



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

**Second reading:** Letter to St. James 3:16-4:3

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37



**Dear Parishioners**

Modern scientists with their great ability to reason and compute can easily pinpoint most of our problems, but the trouble is that they can't solve many of them. How can they solve them relying only on human wisdom? Indeed, we need human wisdom. It is wise to act wise unless you are otherwise. But don't we know that human wisdom often degenerates into brute reason, which is worse than brute force, and in the process of acquiring it many people make fools of themselves? Besides, human pride and ambition often parade under the guise of human wisdom and, as a result, some foolishly identify even war and violence with courage, though none of us can be sure of our courage until the day of our death. Hence, instead of relying on earthly wisdom, we must look up to the "wisdom that comes from above" which alone can show the way to equality in economics, decency in politics, prosperity in society and peace among all men, the deep, deep peace of the heart. Christ himself spelt out this way when he told his disciples who were arguing among themselves, "Who is the most important?" that, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all." This means that the way to the peace of Christ is first humility. Humility is not bowing my head so low that I can see nothing but my navel. Rather it is acknowledging one's human limitation and depending upon divine providence. However, the person who often looks up to God rarely looks down on any neighbour and hence a humble person will naturally respect and care for fellow human beings. A humble person sees their own brother and sister in the eyes of any man or woman offering loving service to all, especially to the weak and the poor. These days, the price of everything is rising. The cost of peace also can be high. Christ's refusal to take up the sword, and his loving service to sinful humanity led him to his passion and death. But then he rose to glory with an explosion of joy and life. Likewise, if we dedicate ourselves to loving service, even at a great cost, the risen light and the peace of Christ will fill the earth.

God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**

**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



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

**Week commencing Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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### Masses

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|-----------------------------|-----|--|----------------------------------|
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  | 5pm | <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)</b> | First Communion<br>Children      |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  |     | <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)</b> | People of the Parish             |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  |     |  |                                  |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept. |     | <b>St. Matthew (F)</b>                     | Private Intention                |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.  |     |  |                                  |
| Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. |     | St. Pius of Pietrelcina<br>(m)             | Millie & Douglas<br>Thompson RIP |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  |     |  |                                  |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  | 5pm | <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)</b> | Max Stoddart RIP                 |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  |     | <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(YearB)</b>  | 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**

**Please pray for the First Holy Communion children who will attend a  
special Mass at 10am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September.**