



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23

Response to the Psalm: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading: Romans 11:33-36

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 16:13-20



Dear Parishioners

Catholics reading today’s Gospel will recognise Peter as the first Pope, with Jesus explaining that he will give Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. This was a response to the faith of Peter who knew Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. And in testifying to that truth and sharing this grace filled intuition about who Jesus really is, Peter opens the door to faith for his brothers and sisters. This fundamental insight into the truth about Jesus’ identity is the foundation of the Church’s life and her teaching on faith and morals. The Church is founded by Jesus, we are the Body of Christ, yet Jesus has chosen to build his Church on the rock that is Peter. The faith of Peter, handed on by the Church to each successive generation and explored and developed in thought and prayer over the centuries, is the key to the Kingdom. We believe as Catholics that by a gift of the Holy Spirit the successors of Peter, the Popes, inherit his keys. By this we mean that the Church will always be able to open the doors to the Kingdom in her Sacraments and in her preaching and teaching because she will always be guided by the Holy Spirit to recognise the Truth about Jesus. As the Bride of Christ, the Church will always, fundamentally, be able to know and love her Bridegroom. The keys of Peter, then, are a gift to all of us. They open up to us the possibility of an extraordinary depth of intimacy with Christ our King and our God. May we pass joyfully through the doors that Peter and his successors open wide for us, and so enter in to the courts of the heavenly palace of our King, and may we be bold in inviting others from far and wide to come with us and share in his banquet.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



21st Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 27th August 2023

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Masses

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
Mon 28 th August			
Tues 29 th August		Passion of St. John the Baptist (mem)	People of the Parish
Wed 30 th August			
Thur 31 st August			
Fri 1 st Sept			
Sat 2 nd Sept.	5.00pm	22 nd Sunday Year (A)	
Sun 3 rd Sept.	10.30am	22 nd Sunday Year (A)	

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.

Fr. Benedict OSB

Fr. Benedict will be taking a break from Saturday 2nd September until Saturday 16th September. There will be no parish bulletin until 16th September. The parish office will be closed. Please give a warm welcome to Father Van Nguyen who will be celebrating all the weekend masses for us.

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