

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

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 COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

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 our God 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? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 33:2-3.16-23. R.v9

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

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.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Jn 6:63.68
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



One might assume, after all the healing miracles that Jesus had done, everyone who had witnessed them or benefitted from them would automatically become a follower of his. But, as we learn

from today's Gospel reading, "many disciples left him and stopped going with him". Some may have gone away because they didn't like the things he had been saying about him being the bread of life, or having to eat his flesh and drink his blood. Others may have stopped following him when they realised that it involved a serious commitment which involved suffering and possibly even death. So many have abandoned him that Jesus even wonders if the Apostles, those closest to him, wanted to go away too. Peter takes the lead and

affirms what Jesus has told them about Jesus having the message of eternal life and being the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus asks us today the same question. "Do you want to go away too?" It is a question that we must ask ourselves. And if our answer is 'No', we need to decide what the choice to stay with him means.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

AN ABSENCE OF HUMAN DIGNITY ON THE BORDERS

42. Oddly enough, while closed and intolerant attitudes towards others are on the rise, distances are otherwise shrinking or disappearing to the point that the right to privacy scarcely exists. Everything has become a kind of spectacle to be examined and inspected, and people's lives are now under constant surveillance. Digital communication wants to bring everything out into the open; people's lives are combed over, laid bare and bandied about, often anonymously. Respect for others disintegrates, and even as we dismiss, ignore or keep others distant, we can shamelessly peer into every detail of their lives.

SAINT MONICA – 27th AUGUST – patron saint of Mothers

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo's. She was born in 331 A.D. in Algeria.

She was given in marriage to a non-Christian man with a fierce temper and she was often the victim of his rage. For years, she prayed for him and although her husband was bothered by her Christianity, he respected her beliefs. One year before her husband's death, he converted to Christianity.

They had 3 children. 2 of them entered religious life but Augustine became lazy and uncouth and gave his mum the most heartache; Monica prayed for her son and once her husband died, she sent Augustine away for schooling.

Monica continued to pray for her son even though he had fallen out with her over his joining of a cult. Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son and so she went to look for him. And after 17 years of resistance, Augustine converted to Christianity who became one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time.

Monica is recognised as the patron saint of mothers for her faith and dedication to motherhood; she never gave up her prayers for her son and this was pivotal in the formation of the great Saint Augustine.





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A MESSAGE FROM FR CHACKO

My Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time!

After being out of my parish activities for nearly for two months, now I am able to stand before you through the great mercy of God. I thank God primarily who took me through pains and hospitalization, and so many were at my side to help me through. I sincerely thank everyone who kept our parish going. They are so many and May the good Lord alone be their reward. Thanks a lot for all your support, prayers and wishes.

Coming out of the present pandemic situation, and my own physical confinement, I have felt the need to be on my knees before the Blessed Sacrament in thanksgiving and may I invite you to join me every day before the Holy Mass for half an hour in front of the Blessed Lord in silence.

Studying the document from Bishop Mark "A precious place of God's grace" which encourages and gives guidelines to look forward to a church in our diocese 10 years from now on. Lack of priests and lack of faithful attending the masses in parishes challenges us "to be disciples making disciples". It challenges us to ask this question "Is our parish a place that make disciples?" It does call for "a missionary conversion", that is being flexible and adaptable to anything that is proposed for the sustainability of our parish especially in the process for pastoral provision.

The theme of today's liturgy is "A surrendering Faith – Lord, to whom shall we go?". We have come to the concluding verses to the "Discourse on the Bread of Life ". We do notice that "flesh" does not refer to the Eucharistic "flesh" of the passage of last Sunday. Jesus strikes home that natural flesh or bread simply is not that will give eternal life. Jesus speaks here about faith in Him, the Bread of Eternal Life. Together with the disciples, God's word to us could be an invitation to a spontaneous faith:

"Lord, to whom shall we go?...We have come to believe."

May God bless you all from His abundance. In the meantime, stay safe and be blessed!!!!

Fr Chacko

Please remember in your prayers...

