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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**Response to the Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:7-9, 13-15

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

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Dear Parishioners

Today's Gospel passage exemplifies clearly the attitude of Jesus with the regard to the ills that burden humanity. The New Testament makes it clear that God, as manifest in Jesus, is on the side of life and healing; his power is at work to transform the world and overcome sorrow and death. Jesus' healings and miracles are the sign of God's will for the world's salvation. His proclamation that it is her faith which heals the afflicted woman indicates that for him faith is an attitude which confidently hopes for God's overcoming of evil.

Yet it is clear that the healings of Christ are not the ultimate word concerning salvation, but only an anticipation of it. Even the little girl brought back from death would have to face and end to life at some time. It is in the resurrection of Jesus that we find God's final answer: not simply an aid to living or satisfaction of our needs, but the transformation of life itself and of its profoundest hopes.

This is not to say that if we had faith, God's power would be freed and all our requests would be answered. The example of St. Paul and of Jesus himself should prevent us from drawing such a naive conclusion. But the fate of Jesus – which we celebrate in each Eucharist – shows us how we are to reevaluate our ideas of power itself and its purpose. If we have faith, that power *is* freed: not simply to serve our present wants, but to be power *over us*, to transform us, and to make us see that what we truly and most deeply need and desire is precisely to be available for God and for each other

God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB

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13th Week of Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 27th June 2021

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Masses

Sat 26 th June	5pm	13th Sunday (YearB)	People of the Parish
Sun 27 th June		13th Sunday (YearB)	Private Intention
Mon 28 th June			
Tues 29 th June		SS Peter & Paul(S)	People of the Parish
Wed 30 th June			
Thur 1 st July			Private Intention
Fri 2 nd July			
Sat 3 rd July	5pm	14th Sunday (YearB)	Maurice Andrews
Sun 4 th July		14th Sunday (YearB)	Nor Thomas 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, Anthony Woodhouse, Maurice Andrews.

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.

Information

You may recall a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley was read out at Mass a few weeks ago. It outlined the vision for the Archdiocese as we move forward. Leaflets explaining The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan will be available to take away this weekend. Please pick up a copy for yourself, and take copies for those who are unable to come to Mass. More information on the Vision is available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision



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 As We Move Forward

The overall qualification for unity is love. This is the function of an apostle: not only to know *about* Jesus, but to actually *know* Jesus. That means not only the Jesus of books, but as we experience him in our lives. The overall qualification for unity is love. We must act in oneness with God and with one another. As the move out of the current pandemic has been postponed until July 19th, we as a parish, can only move forward slowly in love. If we wish to rebuild and indeed improve on what our parish was before the pandemic it will take time, sacrifice and yes, love. At some point, sooner rather than later I hope, we will need to reinstate all our different ministries, we particularly need more volunteers to act as stewards. Hopefully also our servers, although I am well aware that a number of them will have moved on to university. Please could I ask you to email me at stmarysstudley@gmail.com or phone me on 01527 852524 and let me know if you are willing and able to support us once more. Please could you pass on this message to anyone you know who does not receive the bulletin. Please remember that you are the parish and without you this parish would cease to exist.

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