



LITURGY

First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Response to the Psalm: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second reading: Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Dear Parishioners

One of the most adaptable words in the English language is 'persistent.' When flies, bees or ants are persistent during a summer picnic we really mean they are a pest. When children are persistent in wanting something, we consider them bold. When politicians are persistent in pursuing the electorate, we call them astute. And when business people are persistent in following up sales prospects, we admire their tenacity. This week's liturgy connects persistence with religion, especially in our prayers of petition. We are also reminded, however, that we don't win battles only by our own force.. We are also reminded in our second reading of another dimension of our prayers, that they be 'other-directed.' We should live and pray wholeheartedly for what we think we want, but we should at the same time pray and act not that our will predominate, but that "God's will be done," leaving it to God to differentiate between what we want and what we need.

Starting right now, let's make a firm commitment to persevere in those areas of our lives where perseverance is most needed: relationships, family, faith, self-esteem, work, prayer. But let's temper our perseverance with the petition that, after all is said and done, "May God's will, and not ours, be done!"

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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29th Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 16th October 2022

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Masses

Sat 15 th Oct	5.00pm	29 th Sunday Year (C)	Maurice Andrews RIP
Sun 16 th Oct	10.30am	29 th Sunday Year (C)	Harvest Mass People Of the Parish
Mon 17 th Oct			
Tues 18 th Oct		St. Luke (Feast)	People of Ukraine
Wed 19 th Oct			
Thur 20 th Oct			Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 21 st Oct		St. Frideswide (Mem)	
Sat 22 nd Oct	5.00pm	30 th Sunday Year (C)	Paul McCormack RIP
Sun 23 rd Oct	10.30am	30 th Sunday Year (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, 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 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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