

Monday-Saturday—18th to 23rd July 2022

16th Week in Ordinary Time- Year 2

MONDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

READING: *Micah 6:1-4. 6-8*

Listen to what the Lord is saying:

Stand up and let the case begin in the hearing
of the mountains

and let the hills hear what you say.

Listen, you mountains, to the Lord's
accusation,

give ear, you foundations of the earth,

for the Lord is accusing his people,

pleading against Israel:

My people, what have I done to you,

how have I been a burden to you? Answer me.

I brought you out of the land of Egypt,

I rescued you from the house of slavery;

I sent Moses to lead you,

with Aaron and Miriam.

– 'With what gift shall I come into the Lord's
presence

and bow down before God on high?

Shall I come with holocausts?

with calves one year old?

Will he be pleased with rams by the thousand,

with libations of oil in torrents?

Must I give my first-born for what I have done
wrong,

the fruit of my body for my own sin?'

– What is good has been explained to you,
man;

this is what the Lord asks of you:

only this, to act justly,

to love tenderly

and to walk humbly with our God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 12:38-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Some of the scribes and Pharisees spoke up.

'Master,' they said 'we should like to see a sign

from you.' Jesus replied, 'It is an evil and unfaithful

generation that asks for a sign! The only sign it will

be given is the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as

Jonah was in the belly of the sea-monster for

three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man

be in the heart of the earth for three days and

three nights. On Judgement day the men of

Nineveh will stand up with this generation and

condemn it, because when Jonah preached they

repented; and there is something greater than

Jonah here. On Judgement day the Queen of the

South will rise up with this generation and

condemn it, because she came from the ends of

earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is

something greater than Solomon here.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The Lord, the gracious,**

the merciful, has made a memorial of his

wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

TUESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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READING: *Micah 7:14-15. 18-20*

With shepherd's crook, O Lord, lead your people
to pasture

the flock that is your heritage,

living confined in a forest

with meadow land all around.

Let them pasture in Bashan and Gilead

as in the days of old.

As in the days when you came out of Egypt

grant us to see wonders.

What god can compare with you: taking fault
away,

pardoning crime, not cherishing anger for ever

but delighting in showing mercy?

Once more have pity on us, tread down our faults,

to the bottom of the sea throw all our sins.
Grant Jacob your faithfulness,
and Abraham your mercy,
as you swore to our fathers
from the days of long ago.

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

PSALM: **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**
All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 12:46-50*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was speaking to the crowds when his mother and his brothers appeared; they were standing outside and were anxious to have a word with him. But to the man who told him this Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?' And stretching out his hand towards his disciples he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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WEDNESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **See, I have God for my**
help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice
To you with willing heart, and praise your name,
O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: *Jer 1:1. 4-10*

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of a priestly family living at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin.

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; look, 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.

Look, today I am setting you
over nations and over kingdoms,
to tear up and to knock down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **I will sing of your salvation.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 13:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The Lord, the**
gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of
his wonders; he gives food to those who fear
him.

THURSDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **See, I have God for**
My help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will
Sacrifice To you with willing heart, and praise
your name, O Lord, for it is good.

READING: *Jer 2:1-3. 7-8. 12-13*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me saying,
'Go and shout this in the hearing of Jerusalem:

“The Lord says this:

I remember the affection of your youth,
the love of your bridal days:
you followed me through the wilderness,
through a land unsown.

Israel was sacred to the Lord,
the first-fruits of his harvest;
anyone who ate of this had to pay for it,

misfortune came to them –
it is the Lord who speaks.”

‘I brought you to a fertile country
to enjoy its produce and good things;
but sooner had you entered than you defiled
my land,
and made heritage detestable.

The priests have never asked, “Where is the
Lord?”

Those who administer the Law have no
knowledge of me.

The shepherds have rebelled against me;
the prophets have prophesied in the name of
Baal,

following things with no power in them.

‘You heavens, stand aghast at this,
stand stupefied, stand utterly appalled

– it is the Lord who speaks –

since my people have committed a double
crime:

they have abandoned me,
the fountain of living water,
only to dig cisterns for themselves,
leaky cisterns
that hold no water.’

