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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

4th Sunday of Year (A)

29th January 2023

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

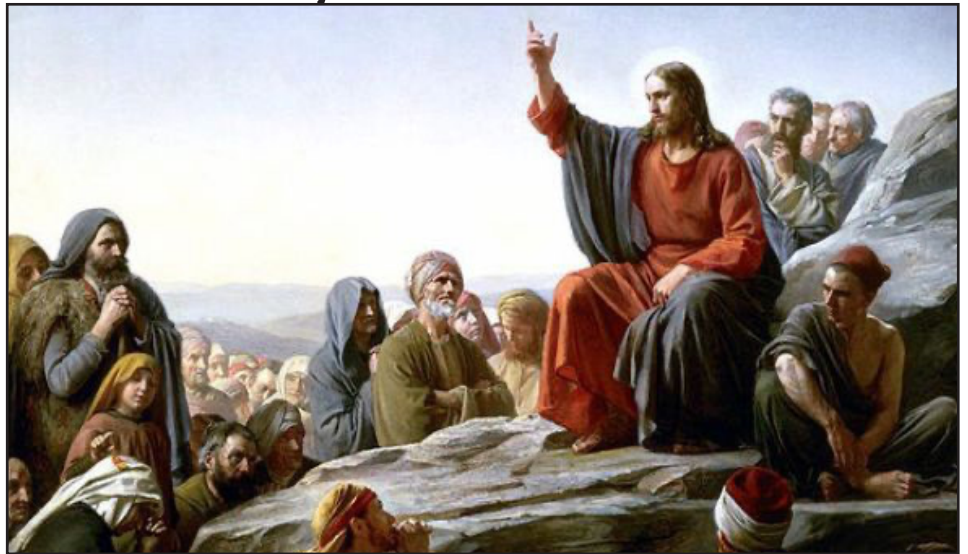
Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

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



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We could summarize all of the beatitudes by saying that blessed are those who know that they are not God, and who live out of that knowledge. Now I know that none of us would ever claim to be God. But when we find ourselves living only out of our own wit and wisdom, and never really seriously bringing God into all of our decisions and actions, then we may not say we are God, but we act that way. But the truth is that we are not the masters of our own fate, nor are we the captains of our own souls. We belong to God and totally depend on God for everything. That is the ultimate and final truth of life.

It is in the light of that profound truth that we are asked to live our lives in all of their flesh and blood detail. As well as belonging to God, we also belong to all those others who belong to God. Those who are poor in spirit know that they live in a world where they must be open to entering into the lives of others. They are gentle with others,

mourn with them, want what is just and right for them, are merciful towards those who need mercy, work for peace and are not afraid to stand up for what is right. The poor in spirit know they are not complete in themselves.

They need God and they need others, and they live their lives being open to new possibilities. I would like you to listen to the words of a recovering addict. "As I become increasingly willing to accept mystery and uncertainty in my walk with God, I find that I am more and more amazed by (God). Even in the face of my continued foolish defiance, the Triune God is relentlessly, but lovingly, taking away the satisfaction which comes from lesser gods.

He is leading me to live in the intersection of my own imperfection and His awesome mercy, grace, and love." (Gary, a recovering addict.)

Have a wonderful week—stay well and be happy—God bless you all.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries
of the kingdom
to mere children.

Fr Bogdan SDS

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adam Martin and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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!

Collections:

Sunday's 22nd January – £666.60.

Priest's Musing

Murphy applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same job and both applicants, having the same qualifications, were asked by the department manager to take a test. Upon completion of the test both men only missed one of the questions.

The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job" Murphy replied, "And why would you be doing that? We both got nine questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish I should get the Job!" "We have made our decisions not on the correct answers," the manager explained, "but on the question you missed." Murphy was incensed. He asked, "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?"

The manager replied, "Simple, the American put down on question #5, 'I don't know.' You put down 'Neither do I.'"

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.

Anonymous

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. If you'd like to volunteer to become a leader, you'll be supported to complete the Leadership qualification. You'll have training on everything from planning your programme to child safety. For further information please contact Anne Mitchell on 01738 628039.

Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation. Thank you for all your orders!

Foodbank

Thanks to all parishioners who responded to the recent appeal for donations to the foodbank. The response was most encouraging. Demand has been high over the Christmas period and is expected to remain so during the current cost of living crisis. The following items are urgently required – Tins of fruit, tins of tomatoes, tins of potatoes, jam, sweets/crisps, toilet rolls, small laundry powder/gel, long life juice. Any donations would be much appreciated.



SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday 30th January
Weekday in 4th week of Ordinary time

Tuesday 31st January
Memorial of St John Bosco

Wednesday 1st February
Weekday in 4th week of Ordinary time

Thursday 2nd February
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Friday 3rd February
Weekday in 4th week of Ordinary time

Saturday 4th February
Weekday in 4th week of Ordinary time

2nd February – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



This feast day celebrates both the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, as well as the Purification of Mary, which was required by the Mosaic Law forty days after the birth of a child. The Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candles. In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna.

They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. On this day, we also reflect on the gift of consecrated life. While the momentary satisfaction of selfish living ultimately leads to emptiness, living a life of holiness, dedicated to God's service, will give true contentment and peace.

As Pope Francis has expressed: Consecrated life is born and reborn of an encounter with Jesus as he is: poor, chaste and obedient... And while worldly life soon leaves our hands and hearts empty, life in Jesus fills us with peace to the very end, as in the Gospel, where Simeon and Anna come happily to the sunset of their lives with the Lord in their arms and joy in their hearts.

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