



LITURGY

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Response to the Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



Dear Parishioners

A variety of tests are undertaken every year to determine many things.

There are intelligence tests, even though there isn't general agreement on what intelligence is. There are tests of poverty, even though the meaning of poverty varies from culture to culture, country to country, time to time and person to person.

Jesus didn't need tests to show that the intellectuals, those who were at the top of the socio-economic level, and the leaders of the people were rejecting him and the humble people accepting him. Saint Matthew begins today's collection of Jesus' sayings with Our Lord's observation that the humble folk were God's kind of people; Jesus the carpenter was one of them. The

message does not condemn intellectual pursuit or achievement. No, intellectual pursuit is praiseworthy, and our Church communities need more of it. What Jesus is condemning is intellectual *pride*. He's not connecting faith and *ignorance*, but faith and *lowliness*: this consists of simplicity, openness and trust – the kinds of virtues we observe in a child (and in *mature* adults). Jesus is saying that it's not by understanding alone that one accepts His message, but by divine revelation. That revelation isn't denied to so-called 'wise and learned' people – provided they're at the same time humble, open and trusting.

There is an 'add on' to the bulletin this week and I would ask you to read it very carefully as it concerns if, when and how we might open for Mass.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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Week 14 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 5th July 2020

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Masses

Sat 4 th July		14th Sunday (Year A)	Barbara Lucas
Sun 5 th July		14th Sunday (Year A)	Mary Cross
Mon 6 th July			
Tue 7 th July			People of the Parish
Wed 8 th July			Susanna Westmeath
Thur 9 th July			Laurence Udall RIP
Fri 10 th July			
Sat 11 th July		15th Sunday (Year A)	Private Intention
Sun 12 th July		15th Sunday (Year A)	Pamela Parry RIP

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Doleen Evans, Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Nell Bridge, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Susanna Westmeath.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas.

Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers a very special teacher of mine whose anniversary is at this time. He gave me such encouragement that I dared to dream!

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.



I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat.

We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from this website & sending it to the Parish
 - posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
 - posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
 - posting your planned giving envelopes through the door
- Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered & include it with your donation. Thank you!

A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.

Do please check out our great new website where you will find up to date information, including the current bulletin, photos and other useful facts and advice about the resumption of Mass.