

FIRST READING (2Kings 4:42-44)

A reading from the Second Book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat', he insisted, 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over".' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 144:10-11,15-18)

R/. You open wide your hand, O Lord and grant our desires.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

SECOND READING (Ephesians 4:1-6)

A reading from S Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Services this week

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 28th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)
10.30am Mass
Mon 29th S Martha: no mass
Tue 30th 6.15pm mass
Wed 31st S Ignatius Loyola: 10.30am mass (St Aidan's)

Thu 1st S Alphonsus Ligouri: 6.15pm mass

Fri 2nd 10.00am mass

Sat 3rd 10.00am mass

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10.30am Mass

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.

Litter Picking is this Saturday, meeting in the Parish Hall after the 10am mass.

Bible Study Group tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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 this Tuesday at 7.00pm. 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:

David & Ruth Taylor & 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 £1 with a chance to win £20, 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'

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

Departed: Bill Morris, Len Hunt, Les Worthington, Norman Stott, Margaret Gaskell, Michael Heyes.

Anniversaries:

Sun 28th Harold Mellor, Lilian Stansfield.

Mon 29th Hannah Mather, Alice Jackson.

Tue 30th Robert Higginbotham, Jane Hampson, Harry Ikin (Snr), Jane Kirkman, Nellie Waddington, Thomas Grundy, Norman Turner.

Thu 1st Maurice Mather, Richard Johnson (pr), Martha Howarth, Annie Briggs.

Fri 2nd Walter Mather, Sarah Whitely, Margaret Gregory.

Sat 3rd James Durie, Harry Ikin (Jr), Margaret Nelson.

Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.