



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2

**Response to the Psalm:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Second reading:** 2Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10



**Dear Parishioners**

Zacchaeus is drawn to Jesus. He can not catch sight of him because of the crowd and receives no help from the crowd. Alone he takes himself away from the others and struggles up a tree to wait for him to pass. Jesus calls him; comes to his aid.

Instead of being a spectator on the fringes Zacchaeus now finds himself at the centre of events with Jesus. The crowd cannot comprehend this; they can see no good reason for Jesus calling Zacchaeus. He, on the other hand, can not only see Jesus but can also see the folly of how he has lived his life and immediately begins to mend his ways. The eyes of faith are rekindled in a man who was lost.

And yet Zacchaeus did not expect his life to change in an instant. The crowd did not expect the wealthy sinner to be chosen by the holy man. We probably do not think that our lives will dramatically change for the better, that we will suddenly see the errors of our ways and immediately be transformed into a better person. But who knows what wonders the Lord might do for us.

Perhaps what we need is to escape from the noise and bustle of the crowd, find a quiet spot and there in the stillness of our hear5t listen to that call which comes from God. Perhaps then, we too might come to believe it. We might at long last see the path we should walk and there with Zacchaeus and all the other children of God we might once more walk with our God.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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**31<sup>st</sup> Week of Year(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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## Masses

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5.00pm	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Raimondo Gemeli RIP
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30am	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Year (C)	John O'Brien RIP
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct			
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9.45am	ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov			People of Ukraine
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov			Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov		St. Charles Borromeo (mem)	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (C)	People of the Parish
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Zita & Harold Sollis and Family 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.

### Christmas Fayre – We Need Your Help!

We will be collecting bottles – preferably full and alcoholic – for the bottle stall at this year's Christmas Fayre which will be held at St. Mary's Catholic School on ***SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER***

Please leave donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you.  
**PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

### Blessing of Graves

At 3.00pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November Deacon Peter will be blessing the graves in the church graveyard. Anyone who would like to attend would be very welcome.

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