers: William Turner, Carlos Fernandes, Mary Mandy, Pauline Lawrence, Jack Neame, Robert McGarr, Jacko Brennan, Baba Mwajgmo, Raymond Mondesir, George Farrell, Joseph Corera, Patrick Donovan, Peter Cilio, Bright Alkhuele, Jim Farrell, Elizabeth Hine, Elizabeth Taylor, Kerry Gullypot, Felix Lucian Morris, Ellen Graves, Julentina Fernandes, Edith Meaney, Mary Kurber, Pamela Rutledge, Jose Dillonueva, Bridget Kogan, Margaret Lovelle, Joseph Forsythe, Mary Camilleri, Ann Clark, Daniel Schoth, Jim O'Callaghan, Ann Kay, Reuben Palfreyman, Georgina Gomez and Martha Downes.



Prayer for the Success of the Eucharistic Congress

Loving God, help us to be open to the freshness of your Spirit. Fill us with enthusiasm for the Good News. Invite us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist. Make us more aware of where there is need for a new life. Help us to reach out to those who feel lost or abandoned, those who are searching and questioning, those who have walked away from you and those who are eager to know your love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH

Service	Weekend of 4 & 5 August Team 1	Weekend of 11 & 12 August Team 2
Readers 6pm	HP DSouza Chima	C St. John AM Atlay
Readers 9am	M Fernandes F Iorio	M Wingfield J Fernandes
Readers 11am	M Withams Terry Wickenden	P O'Halloran J Smith
Euch. M. 6pm	H Cherry, D Winter & J Tarrant	JP Gallagher, D Philip & B Inglis
Euch. M. 9am	M Armstrong, A Clarke & E North	M Abu, M Lyons & K Wingfield
Euch.M.11am	H Anseline, J Boamah, C De Sousa, N Akosah, G Greenspan, E Williams & M Alademerin	F Adewale, R Anseline, P Greenidge, T Wickenden, M Ehiousn & N Esong
Linen	E Temenior	H Coker
Cleaning	F Adewale	M Quintavalle

During this summer break, we
pray for God to bless you during your travels and vacation.
We pray for your safe passage and return.



Happy Holidays!!

DIARY FOR THE WEEK



<p>Sun: Aug.5: Eighteenth Sunday (B)</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Eddie McIntyre, RIP</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Sr. Clare Stanley, GB</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Funmi Adewale, BT</p>	<p>Sat: Aug.11: St. Claire, Virgin, (Memorial)</p> <p>11.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>11.35am – 12.05pm: Confessions</p> <p>12.05pm: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</p> <p>12.30pm Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Danny McNally, SI</p>
<p>Mon: Aug.6: The Transfiguration of the Lord, (Feast)</p> <p>9.30am: Pauline Mary Lawrence, RIP</p> <p>10.00am: Novena to St. Anthony of Padua</p> <p>Tues: Aug.7: No Mass</p> <p>Wed: Aug.8: St. Dominic, Priest (Memorial)</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm: Claudina Fernandes, RIP</p> <p>Thu: Aug. 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, (Feast)</p> <p>9.30am: Valsamma James, RIP</p> <p>No Parish Surgery</p> <p>Fri: Aug. 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, (Feast)</p> <p>9.30am: Carlos Fernandes, RIP</p>	<p>Sun: Aug.12: Nineteenth Sunday (B)</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Lawlor Family, GB</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>SI means Special Intention</p> <p>SR means Speedy Recovery</p> <p>BI means Blessed</p> <p>GB means God's Blessings</p> <p>WB means Well-Being</p> <p>TG means Thanksgiving</p> <p>PI means Private Intentions</p> <p>BT means Birthday Thanksgiving</p> <p>WA means Wedding Anniversary</p> <p>Pro Populo: People of the Parish</p>
<p>Rosary: Mon, Thursday – Friday at 10am, Saturday at 13.00pm</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Starts at 8.45am on Monday, Thursday – Friday; 6.45pm on Wednesday and 11.30am on Saturday.</p>	