

FIRST READING – Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

SECOND READING – Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and

supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an me ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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GOSPEL READING – John 6.56-69

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

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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 Donorbox donations is:

<https://donorbox.org/supporters-of-stvincentsalgarve>

Sunday 29th August – On Sunday the 29th August we will be having a service in Luz church at **11.30am** (our 'old time' – pre pandemic!). If you would like to attend, then please get in touch by email as we are still limited to 30 people. The service will be broadcast as well if you are unable to attend in person.

Back to School Bags – Once again we will be participating in this worthy collection, enabling some less fortunate local children to start the new school year in September with a full complement of school equipment. Satchels are €5 each, and donations are being collected at the 8am Sunday and 10.30am Thursday services

Services this week:

Sunday

8am Service in Luz Church

10.30am Zoomed service following this link <https://is.gd/KamBGC>

10.30am Service at Santa Casa Misericórdia de Boliqueime

Thursday

10.30am service in the church at Praia da Luz

God bless – Fr Rob



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SUNDAY 22nd August
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



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