

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON
Sunday 23rd August 2026: 21st Sunday in Ordinary
Time.

At an opportune time, Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: *Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am?* He was widely recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God.



Entrance Hymn

37: Alleluia sing to Jesus.

Offertory Hymn

386: Lord of all hopefulness.

Procession

16: All for Jesus.

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THIS WEEK:

Monday 24th: St Batholomew, apostle.

Tuesday 25th: St Louis.

Wednesday 26th: Blessed Dominic Mother of God.

Thursday 27th: St Monica.

Friday 28th: St Augustine.

Saturday 29th: The Passion of John the Baptist.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 30th August: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Parish Healing Mass at 10am with Fr Angus.

Monday 31st Walsingham Pilgrimage of Healing and Renewal. Depart 8.30am. Speak to Fr Angus for more details.

Sunday 6th Sept – Back to school, college blessing.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS:

Please let one of the sides-people know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

CONFESSION: Please contact Fr Angus to arrange an appointment for this.

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THE MITRE & CROZIER: Please submit any articles for the latest edition of the Parish newsletter by Friday 4th.

Please see Sue if you would like to sponsor the EUCHARISTIC GIFTS, CANDLE FOR OUR LADY or the SACRAMENT CANDLE.

KEY AMNESTY: Thank you to everyone who has returned church keys; if you still have a set, please return them to either Jackie or Joe. There is still time! Thank you.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Carl; Mary; Pearline; Lorraine; Correll; Deborah; Natalie; Vera; Pearl.

Short term: Gloria; Lauren; Judy; Patsy; Albert; Shakira; Leslie; Fr Luke.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Gillian Balmer.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Ivy Smith; Beresford Scarlett; Deborah Welsh; Pearl Coleshill; Edith Hares; Bob Somers; Irene Harper.

CONDUCT DURING MASS: This is a gentle reminder That after receiving Holy Communion; it is the custom to return to your seat in silence whilst in a state of grace. There should be no conversation until the post communion prayer has been said by the priest.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Beverley Mayers; Veronica Cooper; Caison Stanley.

The NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: Donations always welcome.

REFRESHMENTS served after Mass at the back of church.

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 22:15, 19-23

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord God of hosts,
'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna,
who is over the household, and say to him:
'I will thrust you from your office,
and you will be pulled down from your station.
In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah,
and I will clothe him with your robe,
and will bind your sash on him,
and will commit your authority to his hand.
And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the house of Judah.
And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.
He shall open, and none shall shut;
and he shall shut, and none shall open.
And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place,
and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. R. 8bc

**R: O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R.**
2. I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!
'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matthew 16:18

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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.