

The Twenty-first Sunday of the Year, (C)
24th August 2025

FIRST READING (Isaiah 66:18-21)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 116)

R/. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13)

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL (Luke 13:22-30)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to

them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Hobby Horse Race Night is our next Social event on 6th September - see poster for details. Ruth now has a blank Race Card for you to start sponsoring the races, choosing horses etc.

Offertory If you would like to sponsor for £5 the elements used at mass one week, please have a word with Ruth Taylor. **The Bread and Wine used on the altar at Mass this week has been sponsored by, Charles Nzeh thanksgiving for his Graduation and Ken Fisher, anniversary memories of a loving and much loved Dad, Ashley Fisher, 27th August.**

Services this week

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 24th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)
10.30am Mass

Mon 25th no mass

Tue 26th no mass

Wed 27th S Monica: no mass (St Aidan's)

Thu 28th S Augustine of Hippo: no mass

Fri 29th Beheading of S John the Baptist: no mass

Sat 30th 10.00am mass

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 31st 10.30am Mass (St Aidan's)

Love and respect of the Eucharist

Come to Mass on time, and participate actively.

On receiving the Eucharist frequently and mass attendance during the week:

The Church invites us to receive the Eucharist frequently. Consequently we should go to Mass not only on Sundays but also during the week if our schedule permits.

WELCOME to our worship today, whether at St Augustine's or St Aidan's. Join us in speaking praise to God: join us also in keeping silence before mass, in listening to the voice of the Lord.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 25-29 August Pilgrims should meet in church on Monday 25th August at 8.45am, having left any cases by the coach for loading. Thank you.

No weekday Masses as we are away on Pilgrimage next week there will not be any midweek Masses. They resume next Saturday 30th August 10.00 am.

Patronal Festival Our Secondary Patron, **St Aidan**, is being celebrated with a single Parish Mass next Sunday at 10.30am, at which both congregations at St Augustine's and St Aidan's will come together at St Aidan's as the parish family. It will be followed by a Parish Lunch in the Hall. There is more than ample car parking in the car park. **Help** will be needed the day before on Saturday 30th, we will meet after the 10am Mass and collect some items, cups, teapots, cloths etc, etc to take up to St Aidan's. We will need help also setting out the Hall, with buffet and dining tables we will be there from 11am approx.

Growing in the Faith Two new courses will soon begin to help us grow in our Christian faith, and understand more how it applies to our daily lives. We will start looking at the Eucharist on Sunday 7th September at 4.00pm, and at what Christians believe on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.00pm. Fuller details are in the Parish Magazine, out today. Please let Fr know if you are interested in attending either.

Amen! When praying at home, "Amen" will normally conclude our prayer. During our worship together in church, "Amen" is our response to the prayer and we should say it out confidently. This is especially so at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, where for very good reason it is called the Great Amen.

Sign of the Cross It is customary to make the sign of the Cross at various points in the mass. If making the sign of the Cross at communion before receiving the host, please also make it before receiving the chalice. Before receiving either, we respond "Amen" to the words of the administering minister.

Lipstick If wearing lipstick to church, please apply it in such a way that it won't adhere to the chalice. Thank you.

Vitabu vya Misa kwa Kiswahili vinapatikana nyuma ya kanisa.

The Sick: Everine Buseke, Joan Brooks, Theresa Stott, Keith Schofield, Tim Wright, Dawn Randle and Tali Webb.

Departed: None.

Anniversaries:

Sun 24th Fanny Brooks, Thomas Fairhurst.

Mon 25th Raymond Mort, Isaac Bland (pr), Ruth Donaldson, Elizabeth Wyngard, Alice Cumberbatch, John Lowe, Emma McGregor, Hilary Morse (Pr), Dougie Stamp, Steven Parsisson.

Tue 26th Elizabeth Higson, Alice Laithwaite.

Wed 27th Mary Dewhurst, Ada Wood, Annie Howarth, Constance Fenney, Ashley Fisher.

Thu 28th Wilfred McDermott, John Aspden, Edward Hardman, Margaret Brimelow.

Fri 29th Ellen Eyre, Ethel Smith, Elizabeth Lacey, Edith Taylor, Marjorie Bidder.

Sat 30th Elsie Hanna, Ellen Bentley, Maud Davis, Agnes Bleackley, Harry Walbank, Alice Deardon, Annie Haslam, Mildred Knowles.

Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.