

Monday-Saturday, 14th—19th March, 2022**2nd Week of Lent - Year 2****MONDAY***Mass of the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot stands on level ground; I will bless the Lord in the assembly.

READING: *Daniel 9:4-10*

O Lord, God great and to be feared, you keep the covenant and have kindness for those who love you and keep your commandments: we have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly, we have betrayed your commandments and your ordinances and turned away from them. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. Integrity, Lord, is yours; ours the look of shame we wear today, we, the people of Judah, the citizens of Jerusalem, the whole of Israel, near and far away, in every country to which you have dispersed us because of the treason we have committed against you. To us, Lord, the look of shame belongs, to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, because we have sinned against you.

To the Lord our God mercy and pardon belong, because we have betrayed him, and have not listened to the voice of the Lord our God nor followed the laws he has given us through his servants the prophets.

PSALM: Lord, do not deal with us as our sins deserve.

ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: *Luke 6:36-38*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Be merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.**

TUESDAY*Mass of the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death, lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

READING: *Isaiah 1:10, 16-20*

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the command of our God, you people of Gomorrah.

'Wash, make yourselves clean.

Take your wrong-doing out of my sight.

'Cease to do evil.

Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow.

'Come now, let us talk this over, says the Lord.

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

'If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth.

But if you persist in rebellion, the sword shall eat you instead.'

The mouth of the Lord has spoken..

PSALM: To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Rid yourselves of all your sins, and make a new heart and a new spirit.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 23:1-12*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do, since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's

shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

“You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father,

since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven.

Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted

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.

WEDNESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord!

My God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

READING: Jeremiah 18:18-20

‘Come on,’ they said ‘let us concoct a plot against Jeremiah; the priest will not run short of instruction without him, nor the sage of advice, nor the prophet of the word. Come on, let us hit at him with his own tongue; let us listen carefully to every word he says.’

Listen to me Lord, hear what my adversaries are saying. Should evil be returned for good? For they are digging a pit for me. Remember how I stood in your presence to plead on their behalf, to turn your wrath away from them .

PSALM: Save me, O Lord, in your steadfast love.

ACCLAMATION:

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:17-28:

Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, and on the way he took the Twelve to one side and said to them, ‘Now we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man is about to be handed over to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the pagans to be mocked and scourged and crucified; and on the third day he will rise again.’

Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and

he said to her, ‘What is it you want?’ She said to him, ‘Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom.’ ‘You do not know what you are asking,’ Jesus answered. ‘Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?’ They replied, ‘We can.’

Very well,’ he said ‘you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by my Father.’

When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt.

This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

THURSDAY

St Patrick

(Standard Readings used)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

READING: Jeremiah 1:4-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.’

I said, ‘Ah, Lord, I do not know how to speak: I am a child!’ But the Lord replied, ‘Do not say “I am a child”.

Go now to those to whom I send you and say whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to protect you –

it is the Lord who speaks!’

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me:

'There! I am putting my words into your mouth.

PSALM: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

READING: *Acts 13:46-49*

Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly to the Jews, We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: "I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth." It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor,
and freedom to prisoners.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: *Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.

Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the Kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.**

FRIDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **In you, O Lord, I put my trust, let me never be put to shame; release me from the snare they have hidden for me, for you indeed are my refuge.**

READING: *Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28*

Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons, for he was the son of his old age, and he had a coat with long sleeves made for him. But his brothers, seeing how his father loved him more than all his other sons, came to hate him so much that they could not say a civil word to him.

His brothers went to pasture their father's flock at Shechem. Then Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers with the flock at Shechem? Come, I am going to send you to them.' So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

They saw him in the distance, and before he reached them they made a plot among themselves to put him to death. 'Here comes the man of dreams' they said to one another. 'Come on, let us kill him and throw him into some well; we can say that a wild beast devoured him. Then we shall see what becomes of his dreams.'

But Reuben heard, and he saved him from their violence. 'We must not take his life' he said. 'Shed no blood,'

said Reuben to them 'throw him into this well in the wilderness, but do not lay violent hands on him' – intending to save him from them and to restore him to his father. So, when Joseph reached his brothers, they pulled off his coat, the coat with long sleeves that he was wearing, and catching hold of him they threw him into the well, an empty well with no water in it. They then sat down to eat.

Looking up they saw a group of Ishmaelites who were coming from Gilead, their camels laden with gum, tragacanth, balsam and resin, which they were taking down into Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let us not do any harm to him. After all, he is our brother, and our own flesh.' His brothers agreed.

Now some Midianite merchants were passing, and they drew Joseph up out of the well. They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty silver pieces, and these men took Joseph to Egypt.

PSALM: Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

ACCLAMATION:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only
Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal
life. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance."

So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them,

'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

When they heard his parables, the chief priests and the scribes realised he was speaking about them, but though they would have liked to arrest him they were afraid of the crowds, who looked on him as a prophet.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **God loved us, and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.**

SATURDAY

St Joseph

(Standard Readings used)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over his household.**

READING: *2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16*

The word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: When the days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. (It is he who shall build a house for my name, and I will make his royal throne secure for ever). I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.

PSALM: **The son of David will live for ever.**

READING: *Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22*

The promise of inheriting the world was not made to Abraham and his descendants on account of any law but on account of the righteousness which consists in faith. That is why what fulfills the promise depends on faith, so that it may be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham's descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the Father of all of us.

As scripture says: I have made you the ancestor of many nations – Abraham is our father in the eyes of God, in whom he put his faith, and who brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist.

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing what he did became the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as many as the stars. This is the faith that was 'considered as justifying him.'

ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord;
continually they sing your praise!
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24*

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy.**