

**Monday-Saturday, 28th Feb-5th Mar 2022**

**Eighth Week in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**MONDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**

**READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Bless be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**PSALM: The Lord will remember his covenant forever.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-27**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not

steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

**TUESDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**

**READING: 1 Peter 1:10-16**

It was this salvation that the prophets were looking and searching so hard for; their prophecies were about the grace which was to come to you. The Spirit of Christ which was in them foretold the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would come after them, and they tried to find out at what time and in what circumstances all this was to be expected. It was revealed to them that the news they brought of

all the things which have now been announced to you, by those who preached to you the Good News through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, was for you and not for themselves. Even the angels long to catch a glimpse of these things. Free your minds, then, of encumbrances; control them, and put your trust in nothing but the grace that will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Do not behave in the way that you liked to before you learnt the truth; make a habit of obedience: be holy in all you do, since it is the Holy One who has called you, and scripture says: Be holy, for I am holy.

**PSALM: The Lord has made known his salvation.**

**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: Mark 10:28-31**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

‘What about us?’ Peter asked Jesus. ‘We have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecution – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life. ‘Many who are first will be last, and the last first.’

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

## WEDNESDAY

*Ash Wednesday*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.**

**FIRST READING: Joel 2:12-18**

‘Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.’

Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent.

Who knows if he will not turn again, will not relent, will not leave a blessing as he passes, oblation and libation for the Lord your God? Sound the trumpet in Zion!

Order a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children, even the infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his bedroom and the bride her alcove.

Between vestibule and altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, lament.

Let them say,

‘Spare your people, Lord!

Do not make your heritage a thing of shame, a byword for the nations.

Why should it be said among the nations, “Where is their God?”

Then the Lord, jealous on behalf of his land, took pity on his people.

**PSALM: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Cor 5:20-6:2**

We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. For he says: At the favourable time, I have listened to you; on the day of salvation I came to your help. Well, now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.

**ACCLAMATION:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in

heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room and, when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

'When you fast do not put on a gloomy look as the hypocrites do: they pull long faces to let men know they are fasting. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that no one will know you are fasting except your Father who sees all that is done in secret; and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.'

**The Creed is NOT said.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.**



#### **THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord and he will support you.**

**READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses said to the people: 'See, today I set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I enjoin on you today, if you love the Lord your God and follow his ways, if you keep his

commandments, his laws, his customs, you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to make your own. But if your heart strays, if you refuse to listen, if you let yourself be drawn into worshipping other gods and serving them, I tell you today, you will most certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life, then, so that you and your descendants may live in the love of the Lord your God, obeying his voice, clinging to him; for in this your life consists, and on this depends your long stay in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob he would give them.'

**PSALM: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

**ACCLAMATION: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:22-25**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.'

Then to all he said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it. What gain, then, is it for a man to have won the whole world and to have lost or ruined his very self?'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

#### **FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.**

**READING: Isaiah 58:1-9**

Thus says the Lord:

Shout for all you are worth,  
raise your voice like a trumpet.  
Proclaim their faults to my people,  
their sins to the House of Jacob.  
They seek me day after day,

they long to know my ways,  
like a nation that wants to act with integrity  
and not ignore the law of its God.  
They ask me for laws that are just,  
they long for God to draw near:  
'Why should we fast if you never see it,  
why do penance if you never notice?'  
Look, you do business on your fastdays,  
you oppress all your workmen;  
look, you quarrel and squabble when you fast  
and strike the poor man with your fist.  
Fasting like yours today  
will never make your voice heard on high.  
Is that the sort of fast that pleases me,  
a truly penitential day for men?  
Hanging your head like a reed,  
lying down on sackcloth and ashes?  
Is that what you call fasting,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me  
– it is the Lord who speaks –  
to break unjust fetters  
and undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and break every yoke,  
to share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
to clothe the man you see to be naked  
and not turn from your own kin?  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

**PSALM: A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.**

**ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and the Lord will be with you. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*GOSPEL: Matthew 9:14-15*  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

John's disciples came to Jesus and said, 'Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not?' Jesus replied, 'Surely the bridegroom's attendants would never think of mourning as long as the bridegroom is still with them? But the time will come for the bridegroom to be taken away from them, and then they will fast.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths.**

## **SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Answer us Lord, for your mercy is kind; in the abundance of your mercies, look upon us.**

**READING: Isaiah 58:9-14**

The Lord says this:

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.  
The Lord will always guide you,  
giving you relief in desert places.  
He will give strength to your bones  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never run dry.  
You will rebuild the ancient ruins,  
build up on the old foundations.  
You will be called 'Breach-mender',  
'Restorer of ruined houses'.  
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
and doing business on the holy day,  
if you call the sabbath 'Delightful',  
and the day sacred to the Lord 'Honourable',  
if you honour it by abstaining from travel,  
from doing business and from gossip,  
then you shall find happiness in the Lord  
and I will lead you triumphant over the heights  
Of the land. I will feed you on the heritage of  
Jacob your father. For the mouth of the Lord  
has spoken.

**Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.**

**ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord, but to turn to me and live. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*GOSPEL: Luke 5:27-32*  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus noticed a tax collector, Levi by name, sitting by the customs house, and said to him, 'Follow me.' And leaving everything he got up and followed him.

In his honour Levi held a great reception in his house, and with them at table was a large gathering of tax collectors and others. The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples and said, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' Jesus said to them in reply, 'It is not those who are well who need the doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the virtuous, but sinners to repentance.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord, for I did not come to call the just but sinners.**