



LITURGY

First reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Response to the Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



Dear Parishioners
(Looking Towards Lent)

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of preparation. It looks forward to our annual commemoration of the paschal mystery of Christ at Easter wherein we celebrate his victory over sin and death.

In the ceremony of the ashes the Church insists that we face the awesome reality of death: “Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” A fascinating aspect of death is that it is both certain and uncertain. It is certain in the sense that we know we will one day die. Our ancestors died before us. And yet this death, which is so certain in itself, is most uncertain as to time, place, and circumstance. We simply do not know when, where, or how we will die. Most important of all is the question of whether death will find us worthy to share in the victory which Jesus won over sin and death itself – will our death lead to resurrection with Jesus?

Death is also final. None of us can expect to be given a second chance. God has given us an allotted time in which to work out our salvation. It is up to us to use our time well. One moment wasted by infidelity to God can never be captured.

We may work harder after a failure, but the one moment lost has passed into eternity, never to return. Nor can we depend on some kind of deathbed conversion. On the other hand, if we have really tried to be faithful to God throughout life we need not fear that at the moment of death we will make a sudden reversal and abandon God. It is the present that counts; we cannot change the past nor can we predict the future.

The liturgy on Ash Wednesday has given us a sober and awesome reminder: “You are dust and unto dust you shall return.” The way in which we live now will determine our future after death. As we live, so shall we die, and as we die, so shall we be for all eternity.

God Bless
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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



6th Sunday of Year (B)
Week commencing Sunday 14th February 2021

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Masses

Sat 13 th Feb		Week 6 Year B	Robert McCarthy RIP
Sun 14 th Feb		Week 6 Year B	Beatrice & Bernard Clarke RIP
Mon 15 th Feb.			
Tue 16 th Feb			Pamela Young RIP
Wed 17 th Feb		ASH WEDNESDAY	People of the Parish
Thur 18 th Feb			
Fri 19 th Feb			
Sat 20 th Feb	5pm	1st Sunday of Lent	Sheila Hall RIP
Sun 21 st Feb		1st Sunday of Lent	Robert McCarthy 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



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