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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Isaiah 49:3,5-6

**Response to the Psalm:** Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**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:** John 1:29-34

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Dear Parishioners

The Christian faith is a call of particular individuals and communities to be witnesses to the light of Christ in the world and in its history. But this call has a universal reach because God's salvation is to reach the ends of the earth. The journey taken by Jesus in response to his call was from the outlying reaches of the Holy Land, through Samaria and Judea to Jerusalem with its temple. There in that very particular place, a particular story reached its climax, the covenant-history of the God of Israel.

We believe that climax to be of universal and eternal significance, relevant to all people in every time and place. From Jerusalem the word goes out, the news of our reconciliation, and it is preached in Judea, in Samaria, in Galilee and eventually to the ends of the earth.

We have just emerged from Christmastide with its great feasts of the Nativity, Epiphany and Baptism. We have seen Jesus revealed to his own people, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna. We have seen Jesus revealed to foreigners and outsiders, the magi who followed their understanding to find their way to him. Those of us who believe have seen his glory as the only Son from the Father. We all, therefore, play a crucial role in leading others to Christ. If God is in our hearts, he goes wherever we go. We are called to bring a deep commitment to Christian ideals to a society of shifting values. For the truth of God to be accessible to others, the Christian life must not be restricted to Church worship but must spread out into our neighbourhood and workplace. There is no room for a half-hearted effort. It demands nothing less than absolute loyalty and a complete commitment.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



2nd Week of Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 15th January 2023

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Masses

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| Sat 14 th Jan | 5.00pm | 2 nd Sunday Year A | Barbara Woodhouse RIP |
| Sun 15 th Jan | 10.30am | 2 nd Sunday Year A | People of the Parish |
| Mon 16 th Jan | | | |
| Tues 17 th Jan | | | |
| Wed 18 th Jan | | | |
| Thur 19 th Jan | | | Wellbeing of the EBC |
| Fri 20 th Jan | 11.00am | Requiem Mass | Kathleen McLoughlin RIP |
| Sat 21 st Jan | 5.00pm | 3 rd Sunday Year A | Kathleen McLoughlin RIP |
| Sun 22 nd January | 10.30am | 3 rd Sunday Year A | 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: ,

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, Barbara Woodhouse,
Kathleen McLoughlin.

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.
- Three Church Windows £1775.00

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

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. Thank you!

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