



LITURGY

First reading: Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Response to the Psalm: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Second reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42



Dear Parishioners

You can't *hoard* life, or you'll lose what makes life valuable and make yourself and others unhappy. Only when you *spend* life gloriously for God and for others will you find life, here and hereafter. Some religions speak of creation as a cosmic dance and of life as a dance with God as the Lord of the Dance. Pagans, on the other hand, agree with the stoic Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius, who said that "the art of living is more like wrestling than dancing." Many martyrs in our tradition could have easily escaped death if they had simply recanted: escaped in the sense that they would have continued to breathe. They wouldn't in reality have saved their lives. To live as Jesus wants is to bring to life self-discovery, fruitfulness, and spiritedness. Without that kind of living, we're merely existing - a fate worse than death. All of today's readings remind us that we become fully alive through the generous giving of ourselves. It's more important to give of *ourselves* to people: in the way we speak about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, in the way we show them hospitality and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect a warmth radiating from the very love of God.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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13th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 2nd July 2023

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Masses

Sat 1 st July	5.00pm	13 th Sunday Year (A)	Thomas Ryan RIP
Sun 2 nd July	10.30am	13 th Sunday Year (A)	People of the Parish
Mon 3 rd July			
Tues 4 th July		St. Thomas (Feast)	Private Intention
Wed 5 th July			
Thur 6 th July	6.00pm	CONFIRMATION MASS	
Fri 7 th July			
Sat 8 th July	5.00pm	14 th Sunday Year (A)	Nancy & Nickie Flynn RIP
Sun 9 th July	10.30am	14 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, 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 at the end of each month. 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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