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13th Week of the Year

Psalter Week 1

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week.

SUNDAY 28th For the People

SS Peter & Paul App.

MONDAY 29th NO MASS

SS John Fisher B & Thomas More MM.

TUESDAY 30th Daphne Hodgkins' Ints (*Mary Patrick*)

WEDNESDAY 1st Mary Patrick's Ints (*E McGuire*)

THURSDAY 2nd Special Intentions (*Trish Coyle*)

FRIDAY 3rd Special Intention (*E McGuire*)

S. Thomas Ap.

SATURDAY 4th 18.00 Adam Ilasz † (*J. M. & K Ilasz*)

SUNDAY 5th 09.00 For the People

10.30 Nicholas O' Neill † (*J. O' Neill*)

***The above Masses will be said privately by
Fr. Christopher at 8.00am in the Church, with the exception
of Saturday and Sunday Mass, which can be celebrated with
congregation present, as from July 4th.***

If you have a request for a Mass you would like said please get in touch by either emailing:

stetheldreda@btinternet.com or phone 07813 686857.

THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS IN CHURCH

- It is with great joy that we can inform you that public Mass can once again take place in Church, beginning the weekend 4th/5th July. After months of an imposed Eucharistic fast we shall once again be able to gather around the Altar of God. However stringent measures need to be put in place to prevent the spread of covid-19. We ask for your help and cooperation in this. Following the guidelines given us by the Bishops of England and Wales, Mass will of necessity be shortened. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers and the sign of peace will not be exchanged. Holy Communion will be given under one kind and will be given in the hand.
- During the present pandemic Sunday Mass will only be celebrated at Newmarket, to accommodate the maximum number of people. However Mass will be celebrated as normal on Wednesday in Kirtling.
Here are the weekend Mass times:
- **Saturday 6pm**
- **Sunday 9am**
- **Sunday 10.30am**
- No Mass books will be available, so please bring your own Missal.
- Please bring your own face covering/mask, which must be worn while you are in Church. We do have a limited number of masks but it is better to bring your own.
- There can be no standing at the back of Church or in the narthex.
- At all times you must follow the instructions and directions of the stewards.
- Because space in Church is limited to 100, if at all possible, please tell us which Mass you would like to attend and how many people will be attending. You can do this by contacting the parish office, preferably by email or if needs be by phone. This must be done before 1pm on Friday at the latest.
- The obligation to be at Mass on Sunday during the present crisis has been dispensed, so if you can, do consider coming to Mass on a weekday rather than at the weekend.
- Welcome back! We look forward to seeing you.

Fr Christopher

Deacon John

Deacon James

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 9.30 am –11.00am (Private prayer)

TUESDAY 9.30 am-11.00am (Private prayer)

WEDNESDAY 9.30am-11.00am (Private prayer)

THURSDAY Closed

FRIDAY Closed

SATURDAY 9.30am-11.00am (Private prayer)

18.00 (Mass)

SUNDAY 09.00 (Mass)

10.30 (Mass)

Volunteers please.

The Church in Newmarket is looking for people who would be prepared to act as stewards while the Church is open for Mass.

If you are fit and able bodied and do not have underlying health problems and would like to volunteer please contact the office either by email or by phone, (01638 662492)

Full training would be given, masks will be provided. Being a steward would involve you being in Church for an hour before Mass begins and a half hour after mass on the day you are on duty.

Thank you in anticipation for your response.

Fr. Christopher

Thought for the week.

Dear friends,

Today the Catholic World celebrates the feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. They were the twin pillars of the early Church. Providentially they were responsible for building up that early Church. The preface of today's Mass admirably sums up their work, 'Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul its outstanding preacher, Peter who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the gentiles you call. And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ.'

We believe that the Church is apostolic. She is built on the witness and testimony of those sent on mission by Christ himself. The Church in this and every generation keeps and hands on the faith which she has received from the Apostles. We also believe that the Church continues to be taught, guided and sanctified by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office the Bishops in union with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. As Catholics we believe that the ministry which Peter exercised in the early Church is continued in our day through the ministry of Pope Francis. He is charged with the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with guarding the Church's unity.

The word, 'apostle' comes from the Greek, the language of the New Testament, and it means one who is sent. The Apostles were the envoys of Christ, sent to proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom. The Church is apostolic and part of that means she is charged with announcing to the world the love and mercy of God that has been revealed in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. All of us have our part to play in this. At the end of Mass the deacon sends us out with these words, 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.'

With the assurance of my prayers and good wishes ,Fr Christopher

Weekly Offertory



If you are wondering about the best way to continue with your weekly offering to the Church during the current situation there are various ways which you can do this.

1) You can send a cheque weekly/monthly to the parish office, payable to :**'CATHOLIC PARISH ACCOUNT'**.

2) If you have access to internet banking you can set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit from your bank. Church bank details are **sort code 20.60.38. account no. 30244759**,

3) if you are more comfortable to continue using your weekly envelopes, then please do, put them to one side each week, until have an opportunity to drop them into the letter box outside the parish centre entrance, (Fr. Christopher empties this box each day) or keep them together until our church reopens.

4) Now that the Church is open for one and a half hours, five mornings a week, you can place your weekly offering in the basket provided on the table as you leave Church. As public Mass begins from July 4th there will be the usual opportunity to place your weekly offering in the basket provided at all Masses.

