

**First Reading Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**  
**A Reading from the Book of Joshua**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23**  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast  
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress;  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trails of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32**  
**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia alleluia**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 6:63, 68**  
The Lord be with you  
**And with your spirit.**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God'.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**FRATELLI TUTTI**

61. In the oldest texts in the Bible, we find a reason why our hearts should expand to embrace the foreigner. It derives from the enduring memory of the Jewish people that they themselves had one lived as foreigners in Egypt: "You shall not wrong or oppress a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Ex 22:21)

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the stranger as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Lev 19:33-34)

"When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. (Deut 24:21-22)

The call to fraternal love echoes throughout the New Testament:

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Gal 5:14)

"Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness" (1 Jn 2:10-11)

"We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 Jn 3:14)

"Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 Jn 4:20)

62. Yet this call to love could be misunderstood. Saint Paul, recognizing the temptation of the earliest Christian communities to form closed and isolated groups, urged his disciples to abound in love "for one another and for all" (1 Thess 3:12) In the Johannine community, fellow Christians were welcomed, "even though they are strangers to you" (3Jn 5) In the context, we can better understand the significance of the parable of the Good Samaritan: love does not care if a brother or sister in need comes from one place or another. For "love shatters the chains that keep us isolated and separate; in their place, it builds bridges. Love enables us to create one great family, where all of us can feel at home... Love exudes compassion and dignity".

**POPE FRANCIS**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Elizabeth Rita Hallet RIP	St. MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Clifford Knight	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Private Intention	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Tuesday</u>	6.00 pm	Elizabeth Rita Hallet Reception into Church	St MM
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.15 am	Elizabeth Rita Hallet Funeral Mass	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	10.00 am	Tom McNicholas Anniversary	Bl Sac

### **22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>	<b>BERNARD GIBSON RIP</b>	<b>ST MM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.30 AM</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING MASS</b>	<b>ST TER</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11.30 AM</b>	<b>MR &amp; MRS OATES</b>	<b>BL SAC</b>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. We strongly recommend the use of face masks except if you are exempt.**
- 2. We encourage people to still book online or to text for Masses.**
- 3. We strongly encourage the use of hand sanitizers while entering and leaving the church.**
- 4. While taking your seat please give some space.**
- 5. We encourage ALL not to kneel for now.**
- 6. Offertory plates are still provided at the entrance and exit doors.**
- 7. For Holy Communion, come to the front one seat at a time maintaining good distance.**

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### **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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