

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2025  
The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.



This Sunday we consider the cost of discipleship and what it truly means to be a Christian.

Entrance Hymn

143: Dear Lord and Father of mankind.

Offertory Hymn

745: To God be the Glory.

Procession

684: Tell out, my soul.

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**THIS WEEK:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>– Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 07:10.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>: The Nativity of the BV Mary - feast.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: St Peter Claver - memorial.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Feria.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Weekday Feria.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>: The Most Holy Name of Mary.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>: St John Chrysostom – bishop & doctor.

**NEXT WEEK:**

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> September: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, Parish Mass and Commissioning of Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers with Fr Angus.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Mass at 7pm, followed by PCC

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> September: Open House, 11am-3pm

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> September: Our lady of Walsingham Festival, St Andrew's Holborn at 7pm.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> October: International Evening at 5pm.

Everyone is invited to this evening. It is a great way to share the special foods, music, clothes and our home cultures. Tickets available soon please see, Carol, Maxcine or Mary F for more information.

**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; Patsy Fell; Gloria Thomas; Leslie Griffiths; Beverley Miller; Louise Dalley; Correll Nurse; Fr Glen Thomas; Bishop Robert Ladds. (Please let Fr Angus know of any names for the sick lists.)

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** William Basterfield; Florence Butler; Doris Lane; HM Queen Elizabeth II; Ernest Marden; Hodge Baron; Elizabeth Lane; William Carter; William Walker; Rex Gregory.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Gloria Thomas.

**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**

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

**COLLECT**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
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** Wisdom 9:13-18b

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

What human being can learn the counsel of God?  
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?  
For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,  
and our designs are likely to fail,  
for a perishable body weighs down the soul,  
and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts.  
We can hardly guess at what is on earth,  
and what is at hand we find with labour;  
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?  
Who has learned your counsel,  
unless you have given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,  
and people were taught what pleases you,  
and were saved by wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R. 1

*R: O Lord, you have been our refuge,  
from generation to generation.*

1. You turn man back to dust,  
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O LORD! How long?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.  
O give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Philemon 9b-10. 12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon.

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ  
Jesus – I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I  
became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you,  
sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him

with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during  
my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing  
without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by  
compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he  
was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for  
ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant,  
as a beloved brother – especially to me, but how much more to  
you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your  
partner, receive him as you would receive me.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL** Psalm 119(118):135

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your decrees.

*R: Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL** Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and  
said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own  
father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters,  
yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever  
does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my  
disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first  
sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete  
it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to  
finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began  
to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to  
encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate  
whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes  
against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is  
yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of  
peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all  
that he has cannot be my disciple.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that, through this offering,  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,  
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

Or

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,  
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts  
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*Amen.*