



LITURGY

First reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Response to the Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Second reading: 2Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



Dear Parishioners

It's a sad truth for preachers that we are more often thanked for the homilies we have put little or no preparation into. When I remarked on this to a friend, she retorted, "Well that's because your brain doesn't get in the way of God!" Her assumption, widely shared, is that one's braininess can leave little room for the Holy Spirit.

My friend's comment about the brain "getting in the way" of God can't be true. For one thing I know many preachers who are far more intelligent than myself who preach beautifully prepared sermons. I think it's probably pride that gets in the way. After all the mind is God's gift to us – and refusing to use our minds is therefore a great affront to God, the giver of all good things. Yet many people mistrust their own natural gifts.

Perhaps the idea of spontaneity as divine derives from the Gospel we hear this week where Jesus tells his disciples "...you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict." But our Lord's words are not about a brain-bypassing wisdom most evident in spontaneity. They are about grace, and our reliance on this grace. All we have to do is endure, to remain faithful and we can only do that with grace. As the Gospel section concludes: "You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives." So, keep going, all that God asks of us is that we try our best.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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33rd Week of Year(C)

Week commencing Sunday 13th November 2022

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Masses

Sat 12 th Nov	5.00pm	33 rd Sunday Year (C)	Tim & Margaret Butler RIP
Sun 13 th Nov	10.30am	33 rd Sunday Year (C)	People of the Parish
Mon 14 th Nov			
Tues 15 th Nov			
Wed 16 th Nov		St Gertrude the Great (m)	People of Ukraine
Thur 17 th Nov			Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 18 th Nov			
Sat 19 th Nov	5.00pm	Christ the King(C)	Anthony Woodhouse RIP
Sun 20 th Nov	10.30am	Christ the King(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.

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 10TH DECEMBER***

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

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