



LITURGY

First reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Response to the Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading: Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



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.

A missionary learned that one of his prospective native converts had five wives. “You’re violating a law of God,” he said, “so you must go and tell four of those women they can no longer live here or consider you their husband.” The native thought for a few moments, then he said, “I’ll wait here. *You* tell ‘em.”

In a very minor way, that story illustrates several Christian values our society needs. Today many people are without the value of *conviction*. One belief is considered as valid as another, and consequently life hasn’t much meaning. This is one of the reasons why there’s so much youth disenchantment. Another value, *courage*, is often considered to be foolishly against enlightened self-interest. And the value of *commitment*, particularly on religious grounds, is considered antiquated. Those three values of conviction, courage and commitment are modern aspects of *faith, hope* and *charity*.

Let’s pray not only for the three C’s - conviction, courage and commitment - but also for all those qualities of life that make them possible: social justice, for example, without which genuine love isn’t possible; truth, which is another name for God and which means being faithful, trustworthy, and loyal; and freedom from internal as well as external constraints, that basic theme of the entire Bible that’s necessary before we can even begin to love.

**God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Week 30 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 25th October 2020

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Masses

Sat 24 th Oct		30th Sunday (Year A)	John O'Brien RIP
Sun 25 th Oct		30th Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish
Mon 26 th Oct			
Tue 27 th Oct			Joan Catherine Hall RIP
Wed 28 th Oct			Tim Butler RIP
Thur 29 th Oct			Doleen Evans RIP
Fri 30 th Oct			
Sat 31 st Oct		All Saints	Zita, Harold & Sollis Family Deceased
Sun 1 st Nov		All Saints	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 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.