

OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

5th Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here I am, send me.

PSALM:

Ps. 137:1-5.7-8.R.v1

R) Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R)**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R)**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hand. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 15:15

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



It is perfectly normal and natural that we need to work hard. If, however, we want to follow God, hard work and determination are not sufficient. In order to follow God, we must learn to listen to his voice, to filter it out from all the other 'voices' – greed, selfishness, pride, etc. Today's Gospel is a perfect illustration of this. Peter and his friends had fished all night and caught nothing. When they do what Jesus asks them to do they haul in an amazing catch. Peter's reaction is, as usual, very strong and also rather strange. He says: 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful

man.' He becomes aware of his sinfulness when he experiences the power of Jesus. But perhaps it is not so strange. In fact, the first step in our relationship with God is to understand that God is everything and I am nothing. Until we have that experience ourselves, our relationship with God will remain superficial. Once we accept our sinfulness we then listen to Jesus saying: 'Do not be afraid.' He knows how weak we are, but rather than that being an obstacle in our relationship with God, it is actually an essential element in it. When we really accept our nothingness in front of God, then he can start to work in us.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



The Social Dimension Of Evangelization

178 (Cont'd) Evangelization is meant to cooperate with this liberating work of the Spirit. The very mystery of the Trinity reminds us that we have been created in the image of that divine communion, and so we cannot achieve fulfilment or salvation purely by our own efforts. From the heart of the Gospel we see the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement, which must necessarily find expression and develop in every work of evangelization. Accepting the first proclamation, which invites us to receive God's love and to love him in return with the very love which is his gift, brings forth in our lives and actions a primary and fundamental response: to desire, seek and protect the good of others.

Day by Day with St Francis*

THE ASSISI COMPILATION

One time in the very beginning, that is, at the time when blessed Francis began to have brothers, he was staying with them at Rivo Torto. One night, around midnight, when they were all asleep in their beds, one of the brothers cried out, saying: 'I'm dying! I'm dying!' Startled and frightened all the brothers woke up.

Getting up, blessed Francis said: 'Brothers, get up and light a lamp.' After the lamp was lit, blessed Francis said: 'Who was it who said, "I'm dying?"'

'I'm the one,' the brother answered.

'What's the matter, brother?' blessed Francis said to him. 'Why are you dying?'

'I'm dying of hunger,' he answered.

So that that brother would not be ashamed to eat alone, blessed Francis, a man of great charity and discernment, immediately had the table set and they all ate together with him. This brother, as well as the others, were newly converted to the Lord and afflicted their bodies excessively. After the meal, blessed Francis said to the other brothers: 'My brothers, I say that each of you must consider his own constitution, because, although one of you may be sustained with less food than another, I still do not want one who needs more food to try imitating him in this. Rather, considering his constitution, he should provide his body with what it needs. Just as we must beware of overindulgence in eating, which harms body and soul, so we must beware of excessive abstinence even more, because the Lord desires mercy and not sacrifice [Hos 6:6; Mt 9:13; 14:7].'

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These writings by or about Francis of Assisi are from the time of Francis which means that the language is sometimes rather archaic but it reflects the true spirit of Francis.



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10TH FEBRUARY 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm Nancy O'Shaughnesy (RIP)
Sunday	9.00am Louis Kayam (RIP)
Monday 11 th February	11.45am feria- Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 15 th February	11.45am feria
Sunday 17 th February (Saturday)	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5.30pm Sr. Teaesita RIP 9.00am Anna Khurwal (RIP Anniv)

Sunday Evening Churches Together in Redbourn

February 10th At the Methodist Church at 6.30pm (Prayer Service)

Feast Days This Week: 14th February – Ss. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

Please remember in you prayers : Sick: Nigel Clark, Ivor Hopla, Judy Atkins, Sofia Mayorga, Una Hewitt Mary Jones, Breda Iommi, Baby David Ruth, Maria Maynard, Liz Mevin and Lucy Swift.

Please remember in your prayers this week in The Churches Together List the Residents of:
Mansdale Road, High Street, Crouch Hall Lane, Flamsteadbury Lane, Pondsmead, Beechfield Close, Caddington Common, Cowper Rise, Harps Hill, Old Vicarage Gardens, Sebright Road, Chad Lane, Hollybush Lane, Priory Orchard and Wood End Lane,

Coffee Morning Rotas for 2019 are available at the back of the Church. We need some more volunteers. Please add you name to the list. This is a once the month community gathering.

Parish Breakfast Morning. Again this is for raising funds for the building of a water well through CAFOD. The previous one was extremely successful. The next one is scheduled for 10th March. Tickets, £7.50 each, are available after Mass.

Church Cleaning Rota for 2019 in on the notice board in the porch. Please sign your name against one of the free months. Ideally two parishioners are required each month and you can do the cleaning at a time to suit yourself.

Kitchen area on Parish Room. Two pictures are on the notice board giving an idea of the redevelopment of the kitchen area. We are reminded that the money to pay for this is our parish money from the Giving in Faith project. Please do look at the pictures and the letter which gives details of the ongoing work in the Church. Any comments can be written on the back of the letter, copies of which are on the table in the porch.

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be visiting the two parishes over the weekend of 23rd/24th February.

Admission to Nursery – Academic Year 2019-20 St Dominic Primary School

Applications for entry to St. Dominic Nursey Academic Year 2019-20 will open on **Monday 4th February 2019** and close at **3.30pm on Monday 4th March 2019.**

The school will offer 30 places in the Nursery and, by working with *Friends Together* (our Breakfast and Afterschool provider) in the afternoon, we will be able to offer parents access to 30 hours free childcare, should it be required.

Nursery morning sessions will run daily from 8.45am – 11.45am. The school then offers a Lunch Club which parents of all Nursery children will have the option to use, at a small cost.