



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Response to the Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.

Second reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



Dear Parishioners

November – Month of Holy Souls

In November it is traditional to pray for those who have died in our parish and our families. Due to the covid 19 restrictions we are unable to leave out the Holy Souls Mass offering envelopes.

However, if you do wish to have Mass offered during November for someone who has died please put the name on a piece of paper together with your Mass offering in an envelope & pop it through the presbytery door.

There have, understandingly, been quite a few questions over the past few weeks about the way we arrange Mass at present. Why are there no servers? Why are there no readers? Why do the windows have to be left open? Why is it that the Priest and Deacon do not wear full vestments? Etc. etc. Other churches I have seen do or have these things. Firstly, let me assure you that everything we are doing is for your safety, it may not be for your or our *comfort*, but it is certainly for your and our safety. We follow the rules and guidelines set by the diocese and the government. Unfortunately, we have a small church building and what other churches may be able to do we do not have the space for if we must keep social distancing and that means on the sanctuary as well as the rest of the church. It may not always be liturgically beautiful, but it is still the sacrifice of the Mass as instigated by our Lord Jesus Christ. Please bear with us we are doing our best! Please do phone or email me if you have any queries and I will try to answer them for you.

**God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



Week 29 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 18th October 2020

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Masses

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|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Sat 17 th Oct | | 29th Sunday (Year A) | Neil Volante |
| Sun 18 th Oct | | 29th Sunday (Year A) | People of the Parish |
| Mon 19 th Oct | | | |
| Tue 20 th Oct | | | |
| Wed 21 st Oct | | | Doleen Evans RIP |
| Thur 22 nd Oct | | | Private Intention |
| Fri 23 rd Oct | | | Margaret Butler RIP |
| Sat 24 th Oct | | 30th Sunday (Year A) | John O'Brien RIP |
| Sun 25 th Oct | | 30th 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 in 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 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.