

First Reading 2 Chronicles 35: 14-16,19-23

A Reading from the Second Book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 136

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon
There we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
Let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art; created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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Gospel John 3:14-21

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fratelli Tutti

GLOBALIZATION AND PROGRESS WITHOUT A SHARED ROADMAP

33. The world was relentlessly moving towards an economy that, thanks to technological progress, sought to reduce "human costs"; there were those who would have had us believe that freedom of the market was sufficient to keep everything secure. Yet the brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled pandemic forced us to recover our concern for human beings, for everyone, rather than for the benefit of a few. Today, we can recognise that "we fed ourselves on dreams of splendour and grandeur, and ended up consuming distraction, insularity and solitude. We gorged ourselves on networking, and lost the taste of fraternity. We looked for quick and safe results, only to find ourselves overwhelmed by impatience and anxiety. Prisoners of virtual reality, we lost the taste and flavour of the truly real". The pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realization of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organisation of our societies and, above all, the meaning of our existence.

34. If everything is connected, it is hard to imagine that this global disaster is unrelated to our way of approaching reality, our claim to be absolute masters of our own lives and of all that exists. I do not want to speak of divine retribution, nor would it be sufficient to say that the harm we do to nature is itself the punishment for our offences. The world is itself crying out in rebellion. We are reminded of the well-known verse of the poet Virgil that evokes the "tears of things", the misfortunes of life and history.

Pope Francis

Fourth Sunday of Lent

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Terry Hoult Anniversary	St. M M
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Mr & Mrs Mooney Anniversary	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Thanksgiving for Blessings	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Iris Tivvey RIP	St M M
<u>Wednesday</u>	12.00 pm	Garry Smith Funeral Service	St M M
<u>Friday</u>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	Bl Sac

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	MICHAEL PENNINGTON RIP
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	GARRY SMITH RIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FACE MASKS - ALL THOSE WHO ARE ATTENDING CHURCHES MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING UNLESS THEY ARE EXEMPT FROM DOING SO. THIS IS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL WHO GATHER IN THE CHURCH FOR MASS AS IT IS AN ENCLOSED PUBLIC SPACE WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERING HOUSEHOLDS WHO THEY DO NOT NORMALLY MEET.

HOSPITAL - In the meantime, Priests will only go into the hospital in response to a request from the hospital switchboard or ward staff. Anyone in the hospital that requires a visit from a Priest should please go through the nurse or switchboard. This will be in an emergency only. There will be no Holy Communion rounds until further notice.

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Follow the instructions. You can also call or email the parish office.

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WE ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL
DISTANCE – FROM COMING INTO CHURCH TO LEAVING THE
CHURCH**

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EASTER FESTIVITIES

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday

4.30pm Blessed Sacrament, Athersley

6.00pm. St Teresa's, Darton

6.00pm. St Mary Magdalene

Good Friday

3.00pm Blessed Sacrament, Athersley

3.00pm. St Teresa's, Darton

Easter Vigil

6.00pm St Mary Magdalene

7.00pm Blessed Sacrament

Easter Sunday

9.30am. St Teresa's, Darton

10.00am Blessed Sacrament, Athersley

