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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

**Response to the Psalm:** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



**Dear Parishioners**

**Moving Forward**

We have received further guidelines with reference to cleaning and ‘Track and Trace.’ After each Mass we just need to wipe down the tops of benches where hands may have been plus door handles. We need to supply forms and the telephone code for the ‘Track and Trace,’ but individuals need to take responsibility for supplying their contact information as they enter the church.

With all this in mind, we hoping to reintroduce our Sunday Mass on the first weekend of Lent. So here is a shout out, first of all, for **readers and servers**.

If you haven’t served before, please don’t worry as training will be given. If you feel you would like to undertake either of these ministries, then do please contact the parish office asap stating whether you prefer Saturday or Sunday so that we can begin to put together some sort of rota. We will be asking for volunteers for other jobs at a later date.

Please help us to help you.

**God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Year (C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

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### Masses

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.   | 5pm | <b>Week 3 Year C</b>              | P.J. Matthews RIP        |
| Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.   |     | <b>Week 3 Year C</b>              | People of the Parish     |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   |     |                                   |                          |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan.. |     | <b>Conversion of St. Paul (F)</b> | Private Intention (P.B.) |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   |     |                                   |                          |
| Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan.. |     |                                   |                          |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan..  |     | St. Thomas Aquinas (M)            |                          |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   | 5pm | <b>Week 4 Year C</b>              | Michael Russell RIP      |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   |     | <b>Week 4 Year C</b>              | People of the Parish     |

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**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, please do not place it in the collection basket. Thank you.**

#### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards, Michael Russell

#### Those who have recently died: ,

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. Tony Lyons.

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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*

### Synodal Process

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and Archbishop Bernard Longley would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. By the end of our time together we aim to capture your answers to the basic question: What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today? The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means 'journeying together' and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together. With this in mind it would be a great help if you could look at the following questions and respond to any that you feel able. Please send your answers to the parish office by email or through the door.

Thank you.

1. In what ways does the Catholic Church enhance your life?
2. Reflecting on 20 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected? Were these issues and/or opportunities there before and how can participation be strengthened moving forward into the future?
3. How is the Catholic Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?
4. How do you believe your presence at Mass makes a difference?
5. Explain what difference does it make in your life to receive the sacraments?
6. How do you currently participate, personally, in the life of the Church? How much responsibility do you have as an individual?
7. If you could describe your local parish fulfilling your dreams and concerns for the whole world and the local community, what would it be like?