You can also make your donation gift aided, we can get a further 25% from the government. It doesn't cost you any more money. Please contact our Gift-Aid coordinator Joe Millyard 07920837319 or email JMillyard1@hotmail.co.uk for information on this.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in these difficult times for everyone.

Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 5th July 2020— The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1) Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

2) Read

**Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 5th July 2020 - Father and Son
(Matthew 11:25-30)**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light

3) Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This much-loved and encouraging passage tells of the intimacy of the relationship between Father and Son in a way that no other passage of the synoptic gospels does. It is reminiscent of those passages in John 5 which unfold the equality of Father and Son: the Son does nothing but what he sees the Father doing; the Father loves the Son so that he entrusts all things to the Son; and the Son gives life just as the Father gives life. Then we read about the gentle invitation of the Son to all who are overburdened. The 'yoke' is often a symbol of the Law of Moses, which could seem burdensome with its many commands, though it was also valued as God's revelation of himself to his own people in love. Christ is not a tyrannical master, but is a sympathetic, gentle and humble leader who shares his life with his followers. The 'yoke' or law of Christ is the interior impulse of the Spirit which we read more about in today's second reading. It cannot be burdensome, since it is a joy to carry this 'yoke'; it is a way of living with Christ and by his Spirit. Martyrs are subjected to physical pains, yet for them joy is a constant feature in the accounts of their martyrdom.

Do you ever feel you can't cope? Do you ask Jesus for help? What does Jesus mean by his 'yoke'? Do you find it comfortable?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4) Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph

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WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 5th July 2020

First Reading: First Reading: The King on a Donkey

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The link between this reading and today's Gospel reading is not immediately obvious, at least in our English translation. The use of a donkey as a mount is a sign that the king will be humble, just as Jesus in the Gospel says that he is humble of heart. This connection is made clear when Jesus makes his messianic entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday mounted 'on a colt, the foal of a donkey'. In the spirituality of the people of Israel during those centuries after the Babylonian exile and leading up to the coming of Christ, this quality of humility, rejection of all pomp and pride of position, was very central. Israel could claim no success because of her own distinctiveness, but was forced to rely on the Lord. The poor and humble were the chosen ones of the Lord. Especially in the Lukan stories of Jesus' infancy it is made clear that the blessing of God comes to the poor and humble. Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist) and Mary are both poor and disadvantaged. Mary can find no decent place to give birth to her son. Jesus is greeted by impoverished, hireling shepherds. Joseph can afford only the turtledove, an offering of the poor. Simon and Anna have the disadvantage of advanced old age.

Humility often gets a bad press in our society. What does it mean to be humble as Christ was humble?

Second Reading: The Spirit is Alive in You

Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**“The Christian, baptised into Christ, lives
with his life, the life of the Spirit of Christ. “**

Chapter eight of Romans, from which readings for the next three Sundays are chosen, is the chapter of the Spirit. We have seen that the Christian, baptised into Christ, lives with his life, the life of the Spirit of Christ. This means that the Christian's whole value-system is that of the Spirit, the reverse of the values of the 'flesh'. 'Flesh' in Paul does not mean, as it often does in modern parlance, only the grosser, 'carnal' desires such as gluttony, drunkenness and irresponsible sex. In the Letter to the Galatians 5:18-21 (and in many ways Galatians is a preliminary to Romans) the 'works of the flesh' include such non-physical things as sorcery, rivalry, quarrels, malice. The concept of 'flesh' therefore centres on unchecked or unschooled natural desires, on self-indulgence as opposed to self-control. To live by the law of the Spirit is therefore not to live by the Law of Moses, which merely checks external actions, nor to live by the law of the flesh, but is to live by the Spirit of Christ, from which love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, trustfulness, gentleness and the other Christ-like motivations well up spontaneously. In this sense the Law of Christ does not restrain from without but impels from within.

Can the interior impulse really replace an external law

Your prayers are asked

For the sick: Deacon Clive Brooks, Peter Giblin, Joan Heflin, Pat Ward, John Taylor, Dan Stannard, Pat O Malley, Peggy Upton, David McCoy, J. P. McCoy, Kathleen Sheridan, Keith Mc Greavy, Milo Stallman, David Mc Elderry, Susan Stallman. Hazel Wood. Paul Canning, Anii. Sylvia Hick, Chris Donleavy.

Those who have died recently, especially and for those whose anniversaries occurs at this time: John Woodhouse, Sally Allen, Sean Doyle, Anne Carey, Dermot Coghlan, Sr. Paul Mary, Ryan Davis, Katie Davis, Baby Darcie Gilligan, Anthony Perry, Patrick Whellehan, Liam Fairhurst, Mick Carty, Maria Dolphin, Edward Mumford, Adam Ilasz, Les Purcell.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen*

Help Required

Our parish St Vincent de Paul group are continuing to source, assemble, pack and deliver food parcels (at least enough for two main meals plus some extras) for families of children who would have free school meals if they were at school. The SVP are doing a wonderful job, but as the volume is growing we need more volunteers to help with filling boxes. If you are able to, and can spare 1 -2 hours on a Tuesday , Thursday or Friday lunchtime, please get in touch with Deacon James on jamesghurst@outlook.com.

We already have a great team, but would love to have a few more parishioners to call on when we need extra hands to help.