

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

SECOND READING – Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed

peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

GOSPEL READING – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark
All: Glory to you, O Lord

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Notices

Link to Donorbox – We thank you for your continued support of St Vincent's Chaplaincy. The link for online Donobox donations is:

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Fr Reid's departure – As many of you are aware I am sure, Fr Reid's last Sunday with St Vincent's will be on Sunday 25th July, **just a week away**. We are fortunate enough to have Fr Bramwell (and his wife Jennifer) living in the Algarve, and so the plan is that he will assist us in services here, certainly for the time being.

Having said that, Bramwell and Jennifer are away until mid September. As our 10.30am service is still virtual and the services in East and Central take place *in* church, it is my intention to cover those services in the gap. Those of you who attend the 10.30am service will still be able to tune in to me taking the service at either St Luke's or Boliquieme, and then chat after the service with me and the rest of the congregation – I am still working out how we do this with Alison. All details will be forwarded in good time.

Sunday 25th's Service – Following on from that notice, there will be no 10.30 zoom service on Sunday the 25th, as I will be attending Fr Reid's last service for St Vincent's. You are all welcome to join this on Facebook, and I will send out a link next week for this. If you would like to make a contribution to Fr Reid's leaving present, you can do so [here](#)



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