



LITURGY

First reading: Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Response to the Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



Dear Parishioners

Rather than a short spiritual fervorino this week I need to speak to you concerning practical matters. By practical matters I, of course, mean our financial situation. I have been your parish priest now for nearly ten years. I have enjoyed every minute of those ten years and been grateful to serve you as your parish priest in good times and bad, through laughter and tears and I have been humbled by your faith and trust in God. I know I have many faults, but with your help I think some of them have been ironed out. One of the things I am bad at, apparently is asking for financial help. A number of parishioners, especially over the past few months, have told me I'm too soft! Not a word that is usually used to describe me. So here are some current financial truths. The repairs to the sacristy and the replacement of the window, plus the repairs to the steps to the sanctuary are going to cost us nearly £10,000. **You can see a few photos of how bad the damage was on our website.**

I have had to borrow the money for this work from our investments, and we are now losing interest on that money. We have had to employ and sign a six month contract with professional cleaners to clean the church every week to prepare the church for Mass every Saturday. I had to do this because we failed to obtain enough volunteers to do the job and to be honest my fear was that someone somewhere might ask 'if we hadn't opened for four, five , six months, why did we need to open at all!' The cleaners will cost us £130 a month. It seems to be an unwritten law that some major problem will occur just when finances are low anyway. So, there you have it; this is our current predicament. Any help anyone can provide in the form of additional donations towards these expenses would be wonderful and most gratefully received. My sincere thanks to you all.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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Week 19 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 9th August 2020

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Masses

Sat 8 th Aug		19th Sunday (Year A)	Patricia Simmonds RIP
Sun 9 th Aug		19th Sunday (Year A)	Sarah Lamb RIP
Mon 10 th Aug			
Tue 11 th Aug		St. Clare of Assisi(m)	Private Intention
Wed 12 th Aug			
Thur 13 th Aug			Pamela Young RIP
Fri 14 th Aug		St. Maximillian Kolbe(m)	
Sat 15 th Aug		Assumption (Year A)	Rose, Joe & John Yoxall RIP
Sun 16 th Aug		Assumption (Year A)	People of the Parish

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.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all the people who are travelling at this time. God Bless you.

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 the 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.