

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time [A]

19th February 2023

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your spirit upon the people of this parish, so that inspired by your Word, nourished at your altar, and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters, and the building up of your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be for this place and time the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. Amen.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

GREETING

☩ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

or
Kyrie, eleison
Kyrie, eleison
Christe, eleison
Christe, eleison
Kyrie, eleison
Kyrie, eleison

or
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy
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The Priest says the prayer of Absolution.
If not used above the 'Kyrie' follows.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING – Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 (Sit)

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

2ND READING – 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the

wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:38-48

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☩ **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY (Sit)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Stand)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the italicised words that follow all bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL (Stand)

Let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY (Sit) *If there is no hymn the priest says the Offertory Prayers with the response:*

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, (All stand) that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Kneel)

After the Words of Institution

The mystery of faith.

1:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

or 2:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

or 3:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:

... for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION RITE (Stand)

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

After the Prayer for Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

After sharing the Greeting of Peace:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion: (Kneel)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

CONCLUDING RITES (Stand)

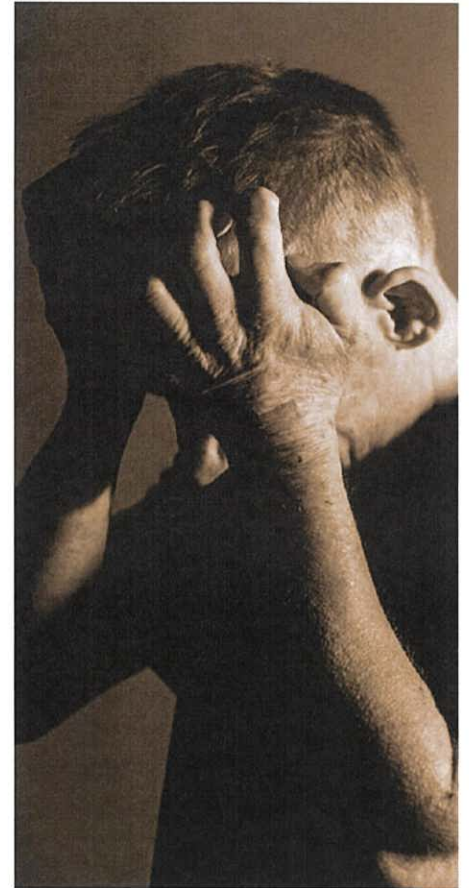
Following the Prayer after Communion the priest gives the blessing:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

After the ✠ Blessing and Dismissal:

Thanks be to God.



Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you



COFFEE AFTER MASS

9.00am Mass at St. Mary's

Each Sunday in the Narthex

10.30am Mass at Holy Eucharist

1st & 2nd Sunday of the Month

In the Gathering Space