



LITURGY

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Response to the Psalm: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Second reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:1-11



Dear Parishioners

Glory is for most of us a nebulous concept. What does it mean? How can God be glorified? What does it mean to give God glory?

Yet in John's Gospel the notion has a clear meaning: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son." The hour of Jesus's glorification is the hour when he is lifted up from the earth to be with the Father on the arms of a Roman cross. The scourging, the crown of thorns, the awful journey to Calvary, this is glory; the terrible agony of the execution, this is his glory. The death, the going down among the dead, the resurrection and the seating at God's right hand, all this is what is entailed in that request, "Father glorify your Son." And why does he ask for this glory? He asks for it so that he, in turn, may glorify the Father. It was for the glory of the Father that he became man.

As we celebrate the great sacrament of this saving event, in which Christ offers to the Father his accomplished work, we must know that along with him it is we ourselves that he is offering, the great crowd of those who through his death and resurrection have been made truly alive, "the whole redeemed city" as St. Augustine call it. And in the words of the same Augustine, "since we are the body of such a head, we must learn to offer ourselves through him."

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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7th Sunday of Easter Year(A)

Week commencing Sunday 21st May 2023

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Masses

Sat 20 th May	5.00pm	7 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Special Intention
Sun 21 st May	10.30am	7 th Sunday of Easter (A)	Private Intention (AF)
Mon 22 nd May			
Tues 23 rd May			Private Intention
Wed 24 th May			
Thur 25 th May		St. Bede the Venerable (F)	Fr. John Fallon
Fri 26 th May			
Sat 27 th May	5.00pm	PENTECOST	Peter Stonor
Sun 28 th May	10.30am	PENTECOST	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.

Information

Christian Aid

There are some Christian Aid envelopes at the back of the church. If you have not already received one of these and would like to contribute, please use an envelope and leave it here to be given to the village organiser. Many thanks.

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. 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.

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