



LITURGY

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6

Response to the Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8



Dear Parishioners

In today's reading from his letter to the Romans (which is so important a letter we shall be reading it for the next thirteen Sundays), St. Paul tells us the tremendous extent and final proof of God's love: Christ died for the ungodly. In life, it's possible to find heroes who have given their lives for great and good principles like democracy, or for their friends. Society recognises such sacrifice by awarding statues and medals to the families of such heroes. But Jesus died while we were still sinners – enemies. No one's love can go further than that.

God's love is so monumental that it was that which sent His son. God is hurt by our absence from the interplay of love, but God chooses to be willing to let us go and to suffer the diminishment. Erich Fromm was, I think, the first to publish that most helpful distinction between "I love you because I need you" and "I need you because I love you."

In managing our salvation, Jesus never intended an individualistic approach. Today's first reading recalls the chosen people's relationship with God to be one of a community. That relationship continues between Jesus and us, and this means finding joy in being God's people. Should that carry us into a life of commitment like the priesthood and/or the religious life, Jesus is Lord. Should it lead us to the commitment of marriage and lay relationships, Jesus is the same Lord. St. John Chrysostom wrote: "Nothing is colder than a Christian who does not care for the salvation of others." Today we are called to break out of our own personal ice cubes.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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11th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 18th June 2023

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Masses

Sat 17 th June	5.00pm	11 th Sunday Year (A)	Harold & Zita Sollis & family RIP
Sun 18 th June	10.30am	11 th Sunday Year (A)	Pamela Young RIP
Mon 19 th June			
Tues 20 th June			Private Intention
Wed 21 st June		St Aloysius Gonzaga (mem)	
Thur 22 nd June		St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More (Feast)	Pauline Burton RIP
Fri 23 rd June			
Sat 24 th June	5.00pm	12 th Sunday Year (A)	Marie Wolahan RIP
Sun 25 th June	10.30am	12 th Sunday Year (A)	Mary Baker RIP

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, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

Information

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass **NEXT SUNDAY 25TH JUNE**. There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. 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.

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!

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