



LITURGY

First reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



Dear Parishioners

The feast of Christ the King presents us with a rather chilling message. Jesus is very blunt. He says to his disciples, “Those who did not feed Him, give Him water, did not welcome Him, did not clothe Him and did not care for Him will be sent off to eternal punishment. The Jews could respond by saying, “We never saw you in those conditions.” Jesus responds that by not helping one of the least of their brethren they did this to Him.

There is a peculiar aspect to Jesus' kingship. In his lifetime he did not seek political power or kingly status as messiah; he did not become a world ruler. Nor can we say that the resurrected Jesus effectively “rules” the world in any ordinary political sense of the term. Nor can our faith in him order all of life in every aspect, or provide solutions to the pressing problems of the secular order. According to our Gospel, Jesus exercises his shepherd's power as ruler and judge only at the end of history. Meanwhile, we are responsible for shepherding each other. Those who will be condemned at the last day are they who have refused to take responsibility for the needs of their brothers and sisters. God does not in fact take away the old kingship and establish a new one of essentially the same worldly order (as Ezekiel's prophecy hopes); rather, he makes us all responsible for bringing about the conditions of his “kingdom” on earth, in emulation of Jesus who rules by giving his life in service.

Each Sunday Jesus sends us a message. We may think that just because His words were spoken over 2000 years ago that some of the situations He describes don't apply to us, but that's not true. Whether we be teenagers, young adults, middle aged or senior citizens, Jesus is speaking to us through the Gospels, and today He says to us, “What you did not do for one of the least of your brothers and sisters, you did not do for me.”

**God Bless
Fr Benedict OSB**

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CHRIST THE KING (A)

Week commencing Sunday 22nd November 2020

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Masses

Sat 21 st Nov		Christ the King	Deceased members of the Lamb and Nugent families
Sun 22 nd Nov		Christ the King	Youth of the parish
Mon 23 rd Nov			
Tue 24 th Nov		St. Andrew Dung-Lac (m)	
Wed 25 th Nov			For those with no-one to pray for them
Thur 26 th Nov			
Fri 27 th Nov			
Sat 28 th Nov		1st Sunday of Advent (B)	Private Intention
Sun 29 th Nov		1st Sunday of Advent (B)	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, 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

This weekend we remember all the youth of the parish, especially the children at St. Mary's School. Can we also take time to keep in our prayers all of the servers here at church. May the Lord watch over and guide all of our young people.

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

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent and we begin Sunday Cycle Year B and Weekday Cycle 1

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Time is running out. SO FAR, WE HAVE ONLY 45 TAKERS!