



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord how I love your law!

**Second reading:** Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52



**Dear Parishioners**

The Gospel this week is a practical invitation to put aside all the distractions that can take the place of God in our hearts. It may be power, possessions, prestige or the comforts of an easy life. While they are important, if we overvalue them we devalue God. Nothing in the world should take priority over our pursuit of God's kingdom. There is a pearl for everyone and the price to be paid to acquire it is the ability to detach ourselves and walk away. What counts when we die it is not the possessions we have acquired in life but the type of people we have become in the process of living. The pearl of great price is to be found in doing God's will which brings meaning, direction, happiness and peace into our own lives and in discovering this we find our true selves.

As a Christian community we are surrounded by the blessings of God's kingdom.

Our pathway through life is studded with the rich symbols of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and other Christian sacraments. For the want of making space for God in prayer, they may have become treasures we have overlooked, taken for granted and failed to recognise. In today's Gospel Christ is pleading with us not to let our faith in the kingdom of God lie buried on the seabed. He is inviting us to open our eyes and become aware of the treasure each of us has received. We are being called to come back to God and to put Christ and his teaching first in our lives.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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17<sup>th</sup> Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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### Masses

Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Zita & Harold Sollis & Family RIP
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Year (A)	Mick Wall RIP
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> July			
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> August		St. Alphonsus Di Liguori (mem)	Private Intention
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August			
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> August			People of the Parish
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> August		St. John Vianney (mem)	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	5.00pm	Transfiguration (A)	Dorothy Goodison RIP
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Transfiguration (A)	Special Intention (AH)

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. 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 is available at the back of the church. 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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