



LITURGY

First reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Response to the Psalm: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading: Philippians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



Dear Parishioners

Many of us may never be aware until we stand before God of the far-reaching results of little things we do - or fail to do - during our lives. Among those who *are* aware of taking responsibility, there are two kinds of people: those whose mouthing of words is far better than their actions, and those whose actions are far better than their words. The latter frequently claim to be hard-boiled about other people, but somehow they're often found doing kind deeds, almost in secret. That is, essentially, what today's Gospel is about. We're not saved by belonging, but by becoming. The criterion of the healthy relationship is "actions speak louder than words." The ideal way is both to promise and to do - and that with graciousness. The good Christian would accept the father's orders respectfully and carry them out fully. With no mention of himself, Jesus points to John the Baptist as a model.

We are to make our own personal choices. In those choices, we're free, and individually responsible. Much more important are the *spiritual* effects of our actions. And for those, ever since Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent, it seems part of human nature to want to "pass the buck." But for the responsibility of the making of our lives, the buck stops with each of us.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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26th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 1st October 2023

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Masses

Sat 30 th Sept.	5.00pm	26 th Sunday Year (A)	Alphonsus & Ann Stonor RIP
Sun 1 st October	10.30am	26 th Sunday Year (A)	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP
Mon 2 nd October			
Tues 3 rd October			People of the Parish
Wed 4 th October		St. Francis of Assisi (mem)	
Thur 5 th October			
Fri 6 th October		St. Bruno (mem)	EBC
Sat 7 th October	5.00pm	27 th Sunday Year (A)	Catherine Watts RIP
Sun 8 th October	10.30am	27 th Sunday Year (A)	Private Intention

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. **The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 29th October.** 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.

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