



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Response to the Psalm: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard no the work of your hands.

Second reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



Dear Parishioners

As we journey on our pilgrim way, Jesus asks us as a community of believers the pointed question, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Our response will reveal much as to the kind of people we are and what we want from life. To acknowledge Jesus as the Son of the living God means that we see life differently and have a deep-seated conviction about Christ, which calls us to live in a particular way. This will be evident in the way we treat each other because when we offer shelter to the homeless or reach out to someone in need we encounter Jesus. It is a day to give thanks for being members of the church built upon the rock of Simon Peter. We can learn so much from Peter about our own relationship with Christ in the way we share his faults and failings and blow hot and cold in our loyalty. What we need to acquire is Peter’s trust in the Master.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

Parish Gift Aid

We are looking for someone to run the Gift Aid for the parish. Training will be given via email and it really isn’t too onerous. Please let Fr. Benedict know if you are willing to give it a try. Thank you.

Please remember that booking for Mass is by telephone each Monday between 10.00 am– 11.00am. Please call Lin Rea on 01527 545460.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANSWER PHONE MESSAGES. Keep trying to get through, booking takes time to record track & trace details. Your call will be answered eventually. Please share this information as widely as possible. Thank you.

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Week 21 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 23rd August 2020

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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Masses

Sat 22 nd Aug		21st Sunday (Year A)	Mary Cross
Sun 23 rd Aug		21st Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Mon 24 th Aug			
Tue 25 th Aug			Private Intention
Wed 26 th Aug			
Thur 27 th Aug		St. Monica(m)	
Fri 28 th Aug		St. Augustine of Hippo(m)	
Sat 29 th Aug		22nd Sunday (Year A)	Norah O'Neil-Thomas RIP
Sun 30 th Aug		22nd Sunday (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.

God Bless you.

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.