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **You are the source of life, O Lord.**

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 13:10-17*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The disciples went up to Jesus and asked, ‘Why do
you talk to the crowds in parables?’ ‘Because’ he
replied, ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven
are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to
them. For anyone who has will be given more, and
he will have more than enough; but from anyone
who has not, even what he has will be taken away.
The reason I talk to them in parables is that they
look without seeing and listen without hearing or
understanding. So in their case the prophecy of
Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not
understand,

see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing and they have shut
their eyes

for fear they shall see with their eyes,

hear with their ears,

understand with their heart,

and be converted

and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your
ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many
prophets and holy men longed to see what you
see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and
never heard it.’

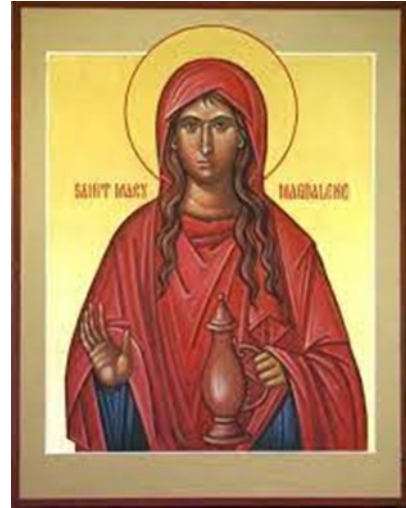
The Gospel of the Lord

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The Lord, the
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wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

FRIDAY

Feast of St Mary, Magdalene



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord said to Mary
Magdalene: Go to my brothers and tell them: I am
going to my Father and your Father, to my God
and your God.**

READING: *Song 3:1-4*

The bride says this:

On my bed, at night, I sought him
whom my heart loves.

I sought but did not find him.

So I will rise and go through the City;

in the streets and the squares

I will seek him whom my heart loves.

I sought but did not find him.

The watchmen came upon me

on their rounds in the City:

‘Have you seen him whom my heart loves?’

Scarcely had I passed them

than I found him whom my heart loves.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my
God.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw
the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Jn 20:1-2. 11-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.

'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

Mary stayed outside near the tomb, weeping. Then, still weeping, she stooped to look inside, and saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, the other at the feet. They said, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' 'They have taken my Lord away' she replied 'and I don't know where they have put him.' As she said this she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not recognise him. Jesus said, 'Woman why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him.' Jesus said, 'Mary!' She knew him then and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbuni!' – which means Master. Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go and find the brothers, and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' So Mary of Magdala went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised.**

SATURDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

READING: *Jer 7:1-11*

The word that was addressed to Jeremiah by the Lord, 'Go and stand at the gate of the Temple of the Lord and there proclaim this message. Say, "Listen to the word of the Lord, all of you men of Judah who come in by these gates to worship the Lord. The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: Amend your behaviour and your actions and I will stay with you here in this place. Put no trust in delusive words like these: This is the sanctuary of the Lord, the sanctuary of the Lord, the sanctuary of the Lord! But if you do amend your behaviour and your actions, if you treat each other fairly, if you do not exploit the stranger, the orphan and the widow (if you do not shed innocent blood in this place), and if you do not follow alien gods, to your own ruin, then here in this place I will stay with

you, in the land that long ago I gave to your father for ever. Yet here you are, trusting in delusive words, to no purpose! Steal, would you, murder, commit adultery, perjure yourselves, burn incense to Baal, follow alien gods that you do not know? – and then come presenting yourselves in this Temple that bears my name, saying: Now we are safe – safe to go on committing all these abominations! Do you take this Temple that bears my name for a robbers' den? I, at any rate, am not blind – it is the Lord who speaks.'"

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Receive and submit to the word planted in you; it can save your souls. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 13:24-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servant said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

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SUNDAY, 24TH JULY IS THE 2ND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

As the Church gears up to celebrate the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 24 July, Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to pray throughout the month for the elderly. "We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us."

"The Pope reminded everyone that grandparents and the elderly must be celebrated, especially on the World Day dedicated to them.

"Let us remember grandparents and the elderly are the bread that nourishes our lives; they are the hidden wisdom of a people."

Pope Francis urged all Catholics to pray for those living through old age.