

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON

Sunday 24th August, 2025

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus told this story in response to the question of who will make it to heaven - to God's kingdom of everlasting peace and eternal life.



Entrance Hymn

536: O Jesus I have promised.

Offertory Hymn

684: Tell out my soul.

Procession

602: Praise my soul the King of heaven.

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THIS WEEK:

Monday 25th– Saturday 30th August, Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 07:10.

Monday 25th: St Louis.

Tuesday 26th: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God.

Wednesday 27th: St Monica.

Thursday 28th: St Augustine.

Friday 29th: The Passion of John the Baptist.

Saturday 30th: Sts Margaret Clitheroe; Anne Line & Margaret Ward.

NEXT WEEK:

Sun 31st Aug: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time, Parish Mass with Fr Angus.

FUTURE DATES:

24th September: Our Lady of Walsingham Festival, St Andrew Holborn, 7pm

Throughout August there will only be a weekday Mass at 12 noon on Fridays (as well as Sunday's Parish Mass).

CONFESSION: (by appointment). Speak to Fr Angus.

DAILY OFFICES: Morning and Evening Prayer: Tues – Sat 9am & 5pm.

Would you like to join our Social & Fundraising group? Speak to Maxcine; Mary F or Carol Saul to find out more.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS: Please let one of the sidespeople know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

THE WHATSAPP GROUP: If you'd like to join this group, speak to Fr Angus or send a text to Stephen Heath on 07752 685021.

If you would like to sponsor the EUCHARISTIC GIFTS, SACRAMENT CANDLE OF CANDLE FOR OUR LADY at a cost of £5 each, please speak to Sue.

ST ALPHEGE PRAYER GROUP aims to pray every day at 9.00am. Prayers are offered during the Sunday service, just come to the side chapel during Communion. We are bound by rules of confidentiality. Please see Mary Findlow for more information.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Abigail Balmer; Gillian Balmer; Margaret Turnbull; Lloyd Russell; Pearline Rennis; Deborah Hall; David Kelly; Pearl Hall; Suzanne Persad; Aniyah Shine; Evelyn Williams; Samantha Balmer; Sharon Baldwin.

Short term: Albert Turner; Christine Shaw; David Shaw; Lauren Hughes; Jean Foster & Family; Yolanda Drake; Patsy Fell; Gloria Thomas; Leslie Griffiths; Beverley Miller; Louise Dalley; Correll Nurse. (Please let Fr Angus know of any names for the sick lists.)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Fr Gwyn Clement; Joan Hill

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Deborah Welsh; Pearl Coleshill; Edith Hares; Bob Somers; Irene Harper; George Martin; Mary Hutchin; June Neal; Muriel Grimmond.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Caisson Stanley.

YOUTH MINISTRY; All children are welcome to join and we'll celebrate the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: The Church and Hall Gas Bill for 2024 was £18,667.69 and the Electric Bill was £1,476.07. Please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme or the Stewardship Envelope Scheme.

TAP TO DONATE! Contactless donations may be made to our General Fund or the Roof Fund. Not in church, no problem! Use the QR code to make your donation.



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: The foodbank is in urgent need of many items. There is a list of items at the back of church and a box to place items in.

JOIN US IN THE HOSPITALITY ZONE AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*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.*

COLLECT

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,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

'For I know their works and their thoughts,
and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.
And they shall come and shall see my glory,
and I will set a sign among them.
And from them I will send survivors to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,
to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away,
that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.
And they shall declare my glory among the nations.
And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations
as an offering to the LORD,
on horses and in chariots and in litters
and on mules and on dromedaries,
to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD,
'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel
to the house of the LORD.
And some of them also
I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 117(116):1. 2. R. Mark 16:15

R: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Or Alleluia.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples! **R.**
2. For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that
addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the
discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the
Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom
he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is
treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does
not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather
than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness
to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak
knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame
may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 14:6

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages,
teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to
him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them,
'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will
seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the
house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside
and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will
answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will
begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught
in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where
you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that
place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see
Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom
of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from
east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the
kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and
some are first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*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.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.