



LITURGY

First reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright clous, the Father’s voice was heard: “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!” Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36



Dear Parishioners

Many of us have learned to depend on ourselves, to look for good jobs so we can enter more actively into consumerism and buy ourselves happiness. Eventually we come to realise that we are not in full control. Daily crosses eventually creep in, even when we try to ignore them. Perhaps our health begins to fade, a loved one dies, and we begin to feel that numbness caused by loneliness. Lent is a time to reflect on taking up our crosses. We may be able to ignore our little crosses today, but bigger ones are on the horizon. We do not have an infinite horizon to sail toward; the real horizon is always getting closer even when we don't notice it or choose to ignore it. During Lent we enter into Jesus' suffering through reflection and penance. We can also share in the suffering of the body of Christ through the people we see around us:

- in the fear of children who have been deprived of the innocence of childhood,
- in the aimlessness of youth who do not appreciate their own worth,
- in the empty eyes of the aged who often forget and are themselves forgotten,
- in the half of the world that struggles to survive on less than £2 per day,
- and in the immigrant father who searches for adequate employment to feed his family.

But it is much easier to preach to others, or to work to ease the pain of others, without even admitting that we ourselves carry a heavy burden. Lent is a time for us to re-examine suffering and to try to discern God in the midst of it.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**



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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



2nd Sunday of Lent Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 13th March 2022

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

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Masses

Sat 12 th March	5pm	2nd Sunday of Lent Year C	Judy Husband RIP
Sun 13 th March	10.30am	2nd Sunday of Lent Year C	Steve Sollis RIP
Mon 14 th March			
Tues 15 th March			
Wed 16 th March			
Thur 17 th March	10.30am	Requiem Mass	Mary Cross RIP
Fri 18 th March			Deacon Peter
Sat 19 th March	5pm	3rd Sunday of Lent Year C	Kathleen O'Brien RIP
Sun 20 th March	10.30am	3rd Sunday of Lent Year C	Zita & Harold Sollis and family 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 bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards, Deacon Peter.

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.

Stewards and further Information

As we move away for the need of stewards, I would like to extend a huge thank you to those members of the parish who gave their time as stewards over the last eighteen months or so. They have battled with us to cope with the changing situations the pandemic threw at us so that the church could remain open for Mass at weekends. Without them this would not have been possible and I for one am extremely grateful for all their commitment and hard work. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Lin Rea who kept us up to date with all the changes and made sure we all knew what we needed to do and by so doing has helped us all to stay safe. Her help and support has been tremendous.

We are still respectfully requesting that people wear a face covering in church if they can and that people please use the hand sanitizer on entry into the church.
Could I also please ask for more volunteers to be readers and ministers of communion for both Saturday and Sunday

Request

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