

Sunday 29th August 2021

THE 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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EDITION

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 29 August 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am	22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Hazel & Denzil Isaacs (25th Wedding Anniversary) Sadie Burgess RIP Francis Waddington RIP Imelda McCarthy RIP
Mon 30 August 9.30am	Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward Roger & Adam Ints.
Tues 31 August 9.30am	S. Aldan 7 the Bishops of Llnsifame Holy Souls
Weds 1 Sept 9.30am	feria Kevin Lowe RIP
Thurs 2 Sept 9.30am	feria Private intention
Fri 3 Sept 9.30am	S. GREGORY THE GREAT Rev. Fr. Simplicio Pereira RIP
Sat 4 Sept 9.30am	S. Cuthbert Fleur & Family Ints.
Sun 5 Sept 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR John Brady RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH John Kennedy RIP Annabel & Sean Toal (40th Wedding Anniversary) Bernard Welikala RIP

Blessed Sacrament Lamp
In Memory of Francis Waddington RIP
Lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham
(Thanksgiving)

TODAY'S MASS

"Obey the commandments of God"



Christ did not come to set aside the commandments but to fulfil them. In his life-style he shows us how we are to act in order to witness to the power of God's word within us. Faith without good works is dead and we show we are God's people by our care of those in need. In this way we place our trust in God.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

As Moses prepares to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, he reminds them of the true purpose of God's commandments. By obeying God's law, the people will live in harmony with him and with each other. The Commandments and God's law of love are to be cherished and obeyed by all believers. We do not pick and choose which commands are easy for us to follow. Out of love, we observe the whole law that God has given us.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Saint James reminds us in his letter that we are to be doers of the word, not just hearers. Those who take the word of God to heart and act on it will care for orphans and widows, the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the sick. True worship is not a matter of simply going to Mass or saying prayers. It is a matter of acting on the word that has been planted in us by God.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

In today's gospel story, Jesus accuses the religious leaders of being hypocrites. They act as though they are speaking for God but they are really speaking about what matters to them. Jesus points out that they are more concerned about pious practices than they are about God's commandments. They criticized Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before eating. But they showed no interest in the goodness of the disciples' hearts. A good heart will not produce evil actions. Nor will washing our hands make us clean inside where it really counts.

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense
of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 14:2-5*

R/. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell
on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. *R/.*
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. *R/.*
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against
the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *R/.*

Second reading: *James 1:17-18,21-22,27*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. So do away with all the

impurities and bad habits that are still left in you – accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Jn 6:63,68*

Allelula, allelula!

*Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of
eternal life.*

Allelula!

Gospel: *Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord,
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,
that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Ps 30: 20*

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread
from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.