

**The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year, (B)**  
4th August 2024

**FIRST READING (Exodus 16:2-4,12-15)**

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

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 hearts 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 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 hearts 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.'

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 77:3-4,23-25,54)**

**R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell them to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might.

2. He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven.

3. 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.

**SECOND READING (Ephesians 4:17,20-24)**

*A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*

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.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**(John 6:24-35)**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

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.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**



Services this week

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 4th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Mass

Mon 5th no mass

Tue 6th THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE  
LORD: 7.30pm mass

Wed 7th 10.30am mass (St Aidan's)

Thu 8th S Dominic: 6.15pm mass

Fri 9th S TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE  
CROSS: 10.00am mass

Sat 10th S LAURENCE: 10.00am mass

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 11th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Mass

6.30pm Evensong & Benediction

*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.

**Transfiguration of the Lord** This will be celebrated with a Sung Mass this Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**Generosity and Thanksgiving** We are called to be good stewards of what God has given us, and will soon be holding a Generosity and Thanksgiving campaign. A small group to organise and oversee it will meet on Tuesday 13th August at 7.30pm. If you would be willing to help with this, please see Fr Tony or one of the Wardens. Thank you.

**Offertory** If you would like to sponsor for £5 the elements used at mass one week, please have a word with Ruth Taylor. We have resumed bringing the elements to the altar at the Offertory: if you would like to do this one week, again please see Ruth.

**The Bread and Wine used on the altar at Mass this week has been sponsored by:**

**Lesley Emerton in memory of Mary Schofield whose anniversary is 3rd August 1992,**

**Colin & Doreen Johnson & Brian Longworth**

**Pre-Pilgrimage Social** is on Saturday 17th August at 2pm everyone welcome and light refreshments will be served. Also that day.....

**Tonge Park Fun Day** is on Saturday 17th August, 1-4.00pm in Tonge Park. Everyone welcome!

**Pens for sale!!** We have some St Augustine's pens for sale at the back of church priced only £2.00 each.

**Football Card** After Mass today there will be the opportunity to pick a football team for only 50p with a chance to win £10, profit to go to church funds, also...

**Loose Change Jar** You may have spotted the jar at the back of church for any loose change you may have 'Small change can make a Big difference'

**Evensong & Benediction** is next Sunday at 6.30pm

**St Aidan's Day** We will be celebrating this Patronal Festival on 31st August, Mass at 12pm, followed by a buffet lunch. If you can contribute in any way to the buffet, please sign the list at the back of church.

**Jumble Sale** We intend to hold a Jumble Sale on Thursday 5th September 1.30-4pm. At the moment we are asking for donations of clothes and other items, clean and in working order. We will need help nearer the time to sort and sell items and also to parcel up and take away anything not sold.

**The Sick:** Peter Davis, Keith Schofield, Adalynn Adamson, Dawn Randle and Theresa Stott.

**Departed:** Bill Morris, Len Hunt, Les Worthington, Norman Stott

**Anniversaries:**

Sun 4th David Copley, Isaac Stones, Winifred Crompton, Edward Morris, Mary Bromilow, Joseph Crook.  
Mon 5th Mary Dewhurst, James Hamer, Thomas Hopwood, Dennis Brooks, Simon Clegg, John Winstanley.  
Tue 6th Fred Woodcock, Fredrick Rudd, Elizabeth Dawson.  
Wed 7th Annie O'Neill, James Singleton, Hilda Garside, Nellie Thornley, Irene Kearsley, Dora McGlyn.  
Thu 8th Beatrice Holt.  
Fri 9th Florence Acred, Sarah Harwood, Kathleen Skelhorn, Ellis Wood, Bessie Dugdale, Diane Wignall.  
Sat 10th Alice Partington, James Willan, Samuel Harthern, Maisie Langdon, Keith Mullen.

**Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.**