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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**Response to the Psalm:** It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34



**Dear Parishioners**

In giving today's teaching Jesus wishes to inculcate certain attitudes as well as give a map of history. Firstly, be assured. Just because Jesus does not do everything at once it is not grounds to dismiss him as fake. The Kingdom of

God has truly and definitely arrived. Jesus is God made man: the Divine Seed of the Kingdom of God has been planted. Though Jesus does not do everything at once, he will do it, including bring in judgment, to gather what is good. Secondly, be stirred to respond to Jesus and co-operate with grace. The Parable of the Sower challenges us to contribute to what can be usefully harvested. We all get what we deserve 'in the law court of Christ', so let us live by faith in the vision of Jesus for history and its judgment. Let us trust in the power of the seed that is the Word of God planted in us and co-operate with the grace and mercy that accompany it and grant us growth.

So, bearing fruit, may we be harvested and brought into the joy of our Master!

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**11<sup>th</sup> Week of Year (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

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## Masses

|                            |     |                                           |                                                           |
|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> June  | 5pm | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Hector, Phyllis & Sheila Hall RIP                         |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> June  |     | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Deacon Peter (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination) |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> June  |     |                                           |                                                           |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> June |     |                                           | Tara Carter                                               |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> June  |     |                                           | Mary Cross                                                |
| Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> June |     |                                           | Patricia Tonks                                            |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June  |     |                                           | Private Intention                                         |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> June  | 5pm | <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | Judy Husband RIP                                          |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June  |     | <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b> | All Fathers                                               |

**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, Anthony Woodhouse.

**Those who have recently died:**

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, Judy Husband.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Vacant**

## **Information**

May I please remind people that when they phone on Mondays to book a place at Mass **not to leave messages on the answer machine.** These can only be dealt with after the phone calls and you could very well be disappointed as the Mass may be fully booked. Thank you.



## **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*

## **As We Move Forward**

We are pleased to let you know that this weekend (12/13 June) a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read out at all Masses.

The Pastoral Letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years.

As we make a fresh beginning after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions, our aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

The Letter will be accompanied by a prayer card and will also be available in audio and video format via the diocesan website, for which details will be given next week.

**Please could I ask you to keep Deacon Peter in your prayers as he celebrates the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination this weekend.**

**Ad Multos Annos**

**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**