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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**Response to the Psalm:** Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

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Dear Parishioners

Jesus challenged his hearers not to imagine that just because they had had contact with God through the scriptures read in the synagogue, or had been visited by Jesus as he went round preaching, they were assured of a place in the kingdom: the question was, had they responded to God, and desired a place in the kingdom, like hungry and needy people? Had they desired him, like the people from east and west and north and south, the outsiders who would be welcomed into the feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob simply because they wanted to be there?

We can gain admission to the heavenly banquet on one condition: if we are hungry to be there. Those who think they have a right to be there will get a shock; they have not tried their best to enter by the narrow door, which paradoxically welcomes countless unexpected guests through it; it is the door of humility, of need, of poverty in spirit. Those who have had a good, godly upbringing may think that that is all they require; somehow, they're already in the club, and they needn't bother to apply. But the fact is that we can only come into God's presence if we come as needy people who know we have nothing to offer but everything to receive.

Jesus scandalised the well brought-up by showing that God welcomes the badly brought-up too; each has the same way into the heavenly feast: hunger.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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21st Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 21st August 2022

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

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Masses

Sat 20 th Aug	5.00pm	21 st Sunday Year (C)	56 th Wedding Ann. Of Deacon Peter & Veronica
Sun 21 st Aug	10.30am	21 st Sunday Year (C)	Zita & Harold Sollis & family RIP
Mon 22 nd Aug			
Tues 23 rd Aug			People of Ukraine
Wed 24 th Aug			
Thur 25 th Aug			
Fri 26 th Aug			Private Intention
Sat 27 th Aug	5.00pm	22 nd Sunday Year (C)	Nancy Flynn RIP
Sun 28 th Aug	10.30am	22 nd Sunday Year (C)	Nickie Flynn RIP

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,

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), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli.

Information

Weekly Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep £36,000.00
- Insurance £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Gift Aid

We are attempting to update our Gift Aid records. At the back of the church there is a form to sign up for Gift Aid if you wish to join. Also, could those who are already members sign the form. You can Gift Aid by Standing Order or weekly envelopes which we will be issuing to those who request them. To that end, please tick the relevant box on the form. Thank you.

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