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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

2nd Sunday of Year (A)

15th January 2023

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am Lord,
I have come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on the King who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory
in the highest heavens.

Baptism



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the Second Sunday of the Year.

"It is He Who is to baptise with the Holy Spirit."

—John 1:33

Many people talk about being "baptised in the Spirit." By this, they usually mean having a renewal of their life in the Spirit. However, the Bible considers being baptized in the Spirit to be the same as being baptized, and not a renewal of life in the Spirit. Thus, many people use the phrase, "baptised in the Spirit," in an un-Biblical way.

Although these people are wrongly using biblical terminology, they are "correct" pastorally. We have a great need to renew our being baptized in the Spirit. Through sin and selfishness, many baptised people have stifled (1 Thes 5:19) and saddened the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30). If we are to live the Christian life as the Lord intended it to be

lived, we must stir into flame the gift of the Holy Spirit (2 Tm 1:6-7).

Today's Scriptural readings invite us to renew our life in the Spirit. Look at Jesus, the Lamb of God (Jn 1:29). Let Him free you as He freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Let Him take away your sins and the sins of the world (Jn 1:29). "Follow the Lamb wherever He goes"; be pure and uncompromising with the ways of the world (see Rv 14:4). Receive a renewal of being baptized in the Spirit today.

Prayer: Father, may I want the Spirit as much as I want to breathe. Revive the graces of my Baptism and Confirmation.

Promise: "I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." —Is 49:6

Praise: "I will proclaim Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You" (Ps 22:23). Risen Jesus, You are worthy of our praise.

Rescript: "In accord with the Code of Canon Law, I hereby grant the Nihil Obstat for the publication One Bread, One Body covering the time period from December 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023. Reverend Steve J. Angi, Chancellor, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio April 12, 2022"

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PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of
Susan Cassidy who died recently
and for all whose anniversaries occur
about this time.
**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.**

Thank you

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Sunday Collection: 8th January
— £686.90

Justice and Peace Collection
— £112.65

St Anthony, Abbot

Saint Anthony did not simply want to observe and contemplate, he wanted to become. His parents died when he was around eighteen years old and they left him three hundred acres of land. The death of his parents also left him with the responsibility to take care of his younger sister. While in church one day, he heard the words of Matthew 19:21: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

He immediately got up and gave away everything except for what he and his sister would need to survive. Then he heard Matthew 6:34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today". Again not being content to just contemplate what he heard, he gave away everything else and entrusted his sister to a convent.

He began to live a life of prayer, fasting, and manual labour. He desired holiness. When he heard of a person who was living a holy life he would go to that person to learn from them and become what they were.

All of this was very difficult for him. He literally wrestled with the devil over it, and first the devil tempted him with things that would be hard to resist. He was worried about his sister and other relatives; he thought about how he could have used his property for good things, he also began to desire wealth and power.

Anthony, however, was able to resist these temptations. Eventually the devil had left him so wounded that his friends thought he was dead and carried him to the church. But, Anthony came to the understanding that God was with him in the struggles and would always protect him. After coming to this understanding, he moved to the tombs that were a little farther away from town, and eventually to the desert. He lived in one room for twenty years without ever leaving. His friends and family would throw bread to him so that he could eat.

Many came to speak to him and be healed, but he never came out. After twenty years they broke down the door and Anthony calmly came out. Some of those people who spoke to him were healed physically and many more were given comfort by his words. Others decided to stay and learn from him. They formed what is thought of as the first monastic community. They lived apart from one another and only came together to worship and to hear Anthony speak.

After a while of this it became too much for Anthony. He was afraid that he would become proud because so many people were coming to see him. He was also afraid that people were coming to worship him and not God. He left in the middle of the night to another part of Egypt. He knew that he needed to go into the desert.

He was taken deep into a mountain and he stayed there until his friends found him again. Anthony died at 105 years old. His life of solitude, fasting, and manual labour serving God made him a very healthy man until he was very old.

Rainbow Leader Wanted

The Rainbow Unit at St John's Perth is looking for a new leader. Do you like working with young girls aged 4 – 7 years and are able to offer a couple of hours of your time each week (term time)? Rainbows are the youngest members of the Girl Guide movement. Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things, having fun, exploring the world beyond themselves in a safe and nurturing environment.

Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games. You can become an inspiring role model to girls and young women – and have a lot of fun in the process. As a leader, you will be part of a team of volunteers who plan and deliver a programme of awesome activities.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday 16th January
Weekday in 2nd week of Ordinary time

Tuesday 17th January
St Anthony, Abbot

Wednesday 18th January
Weekday in 2nd week of Ordinary time

Thursday 19th January
Weekday in 2nd week of Ordinary time

Friday 20th January
Weekday in 2nd week of Ordinary time

Saturday 21st January
St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023

Justice & Peace
8th January-The Epiphany of the Lord

The Ecclesiastical Students Fund
19th February- 7th Sunday of the Year

Papal & Episcopal Charities (inc SCIAF)
19th March- 4th Sunday of Lent

Holy Places
7th April- Good Friday

The Apostolate of Communications
21st May- 7th Sunday of Easter

The Day for Life
28th May- Solemnity of Pentecost

Peter's Pence
2nd July- 13th Sunday of the Year

The Apostleship of the Sea
16th July- 15th Sunday of the Year

Bishop's Mensal Fund
6th August- Feast of the Transfiguration

The Sick & Retired Priests Fund
10th September- 23rd Sunday of the Year

Mission Sunday
22nd October- 29th Sunday of the Year

Catholic Education Service
26th November- Solemnity of Christ the King

Poor Mission Fund
3rd December- 1st Sunday of Advent

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass