

The Seventh Sunday of Easter, (B)
12th May 2024

FIRST READING (Acts 1:15-17,20-26)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus - after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

'In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us - and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.'

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.' They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm

102:1-2,10-11,19-20)

R/. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

SECOND READING (1Jn 4:11-16)

A reading from the First Letter of S John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever

seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL (John 17:11-19)

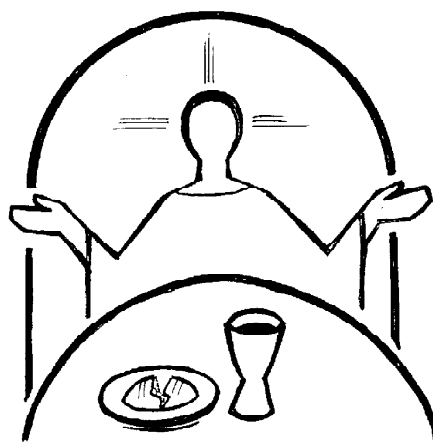
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord



**MAY THEY
ALL BE ONE**

Services this week

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun 12th	9.00am Mass (St Aidan's) 10.30am Mass 6.30pm Evensong & Benediction
Mon 13th	no mass
Tue 14th	S MATTHIAS: 6.15pm mass
Wed 15th	10.30am mass (St Aidan's)
Thu 16th	6.15pm mass
Fri 17th	10.00am mass
Sat 18th	10.00am mass
PENTECOST	
Sun 19th	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.

Summer Fair Saturday 6th July. How can you help? See separate flyer for suggested items, there is a box at the back of church for your donations. Can you spare a couple of hours on the day to man a stall.

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

Evensong and Benediction is this evening at 6.30pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting is after this morning's 10.30am Sung Mass. We hope all members of our congregations will be present, not only to hear the various Reports, but also to elect your Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

Nomination Forms for Churchwardens and PCC members are now at the back of church. If you would like to support the church's ministry of welcome by becoming a Sidesperson, please put your name on the list, also at the back of church.

Reports Pack and Financial Statements Pack These are available at the back of church.

Parish Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024 Everyone is welcome to join us on our annual Pilgrimage to England's Nazareth. Please put your name on the list at the back of church, place the deposit in one of the envelopes provided and hand it to Elsie or Linda. The second deposit is now due. Thank you. Alternatively, St Matthew's are having a shorter pilgrimage 28th– 29th September. The total cost will be in the region of £145 for adults and £100 for children. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to go.

Mothers Union Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising event to support Fortalice. There is still time to make a donation (and Gift Aid it if you can) there will also be a list shortly of items the charity need.

The Sick: Roy Bryan, Sandra Smith, Brenda Sherlock, Derek Kruup, Catherine Princess of Wales, Dawn Randle, Theresa Stott, Keith Schofield, Natalie Dicks, Les Worthington, Stephen Haslam, His Majesty the King, Len Hunt, Fr David Schofield, Jan Brown, Adrian Rahmati and Maureen Johnson.

Departed: Joy Robinson, Richard Clare, Elzbieta Bialach, Ted Hale.

Anniversaries:

Sun 12th	Alice Bullough, Rowland Lloyd, George Treacher, Albert Owen, Ellen Bell.
Mon 13th	Betsy Stephenson, Frances Dwyer, Stanley Webster, Elsie Parry, Jocelyn Darbyshire.
Tue 14th	William Haslem, Oliver Ratcliffe, William Smith, Betsy Salter, Dora Sharpe, Brenda Hogan.
Wed 15th	George Ashworth, Annie Boydell, Harold Lomax, Arthur Rutledge, James Kenny, Margaret Harrison.
Thu 16th	William Clarke, Farrow Butterworth, Sylvia Nelson, Jean Rothwell.
Fri 17th	Charles Nightingale, Jane Speak.
Sat 18th	Charles Grimes, Tracey Holden.

Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.