



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Response to the Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



Dear Parishioners

We are in the grip of an invisible and uncharted challenge and this in itself is disturbing, and for a long time we have been unable to stem or distance the virus: recently the promise of a vaccine gives hope, but we need to be patient. We have previously been so sure that we can manage and control things, and we have

learned to realize that we are not in control. That helplessness allows us to accept our limitations and suggests a new outlook on life. We are not all-powerful and we have a chance to consider a different style of life, more attuned to nature and to others. The very force of the disease should temper the current demands for power, consumerism, and self-sufficiency, which seem to have driven much of worlds politics and private life. We have had to be helpless—and have learned how good people are when they look after the sick, the needy.

We have seen the heroism and selflessness of the NHS staff and many others, forgoing their own needs, health and even life to help others.

The enforced simplicity enables us to reconsider the environment and our planet, and perhaps one of the best outcomes of these events will be a more generous and healthy turn of our ecology. So, what can we do? What can I do? Maybe start with

Micah 6/8:

Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God

The above comes from a letter I received from Fr. Boniface last week and I thought I would share it with you.

Fr. Benedict OSB

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Week commencing Sunday 13th December 2020

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Masses

Sat 12 th Dec		3rd Sunday of Advent (B)	Fran Ryall RIP
Sun 13 th Dec		3rd Sunday of Advent (B)	Sheila Hall RIP
Mon 14 th Dec			
Tue 15 th Dec			
Wed 16 th Dec			Zita, Harold and Sollis Family RIP
Thur 17 th Dec			
Fri 18 th Dec			
Sat 19 th Dec		4th Sunday of Advent (B)	Geoffrey Abraham RIP
Sun 20 th Dec		4th Sunday of Advent (B)	Mick Wall RIP

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, Alan Clatworthy.

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

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Holy Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day

Friday 25th December 2020 at 10.30 am

Booking for this Mass will be on Monday 21st December between 10.00 -11.00am

Please telephone Lin Rea on 01527 545460 to reserve your place.

DO NOT LEAVE MESSAGES ON THE ANSWER SERVICE

THERE WILL BE NO 5pm MASS ON SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER

Booking for 5pm Mass on Saturday 2nd January 2021

AND FOR

7pm Mass on Wednesday 6th January, the Feast of The Epiphany, will both be on

TUESDAY 29th DECEMBER between 10.00 – 11.00 am

Please telephone Lin Rea on 01527 545460 to reserve your place

PLEASE BE PATIENT, BOOKING WILL TAKE LONGER THIS WEEK.

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On the welcome page of our website you will find a button marked 'Please sign up for our Bulletin Mailing List.' Please do so *Because Neil and I will be unable to send out the bulletins after the end of November due to diocesan regulations concerning GDPR!*

Time is running out. SO FAR, WE HAVE ONLY 51 TAKERS!

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