



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second reading: Letter to St. James 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



Dear Parishioners

In our Lord's time a suffering Messiah was foreign to everyone's expectation. Everyone wanted a glorious Messiah who would usher in a glorious era of peace and plenty, of grandeur and glory for Israel. Suffering was not a part of this expectation and, less so, the scandal of the cross. As in Saint Mark's time so it is today, there are many who want a glorious Christ but not a pained and a suffering one. They want a happy, clappy religion, but not a disciplined one. I'm sure they mean well, but the fact is that they are sanitising Christology and stage-managing Christ in a way that is unacceptable to the Gospel and to our Lord's own self - understanding.

Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to be my follower, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross, and let him follow me." These words are near the heart and centre of the Christian faith, and we will only truly understand their demands if we take the words very simply and and literally.

There is no authentic Christ without a suffering Messiah and there is no glory without the cross. The theologian William Barclay wrote: **"If a man will follow Jesus Christ he must ever say no to himself and yes to Christ. He must say no to his own natural love of ease and comfort. He must say no to every course of action based on self-seeking and self-will. He must say no to the instincts and the desires which prompt him to touch and taste and handle forbidden things. He must unhesitatingly say yes to the voice and the command of Jesus Christ. He must be able to say with Paul that it is no longer he who lives but Christ who lives in him. He lives no longer to follow his own will, but to follow the will of Christ, and in that service he finds perfect freedom."**

God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB

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24th Week of Year (B)

Week commencing Sunday 12th September 2021

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Masses

Sat 11 th Sept.	5pm	24th Sunday (Year B)	Max Stoddart RIP
Sun 12 th Sept.		24th Sunday (Year B)	People of the Parish
Mon 13 th Sept.			
Tues 14 th Sept.		Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)	Private Intention
Wed 15 th Sept.		Our Lady of Sorrows	
Thur 16 th Sept.		SS Cornelius & Cyprian martyrs	
Fri 17 th Sept.			
Sat 18 th Sept.	5pm	25th Sunday (Year B)	First Communion Children
Sun 19 th Sept.		25th 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

Saturday or Sunday

As we are only able to offer one Mass over the weekend for the foreseeable future, I would like to know which day people would prefer once the clocks go back in October. A number of people have said they would prefer to come to Mass at 10.30 am on a Sunday morning during the winter months rather than on a Saturday evening. Perhaps you could let me know what you think. You can email the office or telephone or when you are filling out your Track and Trace form simply write either Saturday or Sunday on the reverse, whichever is your preference. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fr. Benedict OSB