



**St. Augustine of
Canterbury, Highgate**
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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 9th, 2018

Parish Mass and Sunday School at 10am

Celebrant and preacher

Fr. Michael Selby, Curate, St. Peter's, Ealing

Welcome to St. Augustine. The service can be followed in the green service booklets, and the hymn books in the seats. Do stay for refreshments after the service.

Hymns: 415, 360, 351, 353



Today's gospel shows Jesus extending the grace of God to one who might not have been thought to have been a person who should receive it. He shows that God's embrace is always greater than ours.

Please pray

Justin our archbishop, Sarah our bishop, Robert our area bishop.

The parish and our local community

The sick and housebound Tom Valentine, David Healy, Marguerite Kilmer, Stuart Cromie, Michael Noma, Albert and Pearl Radley, Williette Henries Gardiner, Corinne Skinner Carter, Norah Egwim, Catherine George, Jill Shepherd, Tina Bell, Collins Agunwa, Boyce Agunwa.

Anniversaries of death Diana Greenhalgh (9); Anne Battrick (12); Mary O'Leary (12); Alfred Greenwin (14)

First Reading*Isaiah 35.4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 98*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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Sing to the Lord a new song,

For he has done marvellous things:

with his own right hand and his holy arm,

he has brought deliverance. **R.**

The Lord has made known his righteous love,

in the sight of all mankind,

and his faithfulness and truth

toward the house of Israel **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen,

the salvation of our God:

let all the world be glad in him,

sing, rejoice and give him thanks. **R.**

Let music sound upon the harp,

let psalms be offered to his praise:

with trumpets and with songs of joy

shout the praise of God our King. **R.**

Second Reading*James 2.1-10, 14-17*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading*Mark 7.24-37*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

NOTICES

NO WEEKDAY MASSES this week.

OPEN HOUSE LONDON September 22 and 23rd. The church will be open along with many other buildings in London.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY is on Saturday September 29th from 10am. St. Augustine's is linked with St. Michael's School.

HARVEST FESTIVAL is Sunday October 7th at 10am. This year our gifts will support the winter night shelter at the United Reformed Church in Pond Square. They need pasta, rice, tinned beans or veg or bottled sauces, tea, coffee, breakfast cereals.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION at 10am on Sunday October 14th with the Bishop of Edmonton. Do come and support our candidates.

Next Sunday: **Sunday September 16th, 2018**
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
10am Parish Mass and Sunday School
Celebrant and preacher Fr. John Wainwright

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38

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