



Sunday 22nd August 2021

THE 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

AUGUST
HOLIDAY
SLIMLINE
EDITION

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week.

**Sunday Cycle
Readings Year B**

**Weekday Readings
Year 1 Week 21**

**Divine Office
Week 1**

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THIS WEEK

Sun 22 August	21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	Felix, Gilbert & Lionel Lyons RIP
8.30am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.45am	Yolande Dias RIP
11.15am	James Walsh RIP (4th Anniv.)
5.30pm	Mina Fortes RIP
Mon 23 August	S. Rose of Lima
9.30am	Dorothy coomarewell Ints.
Tues 24 August	S. BARTHOLOMEW
9.30am	Liam & Mary Sullivan Thanksgiving (50th wedding Anniversary)
Weds 25 August	feria
9.30am	Farrell Valmond RIP
Thurs 26 August	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
9.30am	Max Perera RIP
Fri 27 August	S. Monica
9.30am	Francis Waddington RIP
Sat 28 August	S. Augustine
9.30am	Teresa Isaacs RIP
Sun 29 August	22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
8.30am	Hazel & Denzil Isaacs (25th Wedding Anniversary)
9.45am	Sadie Burgess RIP
11.15am	Francis Waddington RIP
5.30pm	Imelda McCarthy RIP

Blessed Sacrament Lamp
In Memory of James Walsh RIP
Lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham
Roque (Thanksgiving)

TODAY'S MASS



"Christ has the words of eternal life"

Christ lives in his Church and in loving it we love him. Our faith deals with the person of Christ. He has the words of eternal life and there is no one else to whom we want to go. We show our love for him in our service and loyalty to the Church.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua tells them that they can choose to serve other gods. However, he insists that he and his family will remain faithful to the one God who brought the Israelites out of slavery. By reminding the people of all God has done for them, Joshua guides the tribes of Israel to be faithful to the Lord. When we remember all that God has done for us, we too renew our faith in the God who saves us.

Second Reading: Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

St Paul's primary message is that the relationship between Christ and his Church is like a human marriage. Husbands and wives are "made into one," just as Christ and his Church are one body. Marriage partners are called by God to show mutual love, respect and care. In doing so, they reflect the love Jesus has for all who follow him.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Today's gospel story relates how many of Jesus' disciples left him. They could not accept his teaching that he himself was the Bread of Life. They could not believe that his Body and Blood were the source of eternal life. So they turned their backs on him and returned to their old way of life. However, when Jesus asked the Twelve if they too would abandon him, Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33(34):2-3,10-15

R/. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. 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/*

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. *R/*

3. Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? *R/*

4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. *R/*

Second reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not

drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,
that, by offering what you have given,
we may merit to receive your very self.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,
that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.