



St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
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**AUGUST 25, 2024**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Timings**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00 Pm

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Weekdays 9.00 am In Denbigh House

**READINGS**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

**SAINTS OF THIS WEEK**

August 26 St. David Lewis

August 27 St. Monica

August 28 St. Augustine of Hippo

August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist

August 30 Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward

August 31 St. Aidan

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

In the first reading, in connection with the renewal of the covenant at Shechem just before entering the promised land, Joshua challenges the Israelites to decide whether they will serve the gods of their fathers, the gods of the Amorites in whose country they are

presently dwelling, or the God of the Israelites who has done so much for them. Joshua's declaration of faithfulness to Yahweh prompted the People to stand firm in their decision to serve Yahweh alone. Let our faithfulness inspire others to be faithful to God.

**In the second reading** St. Paul compares husband-wife relationship to that of Christ and the Church. Christ, the Head of the Church, loves the Church, His Mystical Body, and cleanses Her to be presented before the Father blameless and pure. Church in perfect obedience submits Herself to Christ, the Head. When the couples receive the Sacrament of Marriage, they with freedom, and due knowledge, give full consent to manifest externally that love relationship in their daily life by living a life of self-sacrifice, mutual respect, and acknowledging each other's rights and dignity. In the present world of relativism and utilitarianism the Christian couples have the responsibility to stand up and defend the Biblical teachings about marriage and family; and be beacons of light to others who are groping in darkness.

**In today's Gospel**, Jesus challenges his Jewish audience, and later His apostles, to make their choice: to accept Him as the true Bread from Heaven who gives them His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food, or to join those who have lost their Faith in Jesus and left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. Today's passage describes the various reactions of the people to Jesus' claims. Many of the disciples left saying it is hard to accept, because for them eating flesh and drinking blood was forbidden according to Mosaic Law. But Jesus did not dilute his teaching just to please them and keep them with him, as many leaders do. St. Peter representing the Apostles, boldly declared, "Lord where shall we go, you have words of eternal life". Let us ask the Holy Spirit to give us fortitude to confess the same in this present Era of spiritual degradation and many going away from the Church and sacramental life.

**Life message:** Let us make our choice for Christ and live it: We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread He

gives and relying on the power of His Holy Spirit. The Heavenly Bread and the Holy Spirit will give us the courage of our Christian convictions to take a stand for Jesus, accepting the Church’s teachings and will enable us to face ridicule, criticisms, and even social isolation for our adherence to sound Christian principles in our lives. That is what we mean by our “Amen” while receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. We express without any conditions or reservations our total commitment to Jesus in the community to which we belong. Christ’s thoughts, attitudes, values, and life-view must become totally ours. Above all, we are to identify with Jesus in the offering of His Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross by spending our lives for others.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- AUGUST 18, 2024**

Loose cash	£ 88.09
Gift Aid	£ 110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 198.09</b>

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION at 11.30 am on Saturday**  
**ON EMERGENCY please call 0741-749-4277**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
August 24, Saturday		For the Parishioners
August 25, Sunday	Liliosa Chaloatama	For the partner and Spiritual growth
August 26, Monday	Agnes, Vineeth Torres	For spiritual growth of Floor and healing
August 27, Tuesday	D’Costa	Auxilio Noronha, Isabel Gracias, Jose D’Costa etc.RIP
August 28, Wednesday	Elizabeth Terenze	Genevieve Fernandes, Antony d’Souza, Becca etc.

August 29, Thursday	Christopher	Christopher Sandra Brooks, Thanksgiving
August 30, Friday	Anne Rose Kooro	Family members RIP, Financial blessing

**Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer**

Philip McGreevy, Antony Parry, Janice Davies

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Sheila Mary Hawkins, William Toomey, Michael Gizzie, Basil Schwarz, Jean Paul Desuq, Mary Joan Toumaine, Fr. Pius Smart, Norah Hynes, Charles Powell

**May the eternal light shine up on them and let them rest in peace**

**Padre pio and St.vincent Day, 2024**

We are happy to announce that on September 21, 2024 we are celebrating Padre Pio and St. Vincent Day. The programme will start at 9.30 am with Praise and Worship. There will be Healing Mass, Healing Adoration, Novena to Padre Pio and St. Vincent De Paul, Veneration of the Relic. Complimentary lunch will be serve. All are welcome

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