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## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B**

**(AUGUST 4, 2024)**

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.**

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.**

Communion Antiphon: **You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

**6.00pm (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am**

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm - 5.30pm**

### **THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – Francisca Gracias (Anniversary)
	09.00am	Mass – Fatima Gurjao (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Vencilon Pinto (Intentions)
<b>Monday</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Joshua Gomes (Intentions)
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Marizha Peres (RIP) Jack Crasto (RIP)
<b>Thursday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Mr & Mrs Falcao (Intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	09.00am	Mass – Joan Afonso (RIP)

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (AUGUST 11, 2024)**

<b>SUNDAY (Sat)</b>	06.00pm	Mass – James Fernandes Family (Thanksgiving)
	09.00am	Mass – Emmanuel Gonsalves (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – Celestino Vas (Anniversary)

**Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Alven Fernandes and Austin Hennessey who are being baptised here in St Marys this weekend.

**ST LAWRENCE FEAST:** Mass in Konkani will be celebrated for the feast of St Lawrence here in St Mary's Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2025:** Many parishioners are asking about First Communion and Confirmation in 2025. Enrolment for the sacraments will be in November and December 2024 and the Catechesis will begin in January.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August:** The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting [lourdes@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@clifftondiocese.com) /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

**PARISH DANCE:** We are having a parish dance on Saturday 31 August 2024. If you would like to supply or sponsor some of the items mentioned on the list; which is put up on the notice board at the back of the Church, please call Natasha on 07720982226 between 4.30 and 8pm. Any help you can give will be much appreciated. Tickets for the parish dance are now on sale.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Parish Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses. Tickets cost £1 each or £5 a book. (Tickets are also available from the parish office). All proceeds go to the Parish Development Fund.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** There will be a meeting and practice for new altar servers on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to become an altar server please speak to Fr Michael or Deacon Terry.

**RED BOX 2023:** In 2023 Parish raised £1210.73 through our Red Boxes and donations to mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! The missionary community here at our parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to find out more. There is also Missio magazine at the back of the Church. Please take one.

**SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE:** Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at the back of the Church.

**GIFT AID DONATIONS:** Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**PARISH OFFERTORY:** Last week the offertory collection came to £1693.10 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

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*OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 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 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.

**Responsorial Psalm**                      Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

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.

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

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 the letter of St Paul 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Jn14:6

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!

*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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.