



LITURGY

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Response to the Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second reading: Romans 12:1-2

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 16:21-27



Dear Parishioners

One of the greatest myths of modern life is the notion that happiness is attainable and that more money, a bigger house, a new car and the latest designer fashion can satisfy the mysterious restlessness in our hearts.

We would do well to remember that the cross of Christ stands at the heart of our Christian belief and without it we have no faith. From his birth in a stable in Bethlehem until his cruel death by crucifixion on the hill of Calvary, hardship and suffering were part of the life of Jesus. Someone once wrote “Christ did not come to explain away our sufferings or to remove them. He came to fill them with his presence.” As we journey on our earthly pilgrimage, Jesus invites us to shoulder our cross, whatever form it may take, and follow in his footsteps. St. Rose of Lima said: “Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.” Jesus calls us to see through the make-believe designer world of those who say we can live without hardship, to reach out to others in their pain and accept suffering in trust and confidence. Human suffering is never meaningless and can be both the measure of a person and the test of love and courage. Sometimes the trials that come our way can become a blessing if they help us see ourselves more clearly. We can not avoid the path of pain, but how we walk it makes all the difference.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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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Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B

Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Week 22 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 30th August 2020

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Masses

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
Mon 31 st Aug			
Tue 1 st Sept			Private Intention
Wed 2 nd Sept			Staff and Students of St. Mary's School
Thur 3 rd Sept		St. Gregory the Great(F)	
Fri 4 th Sept			
Sat 5 th Sept		23rd Sunday (Year A)	Nell Bridge RIP
Sun 6 th Sept		23rd 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, 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, Nell Bridge.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

Please keep in your prayers all the children and staff at St. Mary's school as they return for a new academic year. May the Lord keep them in His care.

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.

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, although basic computing skills are necessary. Please let Fr. Benedict know if you are willing to give it a try. Thank you.