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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

**Response to the Psalm:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Second reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

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

**Gospel:** John: 6:60-69

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Dear Parishioners

We have come to faith in Jesus; we, like Peter, know he has the words of eternal life. In the Holy Eucharist, we *devoutly* eat his Flesh and drink his Blood. But the challenge he laid down a year before he gave us the Eucharist can still strike us: Do we want to see all that this great Sign, this precious Sacrament, tells us? It shows us Jesus' Sacrifice, and brings its power to us: do we want to see Jesus' *self-giving* as our New Law, the Pattern to follow? Does this Sacrament of Jesus' Sacrifice draw us to repent of our sins, which have helped bring about Jesus' Death? Do we still nurture a 'fleshly,' this-worldly attitude? – or will we let the Spirit re-shape our priorities so that we hunger for eternal life, and cherish others with a lively hope that they will be our friends forever in God? Do we measure Jesus' value to us in terms of what we would like him to do for us? – or are we open to the precise gifts the Divine Wisdom sees it best to grant? To what kind of deeper discipleship is the Holy Eucharist calling *us*?

God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB

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21st Week of Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 22nd August 2021

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Masses

Sat 21 st August	5pm	21st Sunday (Year B)	Maurice Andrews RIP
Sun 22 nd August		21st Sunday (Year B)	People of the Parish
Mon 23 rd August			
Tues 24 th August		St. Bartholomew (F)	
Wed 25 th August			
Thur 26 th August			
Fri 27 th August		St Monica (m)	
Sat 28 th August	5pm	22nd Sunday (Year B)	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 29 th August		22nd Sunday (YearB)	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, Anthony Woodhouse, Bud Sollis. Chanel Mullings

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 Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart.

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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



INFORMATION

Following the guidelines from the government and the diocese and after completing yet another Risk Assessment, we would like to welcome you back to 5pm Mass on Saturdays. We would ask you to please support our wonderful stewards, by following their guidance so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

We are encouraging all those attending Mass to:

- Wear a face covering
- Use the QR code or complete a paper Test, Track and Trace form. These are located in the porch **or can be downloaded from our website to be completed before you arrive.**
- You are free sit where you wish but no more than 4 adults and 2 children under 12 years to a bench please. (Total 96)
- Please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid 19
- **The toilets remain closed.**

These guidelines will remain the same for weddings, funerals and baptisms. I look forward to seeing you. God Bless.

Fr. Benedict OSB