

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

Sunday 28 February 2021

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **20 HERE I AM LORD**  **(see the words on another page)**  **GREETINGS**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **No GLORY in Lent**  **COLLECT**  O God, who have commanded us  to listen to your beloved Son,  be pleased, we pray,  to nourish us inwardly by your word,  that, with spiritual sight made pure,  we may rejoice to behold your glory.  Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**    **FIRST READING** Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18  *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith*  God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’  When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.  But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham | took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.  The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **RESP PSALM** Ps 115(116):10,15-19  *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*  I trusted, even when I said:  ‘I am sorely afflicted,’  O precious in the eyes of the Lord  is the death of his faithful. **R.**  Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  you have loosened my bonds.  A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  I will call on the Lord’s name. **R.**  My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  before all his people,  in the courts of the house of the Lord,  in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**  **SECOND READING**  Rom 8:31-34  *God did not spare his own Son*  With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.  **The Word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 17:5  Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:  this is my beloved Son, hear him.  Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  **GOSPEL** Mk 9:2-10  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark  Glory to you, O Lord.  *This is my Son, the Beloved*  Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.  As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.  **Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** |

****

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **HOMILY**  **PROFESSION OF FAITH**  **Apostle’s Creed**  I believe in God,  the Father almighty,  Creator of heaven and earth,  and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  was crucified, died and was buried;  he descended into hell;  on the third day he rose again from the dead;  He ascended into heaven,  and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  I believe in the Holy Spirit,  the holy catholic Church,  the communion of saints,  the forgiveness of sins,  the resurrection of the body,  and life everlasting. Amen.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,  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.** | **PREP GIFTS HYMNS**  **43 ONLY A SHADOW**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**  May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.  Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  **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.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  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.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**    At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  Our Father, who art in heaven,  hallowed be thy name;  thy kingdom come,  thy will be done  on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread,  and forgive us our trespasses,  as we forgive those who trespass against us;  and lead us not into temptation,  but deliver us from evil.  Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever. | **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  look not on our sins,  but on the faith of your Church,  and graciously grant her peace and unity  in accordance with your will.  Who live and reign for ever and ever.  Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  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**  **COMMUNION HYMN**  **49 OPEN MY EYES LORD**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  As we receive these glorious mysteries,  we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,  for allowing us while still on earth  to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.  Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  **FINAL SONG**  **12 WE STAND FOR GOD**  **(see the words on another page)** |