



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 7:55-60

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:20-26



Dear Parishioners

I pray that they may all be one. This, St John tells us, was the last request that Jesus made in the great prayer which he offered up to God his Father for his followers and for the world. In a few hours he was to be arrested and condemned to die on the cross. It is important for us never to forget that when Jesus prayed ‘that they may all be one’, though he undoubtedly had his disciples and, in fact, all future believers in him very much in his mind, what he was praying for was something much more profound than a comfortable secular togetherness. As the rest of this wonderful prayer reveals, what he was basically praying for was really nothing less than the mending of creation, in other words the restoring of creation to its original relationship with God. The strength of God can be our strength, if only we are ready to make ourselves open to accepting it. Remember, then: however grim or difficult may be any situation you find yourself facing, you are in fact never really alone, never facing something Christ has not already faced. As the letter to the Hebrews says about Christ, ‘He is our pioneer.’

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**7th Sunday of Easter Year(C)
Week commencing Sunday 29th May 2022**

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Masses

Sat 28 th May	5.00pm	7 th Sunday of Easter (C)	People of the Parish
Sun 29 th May	10.30am	7 th Sunday of Easter (C)	Pauline Burton RIP
Mon 30 th May			
Tues 31 st May			People of Ukraine
Wed 1 st June			
Thur 2 nd June			Private Intention
Fri 3 rd June			
Sat 4 th June	5.00pm	Pentecost (C)	Susanna Westmeath RIP
Sun 5 th June	10.30am	Pentecost (C)	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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,, Jill Spurrell, Wyn Varley.

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, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt).

Information

Returning to Mass

From the Bishops of England and Wales

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.” Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. Virtual viewing of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

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