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LITURGY

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Response to the Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading: Letter to St. James 1:17-18. 21-22, 27

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

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Dear Parishioners

The building of the beliefs and values of our young people is critical to their future and the future of society. Adults ultimately influence children by their actions more than their words. It has been said, “What you do shouts so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying!”

I remember a conversation I had one evening with a young man in his mid twenties at a homeless shelter in East London. He told me he was never going to set foot in a church again. I asked him, “Why?” He told me about an experience he had as he hitch hiked across the country. One Sunday morning he felt a need to attend church. He was in a small town and entered the local church; he did not tell me the denomination of the church. The young man sat in the back of the church before the service began. The minister spotted him and came over and asked him what he wanted. The young man told him he wanted to attend the service. The minister told him to, “Get out, we don’t want your type in here.”

Jesus challenges the Pharisees and scribes of his day about the time and effort spent on their external practices while ignoring their internal attitudes and actions. Their practices had taken on a life of their own and God and others got lost. It is only in and through an intimate relationship with God that we can grow to be a person whose actions on the job, or in political office, or within the church, or wherever we are called, reflect the heart and mind of Jesus. That is what wholeness and holiness are all about.

God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB

Fr. Benedict is on retreat from Sunday 29th August until Saturday 4th September and will be unavailable except in an emergency.

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This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and served by the Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



22nd Week of Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 29th August 2021

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Masses

Sat 28 th August	5pm	22nd Sunday (Year B)	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 29 th August		22nd Sunday (Year B)	People of the Parish
Mon 30 th August			
Tues 31 st August			
Wed 1 st Sept.			
Thur 2 nd Sept.			
Fri 3 rd Sept.		St. Gregory the Great (F)	
Sat 4 th Sept.	5pm	23rd Sunday (Year B)	
Sun 5 th Sept.		23rd 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.

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse
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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 These are located in the porch, **(please bring your own pen), or can be downloaded from our website to be completed before you arrive.** We do need your complete name and not just initials please.
- 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