

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 28:1-4,9-10 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of the waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king forever.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise,' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happening in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

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SYNOD - A TWO YEAR 'SYNODAL' PROCESS IS TAKING PLACE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

What do we need to do to transform our parish community? After the Christmas holidays we have a few weeks left to submit our responses to the Diocese.

Make sure your voice is heard by joining in one of the discussion groups in January.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Fathers voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 'Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fratelli Tutti

BEYOND A WORLD OF "ASSOCIATES"

101. Let us now return to the parable of the Good Samaritan, for it still has much to say to us. An injured man lay on the roadside. The people walking by him did not heed their interior summons to act as neighbours; they were concerned with their duties, their social status, their professional position within society. They considered themselves important for the society of the time, and were anxious to play their proper part. The man on the roadside, bruised and abandoned, was a distraction, an interruption from all that; in any event, he was hardly important. He was a "nobody", undistinguished, irrelevant to their plans for the future. The Good Samaritan transcended these narrow classifications. He himself did not fit into any of those categories; he was simply a foreigner without a place in society. Free of every label and position, he was able to interrupt his journey, change his plans, and unexpectedly come to the aid of an injured person who needed his help.

102. What would be the reaction to that same story nowadays, in a world that constantly witnesses the emergence and growth of social groups clinging to an identity that separates them from others? How would it affect those who organize themselves in a way that prevents any foreign presence that might threaten their identity and their closed and self-referential structures? There, even the possibility of acting as a neighbour is excluded; one is a neighbour only to those who serve their purpose. The word "neighbour" loses all meaning; there can only be "associates", partners in the pursuit of particular interests.^[80]

Pope Francis

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD			
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Cecily Wilmott Brown RIP	St. MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	John Cunliffe RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Eileen McNicholas Anniversary	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Joan Jones	St M M
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Mary Ann Bailey & Chris Kelly	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Pauline	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	Joan Howarth RIP	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Barbara Blackham	St M M
<u>Friday</u>	10.00 am	Veronica Ross RIP	Bl Sac

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SATURDAY	6.00 PM	JOE & RUTH JAMIESON	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	MARTHA LEEDER RIP	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	JOSEPH & DOROTHY LOZINSK	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	MARGARET HORBURY	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	TONY DEIGHTON & MARY ANN BAILEY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	ANDREW	BL SAC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Diocese strongly recommends the use of face masks except if you are exempt.
2. We encourage the use of hand sanitizers while entering and leaving the church.
3. While taking your seat please give space, unless a family group.
4. We encourage parishioners NOT to kneel until further notice.
5. Offertory plates are still provided at the entrance and exit doors.
6. For Holy Communion, come to the front one seat at a time maintaining a good distance.
7. We recommend regular Covid testing. Thank you for your support in these challenging times.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous offertory donations.

St Ter Envelopes £ Loose Money £
 St MM Envelopes £90.00 Loose Money £48.00 Raffle £21.00
 Bl Sac Christmas Collections £630.00

St Teresa's - 125 Club Membership - is due for renewal 1st January - at the latest 15th January. Many thanks to all who continue with this welcome addition to our finances.

Sunday 16th January - Day of Prayer for Peace

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Blessed Sacrament

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