



LITURGY

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Response to the Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



Dear Parishioners

Jesus tells his disciples that ‘the disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher.’ Christ, the Word of God, is the teacher who teaches all teachers.

All learning brings about a change in the person who learns. The deeper the change, the more interior the learning and the more it touches upon what makes us human. If I learn a skill, such as how to draw, a change has come about in me. This change, however, does not essentially change the kind of person I am. I remain the same old ungenerous and selfish person, only now I can also draw. The deepest and most interior changes involve who I am at the deepest level of my existence.

This is why Jesus, echoing the wisdom tradition found in the First Reading from Ecclesiasticus, connects teaching with the interior life, ‘a good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart.’ The point of wisdom literature is to help the reader bring about an interior change and for this we need a teacher we can trust. Therefore, the author of Ecclesiasticus begins by establishing his own credentials to teach, referring to his grandfather who developed a deep knowledge of the law, the prophets and the other books of the fathers of Israel.

The teaching of Jesus Christ is also rooted in the tradition of Israel, but its authority is ultimately founded upon his person: true God and true man. Jesus teaches us not only about how to become more deeply human, but also how to share in the life of God. Anointed by the Holy Spirit, Jesus is the Wisdom of the Father, the Word made flesh, who transforms the words of those who follow him so that they are life-giving words, bearing fruit for the salvation of the world. Human laws and balance sheets will pass away, but the teaching of Jesus will remain for eternity, transforming those who receive it so that the student will become like the teacher, eternally sharing his life-giving wisdom.

Fr. David Goodill OP

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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8th Week of Year (C)

Week commencing Sunday 27th February 2022

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Masses

Sat 26 th Feb.	5pm	Week 8 Year C	Danny Scally RIP
Sun 27 th Feb.		Week 8 Year C	Fr. John Fallon RIP
Mon 28 th Feb.			
Tues 1 st March		St. David (F)	Pam Young RIP
Wed 2 nd March	9.30am 7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	School Mass in Church Parish Mass
Thur 3 rd March			
Fri 4 th March			
Sat 5 th March	5pm	1st Sunday of Lent Year C	Mary Cross RIP
Sun 6 th March	10.30am	1st Sunday of Lent Year C	Mary Cross RIP

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. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,

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, Michael Russell, Mary Cross.

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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

We have received further guidelines from the Government regarding Covid19

We are asking parishioners to continue wearing face coverings if they can and to use the hand sanitiser provided at least on entry into the church. **We no longer need to collect track & trace information, so all forms and the QR code have been removed.** The safety of our parishioners is of the highest importance to us, as it has been throughout the pandemic. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we do this.

We are reintroducing our Sunday Mass on the first weekend of Lent, so at last we will be back to a Saturday and Sunday. Here is a shout out, first of all, for **readers and ministers of communion.** 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.

Request

If you put your collection money in an envelope it would help us a great deal if you could put the date on the envelope and if you are a Gift Aid member also your number. Many thanks.