



LITURGY

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Response to the Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



Dear Parishioners

Christian love is that benevolence which never knows bitterness and never seeks anything but the good of others. Paul mentions participation in the Spirit as another motive for us to make the right choices. The Spirit binds a person with God and with other persons. People who live in disunity with others are proving that they don't use the gift of the Spirit. Paul mentions last the motive of compassion and mercy - which can change people from snarling wolves to fine human beings. Jesus' obedience went beyond that expected of an ordinary human being to that which was expected of a good slave: that is, obediently accepting even death - even the degradation of death on a cross!

Many of us have been the irresponsible people of Ezekiel's time, as selfish and snobbish as some of the people in Philippi, and both the first and second son in today's Gospel. We have to remember we are all in this together. I once saw a cartoon which showed passengers fleeing a sinking ship. As the survivors huddled together in a small lifeboat, their nightmare worsens as their boat springs a serious leak. One passenger irresponsibly remarks, "At least it's not our half that's leaking."

One of our problems is we don't know how influential we are. *Some* effects of our actions, though serious, are only *physical*. Much more important are the *spiritual* effects of our actions. And for those, ever since Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent, it seems part of human nature to want to "pass the buck." But for the responsibility of the making of our lives, the buck stops with each of us.

**.God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Week 26 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 27th September 2020

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Masses

Sat 26 th Sept		26th Sunday (Year A)	Pamela Young RIP
Sun 27 th Sept		26th Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Mon 28 th Sept			
Tue 29 th Sept		St Michael and All Angels(F)	Dom Bernard Wassall RIP
Wed 30 th Sept		St. Jerome (m)	Private Intention
Thur 1 st Oct			Nell Bridge RIP
Fri 2 nd Oct			
Sat 3 rd Oct		27th Sunday (Year A)	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP & Deceased Relatives and Friends
Sun 4 th Oct		27th 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: 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. Doleen Evans.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

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

**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.**

On the welcome page of our website you will find a button marked 'Please sign up for our Bulletin Mailing List.' If you click on the button and fill in your details a copy of the bulletin will be sent to your email address automatically each week when the website is updated. This will also help us to notify you rapidly if a Mass is cancelled due to lockdown or a change in government rules. Please help us to help you and register your details as soon as you can. **Because of diocesan regulations concerning GDPR Neil and I will be unable to send out the bulletins after the end of November!**

There has been a definite change in the weather over the past week and autumn is certainly on its way. We are required to have the windows open in the church during Holy Mass & Sacramental Services to allow for adequate ventilation.

Unfortunately, this does mean that the church may be a bit chilly. I would, therefore, encourage you to come prepared! If it is chilly outside – it will probably be chilly in the church – and a coat will help to keep you warm. There will be little point in putting the heating on, if the windows are open. If, and when, this advice from the Government and the English Bishops' conference changes, I will let you know.