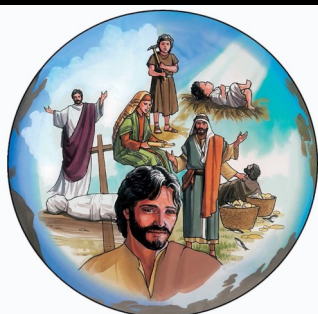


14th March 2021: Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)



THE LORD IS GENEROUS WITH HIS MERCY

Jesus Christ is given to the world by God the Father so that those who believe in his name may be saved. He brings us new life because previously we were dead through sin but now we are saved through grace. We are God's work of art, created in Jesus Christ.

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 13 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Alan Mode RIP
Sun 14 09.30 11.00	✠ <i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT- Laetare Sunday</i> <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i> James & Anne Kiernan RIP Kiera McCalla RIP
Mon 15 09.30	Wellbeing for Esther Bell
Tue 16 09.30	Thanksgiving for Philomena's Birthday
Wed 17 09.30	Saint Patrick Thomas Healey RIP
Thu 18 09.30	Cardinal Arthur Hinsley RIP
Fri 19 09.30 19:00	SAINT † JOSEPH Angelo Noto RIP Stations of the Cross
Sat 20 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Bridie, Joe, Steven, Patricia Murray RIP
Sun 21 09.30 11.00	✠ <i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i> Mass Dr Danny White RIP

Spiritual Thought

Wednesday 17th March: Feast of St Patrick

Patrick was born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th century, and died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th century.

As a missionary bishop, he endured many hardships and faced opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians.

Nevertheless, he worked hard to conciliate, to evangelize, and to educate local chieftains and their families.

He is remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to the people who enslaved him in his youth.

The feast of St Patrick is almost another solemnity of the Trinity as most icons depict Patrick holding a sprig of shamrock and introducing people to the mystery of the triune God.

Shamrock has become synonymous with St Patrick.



SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Pew Kneelers

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18:30 (35) Sunday: 09.30 (60), 11.00 (54)

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Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING – 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

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

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

SECOND READING – Ephesians 2: 4-10

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 that 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 had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL – John 3: 14-21

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 may 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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.