



LITURGY

First reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!’ Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



Dear Parishioners

Although God spared the only son of Abraham, in a spiritual irony He didn’t intervene to spare His own only Son. Echoing the Psalms and the prophets, very emotionally St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans that the all-conquering power of God’s love has overcome every obstacle to people’s salvation and every threat of our separation from God. That power manifested itself fully when God delivered up to death His own Son for our salvation.

Paul was echoing the first reading, in which Isaac was spared. And his letter, to get people to think for themselves, raises similar questions with regard to God the Father and the sacrifice of Christ. Why did God act like that, sacrificing His Son?

The only satisfactory reply is again found in the extent of the passion of God’s love. There is always tension between the stars we aspire to and the reality of daily life. The stars are our ideals; we can’t quite succeed in reaching them. But, like seafarers on the seas, we choose them as our guides and, following them, reach our destiny. Through baptism, God has made us into His own image - but we’ve been made aware as well that we shall also share the cross of Jesus. During this Lent, which is in a special way our whole life writ small, let’s look into our hearts for whatever God has in store for us - mud or stars - and answer with Abraham: “Ready!”

God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



2nd Sunday of Lent Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 28th February 2021

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Masses

Sat 27 th Feb	5pm	2nd Sunday of Lent	Fr. John Fallon RIP
Sun 28 th Feb		2nd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Mon 1 st March		St. David(F)	
Tue 2 nd March			Jean Monica Tucker RIP
Wed 3 rd March			Fr. John Fallon RIP
Thur 4 th March			
Fri 5 th March			
Sat 6 th March	5pm	3rd Sunday of Lent	Andrew Foster RIP
Sun 7 th March		3rd Sunday of Lent	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, 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, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you that Fr. John Fallon died on Monday of this week. He was 56 years of age. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. 'Go forth upon thy journey Christian soul.'

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



How to support your Parish

At this present time, the Parish is only receiving a small amount of income via standing orders and has lost the valuable weekly collection that helps to keep our Church afloat. We still have bills to pay whilst we are closed.

It would help greatly if you are able to donate directly to St Mary's R C Parish in any of the following ways:

- downloading & completing the 'Standing Order' form from this website & sending it to the Parish
- posting cheques made payable to **St Mary's R C Parish** through the presbytery door. Please put your name & address on the reverse of the cheque
- posting cash in an envelope through the presbytery door. Please include your name & address
- posting your planned giving envelopes through the door

Please let us know if you are Gift Aid registered for any donations you make & please consider completing the Gift Aid form if you are not already registered and can be found on our website & include it with your donation. Thank you!

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