

Monday-Saturday—8th to 13th August 2022

19th Week in Ordinary Time- Year 2

MONDAY

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

The Glory to God in the highest is said.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: COL 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in

kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you That not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.**

TUESDAY
Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

READING: *Ez 2:8—3:4*

I, Ezekiel, heard a voice speaking. It said, 'You, son of man, listen to the words I say; do not be a rebel like that rebellious set. Open your mouth and eat what I am about to give you.' I looked. A hand was there, stretching out to me and holding a scroll. He unrolled it in front of me; it was written on back and front; on it was written 'lamentations, wailings, moanings.' He said, 'Son of man, eat what is given to you; eat this scroll, then go and speak to the House of Israel.' I opened my mouth; he gave me the scroll to eat and said, 'Son of man, feed and be satisfied by the scroll I am giving you.' I ate it, and it tasted sweet as honey.

Then he said, 'Son of man, go to the House of Israel and tell them what I have said.'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 18:1-5. 10. 12-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The disciples came to Jesus and said, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' So he called a little child to him and set the child in front of them. Then he said, 'I tell you solemnly, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. And so, the one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

'Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

'See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven are continually in the presence of my Father in heaven.

'Tell me. Suppose a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays; will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go in search of the stray? I tell you solemnly, if he finds it, it gives him more joy than do the ninety-nine that did not stray at all. Similarly, it is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **O Jerusalem, glory the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

WEDNESDAY

Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **This is the blessed Lawrence, who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.**

READING: *2 Cor 9:6-10*

Thin sowing means thin reaping; the more you sow, the more you reap. Each one should give what he has decided in his own mind, not grudgingly or because he is made to, for God loves a cheerful giver. And there is no limit to the blessings which God can send you – he will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance, and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works. As scripture says: He was free in almsgiving, and gave to the poor: his good deeds will never be forgotten.

The one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide you with all the seed you want and make the harvest of your good deeds a larger one.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Happy the merciful who give to those in need.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *John 12:24-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on to the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.**

THURSDAY

Memorial of St Clare, virgin
(Alternative Readings used)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.**

READING: *Phil 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you, my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 19:27-29*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Peter spoke to Jesus. 'What about us?' he said. 'We have left everything and followed you. What are we to have, then?' Jesus said to him, 'I tell you solemnly, when all is made new and the Son of Man sits on his throne of glory, you will yourselves sit on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses, sisters, father, mother, children or land for the sake of my name will be repaid a hundred times over, and also inherit eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Behold the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.**

SECOND FRIDAY

(12/08/2022)

MASS AND ADORATION
AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH



7.00pm: Mass

7.30pm: Adoration and Confessions until 10.30pm

FRIDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.**

READING: *Ez 16:1-15. 60. 63*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her filthy crimes. Say, "The Lord says this: By origin and birth you belong to the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. At birth, the very day you were born, there was no one to cut your navel-string, or wash you in cleansing water, or rub you with salt, or wrap you in napkins. No one leaned kindly over you to do anything like that for you. You were exposed in the open fields; you were as unloved as that on the day you were born.

"I saw you struggling in your blood as I was passing, and I said to you as you lay in your blood: Live, and grow like the grass of the fields. You developed, you grew, you reached marriageable age. Your breasts and your hair both grew, but you were quite naked. Then I saw you as I was passing. Your time had come, the time for love. I spread part of my cloak over you and covered your nakedness; I bound myself by oath, I made a covenant with you – it is the Lord who speaks – and you became mine. I bathed you in water, I washed the blood off you, I anointed you with oil. I gave you embroidered dresses, fine leather shoes, a linen headband and a cloak of silk. I loaded you with jewels, gave you bracelets for your wrists and a necklace for your throat. I gave you nose-ring and earrings; I put a beautiful diadem in your head. You were loaded with gold and silver, and dressed in fine linen and embroidered silks. Your food was the finest flour, honey and oil. You grew more and more beautiful; and you rose to be queen. The fame of your beauty spread through the nations, since it was perfect, because I had clothed you with my own splendour – it is the Lord who speaks.

SATURDAY
Mass of the Day

“You have become infatuated with your own beauty; you have used your fame to make yourself a prostitute; you have offered your services to all comers. But I will remember the covenant that I made with you when you were a girl, and I will conclude a covenant with you that shall last for ever. So remember and be covered with shame, and in your confusion be reduced to silence, when I have pardoned you for all that you have done – it is the Lord who speaks.”

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **You have turned from your anger to comfort me.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Receive this message not as human words, but as truly the word of God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mt 19:3-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and to test him they said, ‘Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife on any pretext whatever?’ He answered, ‘Have you not read that the creator from the beginning made them male and female and that he said: This is why a man must leave father and mother, and cling to his wife, and the two become one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’

They said to him, ‘Then why did Moses command that a writ of dismissal should be given in cases of divorce?’ It was because you were so unteachable’ he said ‘that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but it was not like this from the beginning. Now I say this to you: the man who divorces his wife – I am not speaking of fornication – and marries another, is guilty of adultery.’

The disciples said to him, ‘If that is how things are between husband and wife, it is not advisable to marry.’ But he replied, ‘It is not everyone who can accept what I have said, but only those to whom it is granted. There are eunuchs born that way from their mother’s womb, there are eunuchs made so by men and there are eunuchs who have made themselves that way for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can.’

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READING: *Ez 18:1-10. 13. 30-32*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Why do you keep repeating this proverb in the land of Israel:

The fathers have eaten unripe grapes;
and the children’s teeth are set on edge?

‘As I live – it is the Lord who speaks – there will no longer be any reason to repeat this proverb in Israel. See now: all life belongs to me; the father’s life and the son’s life, both alike belong to me. The man who has sinned, he is the one who shall die.

‘The upright man is law-abiding and honest; he does not eat on the mountains or raise his eyes to the idols of the House of Israel, does not seduce his neighbour’s wife or sleep with a woman during her periods. He oppresses no one, returns pledges, never steals, gives his own bread to the hungry, his clothes to the naked. He never charges usury on loans, takes no interest, abstains from evil, gives honest judgement between man and man, keeps my laws and sincerely respects my observances – such a man is truly upright. It is the Lord who speaks.

‘But if anyone has a son prone to violence and bloodshed, who commits one of these misdeeds, then this son shall certainly not live; having committed all these appalling crimes he will have to die, and his blood be on his own head.

‘House of Israel, in future I mean to judge each of you by what he does – it is the Lord who speaks. Repent, renounce all your sins, avoid all occasions of sin! Shake off all the sins you have committed against me, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why are you so anxious to die, House of Israel? I take no pleasure in the death of anyone – it is the Lord who speaks. Repent and live!’

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

SECOND READING: *2 Peter 1:16-19*

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 19:13-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People brought little children to Jesus, for him to lay his hands on them and say a prayer. The disciples turned them away, but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children alone, and do not stop them coming to me; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ Then he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

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