

1st August 2021: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE

We do not live on bread alone. It is only Christ who can satisfy the hunger that we all feel for God. The Lord feeds us with the Eucharist, just as in times past he fed the people of Israel with manna from heaven. Through this act of God's love we can learn that the Lord is indeed our God.

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 31	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Billy O'Connor RIP
Sun 01	✠ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
09.30	Kaje Rene & Kaje Rosaline RIP
11.00	Loyola College Ibaden Nigeria Old Boys Association Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Mon 02	
09.30	Richard Susse RIP Rosary
Tue 03	
09.30	Intention of Elena De Masi Rosary
Wed 04	<i>Saint John Vianney</i>
09.30	In thanksgiving for the priesthood of Fr Charles Dolman Rosary
Thu 05	
09:30	Alice Murphy RIP Rosary
Fri 06	The Transfiguration of The Lord
09.30	Irene Goba RIP Exposition
20:00	Mass
Sat 07	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
	Wellbeing for the Oliver family
Sun 08	✠ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
09.30	Thanksgiving for the Wellbeing of Victorine Chuculour
11.00	Doffou Nobert Ede RIP

Let us keep each other safe.

Masks and distancing no longer have the same force in law as before but please wear your face mask in church and maintain social distancing. We are blessed to have a big church and so please be guided by the green stickers; "**sit here**". As we come into the church let us take up the available places in the front so that those who come after us will find it easier to find safe seats at the back. In this way our praying is not disturbed by too much movement in the church. The stewards will continue to assist us in the church. But the Stewards are not security guards, everyone is responsible for their brothers and sisters in the community. If we all play our part things will work well and all of us will be safe.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

On Friday we will celebrate the feast of the transfiguration of the Lord. It is a Holy day of obligation. The transfiguration refers to a mysterious event during which Jesus was transfigured or changed, in the presence of three of his apostles, Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah, two Old Testament figures representing the Law and the prophets, appear and converse with Jesus. The event highlights Jesus' divinity and glory that was hidden from the world but is now revealed to his closest disciples. Jesus is the fulfilment and completion of the Old Testament promises. This brief glimpse into Jesus' hidden power, divinity and glory would be fully revealed in the Resurrection once the journey of suffering and death had been accomplished.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£162** • Not Gift Aided **£287**
2nd Collection Pew Kneelers **£229**
Mass Count Sat 18:30 (46) • Sun 09.30 (72), 11.00 (70)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

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Bob Gray RIP



It is with great sadness we announce Bob's passing. He did so very much for our parish, for which we are eternally grateful.

His funeral will take place on Monday 16th August at 12 noon.

Parish Secretary

Please note the parish secretary will be away from the office from Saturday 31 July to Sunday 15 August.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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 – 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 77

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

SECOND READING – 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 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.