



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Response to the Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you..

Second reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



Dear Parishioners

On that day, when the Canaanite woman called out after Jesus, “Son of David, take pity on me”, the divide between Jew and Gentile was very real. It is only in his death and resurrection that Jesus overcomes this barrier. Then, Christians could see that God has no favourites. The focus in this passage isn’t on the healing of the child but on the woman’s faith. The child is healed at a distance. The mother’s confidence that Jesus can heal her daughter is unshakeable. The woman will not be put off. When Jesus states the limited nature of his mission, she responds by expressing the true faith of Israel. She speaks like a Jew who believes in Jesus. This gospel passage should make us humble and grateful. Notice how the Canaanite woman’s cry of faith comes between the two miracles of the feeding of the crowds. In both cases not only did all have their fill, but there were twelve and then seven baskets left over, reminding us that in God’s kingdom there is more than enough room for all people, even us.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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20th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 20th August 2023

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Masses

Sat 19 th August	5.00pm	20 th Sunday Year (A)	Anthony Kilburn RIP
Sun 20 th August	10.30am	20 th Sunday Year (A)	Natalie Tonks RIP
Mon 21 st August			
Tues 22 nd August			People of the Parish
Wed 23 rd August			
Thur 24 th August		St. Bartholomew (Feast)	Tom Jones RIP
Fri 25 th August			Renata Scotto RIP
Sat 26 th August	5.00pm	21 st Sunday Year (A)	Kathleen O'Brien RIP
Sun 27 th August	10.30am	21 st Sunday Year (A)	Richard Flyn 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, Jackie Gannon.

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.
Buildings and grounds upkeep	£24,000.00
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 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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