

**Monday-Saturday, -30th May to 4th June 2022**

**7th Week of Easter- Year 2**

**MONDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be my witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.**

**READING: Acts 19:1-8**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul made his way overland as far as Ephesus, where he found a number of disciples. When he asked, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' they answered, 'No, we were never even told there was such a thing as a Holy Spirit.' 'Then how were you baptised?' he asked 'With John's baptism' they replied. 'John's baptism' said Paul 'was a baptism of repentance; but he insisted that the people should believe in the one who was to come after him—in other words Jesus.' When they heard this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the moment Paul had laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came down on them, and they began to speak with tongues and to prophesy. There were about twelve of these men. He began by going to the synagogue, where he spoke out boldly and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. He did this for three months.

**PSALM: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: John 16:29-33**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.* His disciples said to Jesus, 'Now you are speaking plainly and not using metaphors! Now we see that you know everything, and do not have to wait for questions to be put into words; because of this we believe that you came from God.' Jesus answered them: 'Do you believe at last? Listen; the time will come—in fact it has come already—when you will be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have trouble but be brave: I have conquered the world.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord, I will come to you again, and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.**

**TUESDAY**

*Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Alternative Readings used)*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.**

**The Glory to God in the highest is said.**

**READING: Zeph 3:14-18**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to  
Jerusalem;  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

**PSALM: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for your firm believing, that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Lk 1:39-56

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*  
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly  
handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will  
call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things to me.

Holy is his name,

and his mercy reaches from age to age for those  
who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,

he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones  
and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the  
rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant,  
mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our  
ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his  
descendants for ever.'

**The Word of the Lord**

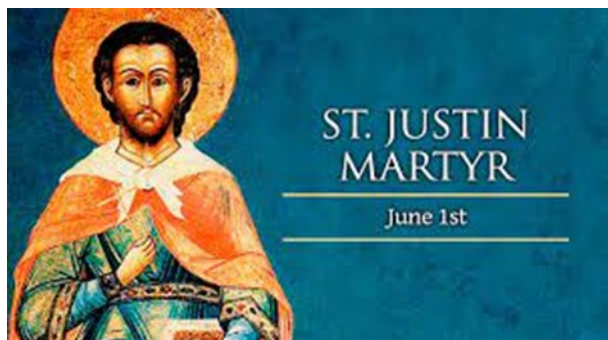
**R. Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name, alleluia.**

### WEDNESDAY

*Memorial of St Justin, martyr  
(Alternative Readings used)*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The wicked have told me lies, but not so is your law: I spoke of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded, alleluia.**

READING: 1 Cor 1:18-25

The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save. As scripture says: I shall destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing all the learning of the learned. Where are the philosophers now? Where are the scribes? Where are any of our thinkers today? Do you see now how God has shown up the foolishness of human wisdom? If it was God's wisdom that human wisdom should not know God, it was because God wanted to save those who have faith through the foolishness of the message that we preach. And so, while the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**PSALM: The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let your light shine before all that they may see  
your good works and glorify your Father.  
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 5:13-19

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Alleluia!**

## THURSDAY

*Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs  
Mass of the Day—Standard Readings used*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive Mercy and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.**

**READING: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11**

Since the tribune wanted to know what precise charge the Jews were bringing against Paul, he freed him and gave orders for a meeting of the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin; then he brought Paul down and stood him in front of them.

Now Paul was well aware that one section was made up of Sadducees and the other of Pharisees, so he called out in the Sanhedrin, 'Brothers, I am a Pharisee and the son of Pharisees. It is for our hope in the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.' As soon as he said this a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was split between the two parties. For the Sadducees say there is neither resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, while the Pharisees accept all three. The shouting grew louder, and some of the scribes from the Pharisees' party stood up and protested strongly, 'We find nothing wrong with this man. Suppose a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel?' Feeling was running high, and the tribune, afraid that they would tear Paul to pieces, ordered his troops to go down and haul him out and bring him into the fortress. Next night, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'Courage! You have borne witness for me in Jerusalem, now you must do the same in Rome.'

**PSALM: Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May all be one as you are, Father, and I in you; let the world believe that you sent me, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
'Holy Father,  
I pray not only for these,  
but for those also  
who through their words will believe in me.  
May they all be one.  
Father, may they be one in us,  
as you are in me and I am in you,  
so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me.  
I have given them the glory that you gave to me,  
that they may be one as we are one.  
With me in them and you in me,  
may they be so completely one  
that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.  
Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am,  
so that they may always see the glory you have given me  
because you loved me

before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One,  
the world has not known you,  
but I have known you,  
and these have known  
that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them  
and will continue to make it known,  
so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.

**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I go; for if I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you, says the Lord, alleluia**

## FRIDAY

*St Charles Lwanga and Companions,  
Martyrs of Uganda  
Alternative Readings used*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As gold in the furnace, the Lord put his chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself; and in due time they will be honoured, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God, alleluia.**

**READING: 2 Mc 7:1-2. 9-14**

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again forever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

**PSALM: Our soul has escaped like a bird from the hunter's net.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**The Word of the Lord  
R. Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his holy ones, alleluia.**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ADORATION AT  
ST KEVIN'S CHURCH**

There will be Holy Mass at 7.00 pm on Friday, 3rd June  
(First Friday of the month) at St Kevin's Church  
followed by Adoration.

**SATURDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and his brethren, alleluia.**

**READING: Acts 28:16-20. 30-31**

On our arrival in Rome Paul was allowed to stay in lodgings of his own with the soldier who guarded him. After three days he called together the leading Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, 'Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. They examined me and would have set me free, since they found me guilty of nothing involving the death penalty; but the Jews lodged an objection, and I was forced to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation to make against my own nation. That is why I have asked to see you and talk to you, for it is on account of the hope of Israel that I wear this chain.' Paul spent the whole of the two years in his own rented lodging. He welcomed all who came to visit him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ with complete freedom and without hindrance from anyone.

**PSALM: The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!  
I will send you the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; he will lead you to the whole truth. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: John 21:20-25**

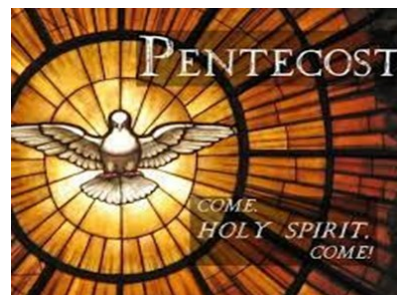
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

Peter turned and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them – the one who had leaned on his breast at the supper and had said to him, 'Lord, who is it that will betray you?' Seeing him, Peter said to Jesus, 'What about him, Lord?' Jesus answered, 'If I want him to stay behind till I come, what does it matter to you? You are to follow me.' The rumour then went out among the brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus had not said to Peter, 'He will not die,' but, 'If I want him to stay behind till I come.' This disciple is the one who vouches for these things and has written them down, and we know that his testimony is true. There were many other things that Jesus did; if all were written down, the world itself, I suppose, would not hold all the books that would have to be written.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Holy Spirit will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

We will continue the Novena to the Holy Spirit after the 9.15 am Mass from Tuesday 31st May until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.



Please take note of the times of Masses at St Patrick's and St Kevin's as stated in our Parish Newsletter.