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LITURGY

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Response to the Psalm: I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Second reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

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 11:25-30



Dear Parishioners

A variety of tests are undertaken every year to determine many things. There are intelligence tests, even though there isn't general agreement on what intelligence is. There are tests of poverty, even though the meaning of poverty varies from culture to culture, country to country, time to time and person to person.

Jesus didn't need tests to show that the intellectuals, those who were at the top of the socio-economic level, and the leaders of the people were rejecting him and the humble people accepting him. Saint Matthew begins today's collection of Jesus' sayings with Our Lord's observation that the humble folk were God's kind of people; Jesus the carpenter was one of them. The message does not condemn intellectual pursuit or achievement. No, intellectual pursuit is praiseworthy, and our Church communities need more of it. What Jesus is condemning is intellectual *pride*. He's not connecting faith and *ignorance*, but faith and *lowliness*: this consists of simplicity, openness and trust – the kinds of virtues we observe in a child (and in *mature* adults). Jesus is saying that it's not by understanding alone that one accepts His message, but by divine revelation. That revelation isn't denied to so-called 'wise and learned' people – provided they're at the same time humble, open and trusting

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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14th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 9th July 2023

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Masses

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
Mon 10 th July			
Tues 11 th July		St. Benedict (Feast)	Welfare of the EBC
Wed 12 th July			
Thur 13 th July			
Fri 14 th July			
Sat 15 th July	5.00pm	15 th Sunday Year (A)	James Goodison RIP
Sun 16 th July	10.30am	15 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 near the end of each month, please check the dates. There will be no coffee morning during August because of the holidays.

We will resume in September and a new list for volunteers to sign up will be available from next weekend. 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 second collection next week will be for those that work at sea, known as 'Sea Sunday.' There are envelopes at the back of the church for those who wish to Gift Aid their donation. Many thanks for your support.

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!

Graveyard

Visitors to our graveyard will notice that a number of the older memorials have been laid flat. We recently commissioned a licensed stonemason to check all the memorials, and a number were deemed to be unsafe, so it was necessary to lay them flat.

May we remind families that they are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of graves and their memorial stones. If we find that there are memorials that are unsafe, we will first contact the family so that they can make appropriate repairs at their own cost. However, if any such work is not completed within 6 months, we will arrange for the memorial to be laid flat and charge accordingly. All work must be carried out by a licensed stonemason, details of which can be obtained from the Parish office.

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