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LITURGY

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Response to the Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law.

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37


Dear Parishioners

The Lord always says, do a bit more, be bigger than you thought you were.

Those people he was talking to had to put up with an occupying army everywhere. A Roman soldier assumed the right to make you hump his heavy pack for a mile. That was a backbreaking imposition. Now suppose you insisted on going the extra mile? – that would take the wind out of his sails! This isn't a morality for doormats! It's a morality for people who won't be stepped on! It is possible because of what was done for us on Good Friday when the powers of violence were broken for good.

The Christian community on the ground, our parish, our circle, our family, is the school where we can learn mutual compassion and understanding, where we try to practice a little tenderness to one another. Think carefully about your decisions; pray to know the loving thing to do; in the end, trust in the Lord. We learn the virtues by doing virtuous things. You too have the Holy Spirit and can see for yourselves what is right, said our Lord. So don't be surprised to find the Sermon on the Mount works for you.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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6th Week of Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 12th February 2023

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Masses

Sat 11 th Feb	5.00pm	6 th Sunday Year A	Mary Moore RIP
Sun 12 th Feb	10.30am	6 th Sunday Year A	People of the Parish
Mon 13 th Feb			
Tues 14 th Feb		SS Cyril & Methodius (F)	Fr. John Fallon RIP
Wed 15 th Feb			
Thur 16 th Feb			Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 17 th Feb			
Sat 18 th Feb	5.00pm	7 th Sunday Year A	Mary Moore RIP
Sun 19 th Feb	10.30am	7 th 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, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis.

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!

Sunday Coffee

Our next 'Coffee Morning' will be after Mass on Sunday 26th February. Do please come along and join us. Marie Andrews has very kindly agreed to have a sale of some of the wonderful crafts she produces to help us raise funds.

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