



LITURGY

First reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Response to the Psalm: O Lord you are good and forgiving.

Second reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



Dear Parishioners

Jesus uses the familiar image of weeds in a field of wheat to convey his message about good and evil in our lives. Our world is far from perfect and none of us needs convincing about the existence of evil as every day the media brings its own litany of bad news. Human frailty makes us aware that there are weeds in our own make up, and despite our good intentions we seem incapable of changing and of living the type of life we want to live. We hear so much about suffering, hatred, violence and death that we are left wondering has evil triumphed, is good in danger of being suffocated and has God's kingdom dissolved into nothingness? There tends to be so much emphasis on what makes colourful headlines that the good news is left unmentioned and goes unnoticed. It is there all the same in all the unspoken acts of kindness, in the offers of help to neighbours in need from people whose lives are genuinely committed to gospel values. I am sure that each one of us can count numerous individuals whose daily lives are grounded in compassionate love.

While we sort through the weedy areas and dark crannies of our own lives in order to become better people who learn from our difficulties, as a church we are called to be open, inviting and forgiving to sinners, as was Christ. An important spiritual lesson to be drawn from today's gospel is that our God is not in a hurry and that his patience comes from a great understanding and love for us. We are invited in our own lives to imitate his mildness and leniency, and to develop that capacity of looking beyond appearances to see the best in others, believe the best about them and encourage the best from them.

Unfortunately, we are in a greater hurry than God, therefore I am asking again for volunteers to act as stewards and cleaners so that we can open for mass in August. Without you this will NOT be possible and we shall be unable to open. Thank you.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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Week 16 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 19th July 2020

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Masses

Sat 18 th July		16th Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Sun 19 th July		16th Sunday (Year A)	School Leavers
Mon 20 th July			
Tue 21 st July			
Wed 22 nd July		St. Mary Magdalene (F)	
Thur 23 rd July		St. Bridget of Sweden (F)	
Fri 24 th July			
Sat 25 th July		17th Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Sun 26 th July		17th Sunday (Year A)	Nancy & Nicky Flynn 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. Mary Cross.

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, Susanna Westmeath.

Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all the children who are leaving St. Mary's this year. We pray that the Lord will keep them in his care as they move on to the next exciting stage of their school life. God Bless you all!

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.