

FIRST READING – ISAIAH 55.1–5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

This is the Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God

SECOND READING – ROMANS 9.1–5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption,

the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL READING – MATTHEW 14.13–21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew -

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord – Praise to you, O Christ

Notices

Food donations – Today (Sunday 2nd August), John Payne will be collecting food for the Mustard Seed Café in Lagos, who are not feeding 5000, but are getting close to it with 600 people a week. Demand on them has increased during the pandemic and it's wonderful to be able to support them,

Back to School rucksack/equipment appeal – Astelo de Sonhos and ACCA Kids are once again appealing for your help to ensure that youngsters across the Algarve who often 'do without' can start the new school year with confidence and with the basic essentials to help them achieve. Every year, the back-to-school programme attempts to help as many kids as possible, by providing them with backpacks filled with those all-important essentials.

This is a great cause that we here in Luz support every year, but obviously, this year we are unable to have a collection in the church. So – this year there are a couple of ways to support them. If you are able to make an electronic donation of any amount then please do:

This is the IBAN number PT50 0079 0000 4342 6419 1012 2 (Associação solidariedade Crianças Carenciadas Algarve no. Contribuinte 506088090).

Alternatively, if you would prefer to keep things simple and give in cash, the John Payne will collect this (please put any donation in an envelope marked 'Back to School') on Sunday the 2nd between 12 Noon and 1pm in the church car park.

For further details of this campaign or to get in touch with them direct, please contact Sue Butler-Cole on 282 330 242, 968 335 856 or email coleuram@hotmail.com



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