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Sunday 24th August 2025
The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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'Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths.'

Isaiah 2:3









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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85:1-3

All: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;

save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, Priest:

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

GLORIA

All: 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.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray. Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful

to unite in a single purpose,

grant your people to love what you command

and to desire what you promise,

that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place

where true gladness is found.

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.

All:

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

66:18-21

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, in 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 some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

> The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

All:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Go out to the whole world: proclaim the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R)

2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

12:5-7, 11-13

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.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All:

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All: A reading from the holy Priest:

Gospel according to Luke 13:22-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stand

THE CREED

All: 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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar.

The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received

the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

> The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

> The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by

adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for

all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (III in Ordinary Time)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For we know it belongs to your boundless glory, that you came to the aid of mortal beings with your divinity and even fashioned for us a remedy

out of mortality itself,

that the cause of our downfall

might become the means of our salvation,

through Christ our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

and all you have created rightly gives you praise,

for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread,

and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.
All: My Lord and my God

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Leo our Pope and N our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

Priest: At the Saviour's command

and formed by divine teaching,

we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,

graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope

and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory

are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ,

who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,

look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,

and graciously grant her peace and unity

in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

world, grant us peace.

Congregation kneels
The celebrant says quietly:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. All: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: May the Body of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 103:13-15

All: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth

and wine to cheer the heart.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.

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We pray for our beloved dead:

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A copy of Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral Letter is available in church porches regarding the deteriorating situation in Gaza; the hunger, violence, death and destruction.

Today set aside a period of reflection and prayer in your homes for peace for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass,

spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some personal penance or sacrifice.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday 27 August – St Monica

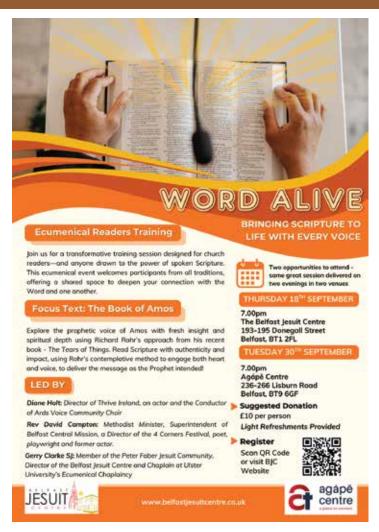
Thursday 28 August – St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church **Friday 29 August** – The Passion of St John the Baptist

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The Pastoral life of our Parish in recent times has been enriched and enhanced by the committed work of our different Lay Ministries. Thankfully they are gradually extending their Pastoral outreach.

Our Eucharistic Ministers, as you know, have been active at all Masses, have been conducting Divine Word and Communion Services and pastorally visiting our Residential and Nursing homes.

From mid- September on they will be working with Frs. Dermot and Eamon in pastoral visitation of the many sick and housebound members of our Parish. They will administer Holy Communion and ensure that, where necessary, the priest will administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the sick.



BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bulletin Notices must be handed into the **Parish Office or left in Post Box** by 12 noon on Monday to be included in the weekend bulletin.

INDIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite at 3.00pm September 7th in St. Patrick's Church.

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to be carried out through the parish office.

Thank you. Fr Dermot & Fr Eamon.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, open my eyes that I too may see the Son of Man and believe in Him.

Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.

Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work;

I give you my feet to go your way;

I give you my eyes to see as you do;

I give you my tongue to speak your words;

I give you my mind that you may think in me;

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me;

Above all, I give you my heart so that in me you may love your Father and all mankind.

Thank you, Lord, thank you.

Thank you for all the gifts you have given me today.

Thank you for all I have seen, heard, received... Thank you all you give me each day of my life. Ame

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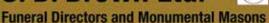




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