



LITURGY

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second reading: Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:5-19



Dear Parishioners

We've come to think that modern technology has vastly changed our world, but at the same time there's an adage that the more things change, the more they remain the same. All three readings of today's liturgy support that adage. From at least 600 B.C., which was about when the prophecy of Habakkuk was written, through to roughly 100 A.D., roughly when the second letter to Timothy was written and right up to the present, there have been problems with faith and faithfulness.

In the supernatural order, faith is the only power that can save the world, a seemingly impossible task. The Gospel passage teaches the disciples, and us, the necessity of being humble in the service of God. Jesus tells us that we can never have any claim on God. Our greatest response to the giver of divine faith is works of service. The biblical notion of faith means a commitment of the entire person to Jesus. This means action as well as intellectual assent. It is steadfast loyalty to God no matter what comes.

In ancient times, before banks as we know them, one of the places where people often deposited their valuables was the Temple. The deposits safekeeping was considered a sacred trust. Faith, the greatest force in the world, is the richest deposit possible, and the most sacred of trusts. Saint Paul had entrusted his work and his life to God. While a criminal in a Roman jail, treated at best indifferently by his barbarous keepers, he didn't change his faith, or his loyalty and steadfastness to God's plan for him. Why? Because it was inconceivable to him that God, whom he had come to know intimately, would let him down. God's message to Habakkuk and Paul and Timothy and the Apostles is just as important to us now as ever it has been. Faith can move mountains.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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27th Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 2nd October 2022

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Masses

Sat 1 st Oct	5.00pm	27 th Sunday Year (C)	Wyn Varley RIP
Sun 2 nd Oct	10.30am	27 th Sunday Year (C)	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP
Mon 3 rd Oct			
Tues 4 th Oct		St. Francis of Assisi (mem)	People of Ukraine
Wed 5 th Oct			
Thur 6 th Oct			H.M. Queen Elizabeth II
Fri 7 th Oct		Our Lady of the Rosary (mem)	
Sat 8 th Oct	5.00pm	28 th Sunday Year (C)	Danny Scally RIP
Sun 9 th Oct	10.30am	28 th Sunday Year (C)	Laurence Udall 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, 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, Anthony Woodhouse.

Information

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.

Money Counting

We currently have a dedicated small group of money counters, but it would be really beneficial if we could find a few more. The collection is counted on either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning and takes about one and a half hours. Please contact Fr. Benedict if you would like to offer your help.

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