



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 6:1-7

Response to the Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12



Dear Parishioners

We wonder where we are going, if anywhere. What direction do we take when our very sense of direction seems to have gone? In today's Gospel John shows us that it is no different for the disciples. Jesus gives his final discourse before leaving his close followers for the last time. He counsels them not to be afraid, for he is going to prepare a place for them, and he will return to take them with him. It is Thomas who voices their problem: what direction are they going to take in the absence of Jesus? What is to be their way when Jesus leaves them?

There are no maps into the future with specific routes clearly arrowed. Jesus simply points to himself: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." He alone is the gateway to God, the access to the Father. Jesus *trusts* his followers down the ages to face the confusion and complexity of the world. That's why he doesn't leave answers to everything. There's still a lot of working out to be done. Looking to Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, doesn't actually, *solve* every question effortlessly. But Jesus knew that! Clearly, he wants us to put our faith to work.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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5th Sunday of Easter Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 7th May 2023

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Masses

Sat 6 th May	5.00pm	5 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Francis McLoughlin RIP
Sun 7 th May	10.30am	5 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Margaret Kickham RIP
Mon 8 th May			
Tues 9 th May			Eugene McLoughlin RIP
Wed 10 th May			
Thur 11 th May		Abbots of Cluny (m)	
Fri 12 th May			
Sat 13 th May	5.00pm	6 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Alan McCarry RIP
Sun 14 th May	10.30am	6 th Sunday of Easter (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, Rachel Severn.

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, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell.

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Information

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. No alcohol. Thank you!

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass on the last Sunday of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 28th May. Currently we do not have any volunteers for 23rd July. If someone is able to help and sign up for that date we would be very grateful. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

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.

Church Cleaning

We currently need another two people to volunteer for our church cleaning rota. Cleaning will only take place every other week so you will not be needed any more than once every six weeks or so. Please see either Fr. Benedict or Jane Hall. Thank you.

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May. May God keep them in his care.