Naille Bala	Tony Bateman	Dec, Debbie & Abbey	Rev Christopher Budd
Marcia Russell	Lucy Rose	Margaret Simpson	Carole Hyde
Anna Browne	Miriam Miller	Pauline Warburton	Veronica Williamson
Sheila Browning	Maria Heyes	Sheila Pery	Chelsea Waring
Mary Neito	Sheila Shelley	Mary Carmody	Miriam Park
Imogen Garcia	Thomas Torok	Judd Barker	Mary Hogan Teresa Smith
Neville Rogers	Barbara Rogers	Mary Trott	Katrina Brookes Lee Langdown
Kathleen & Mike Carter	The Martin family	Frances Herbert	Elina O'Connor Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel
		The Bailey family	The Russell family The Place family



Also Peggy Kolesow, who some may remember from our parish, has recently died, Her funeral is on 31st Aug at The Annunciation , please contact Paddy for details. 01202 920057

If you are ready to have your name removed from the list or wish to be added,
please contact Parish Office...

DAY	TIME AND CHURCH	Celebration or Feast Day
Sat 21 st	6pm Mass at St B	VIGIL of TWENTY FIRST Sunday of ordinary Time
Sun 22 nd	9.30am Mass at CTK	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME
Mon 23 rd	6pm St Bernadettes	Adoration followed by Mass
Tues 24 th	9.00 Adoration at CTK 9.30am Mass at CTK	Feast of St Batholomew the Apostle
Wed 25 th	NO MASS	
Thur 26 th	9.00 Adoration at CTK 9.30am Mass at CTK	
Fri 27 th	9.00 am Mass followed by Adoration and Divine Chaplet of Mercy	St Monica – patron of Mothers
Sat 28 th	6pm Mass at St B	VIGIL of TWENTY SECOND Sunday of ordinary Time
Sun 29 th	9.30am Mass at CTK	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME

**WELCOME
BACK
FATHER
CHACKO**



**LITURGY MEETING
FRIDAY 3RD SEPT
7.30pm**

In the lounge of Christ the King

For discussion of Bishop Mark's document
'Back to Parish: a Precious Place of God's Grace'

Which can be found on Diocese of Plymouth website
<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/a-precious-place-of-gods-grace>

**PARISH
PASTORAL
COUNCIL**

Tues 7th Sept
7pm
Christ the King
Lounge

**SECOND PARISH QUIZ
SATURDAY 4TH SEPT AT 7.15 (after Mass)**



Who are these people?
Who were John Fisher and Thomas More?
Where is Buriram?
Plenty of questions to amuse you and test you!
Including Septembers gone by, the Olympics and theme music!!!
Come and join us and see if you can beat the reigning champions – Barker's buddies!

Entry £1 per person plus a raffle!!!
proceeds to church funds
Contact Mike 07519932238 or malaika13@yahoo.co.uk

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I have also seen a lot of envelope boxes at the back of the church not being used, could you let me know if you do NOT need an envelope anymore please?

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH –

THE CHURCH IS OPEN & FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO KEEP AS SAFE! COME BACK AND RECEIVE THE LORD

A young man went up to a priest and said: I won't go to church anymore!
The priest asked: Why?

The young man replied: I saw a girl whispering about another, the reader doesn't read well, the choir sings out of tune, people look at their mobile phone during Mass. These are just a few of the things I notice.

The priest said: Right. But before you go, I want you to do me a favour: take a glass full of water and walk around the church three times without spilling a single drop. After that, you may leave the church if you want.

The young man thought: - That's easy! He walked around the church three times, as the priest had asked. When he had finished, he said to the priest: - All done!

The priest asked him: When you were walking around the church, did you see a girl whispering?

The young man answered: No.

Did you hear the choir sing out of tune?, asked the priest. No, replied the man

Did you see anyone looking at their mobile or any of the other things? - No.

Do you know why? - No.

The priest looked at him and said: You were focused on the glass, trying not to spill the water. The same thing happens with our lives. When our attention is focused on our Lord Jesus Christ, we don't have time to see other people's mistakes!