7th May Easter 4 – Giving Campaign Week 1

2017

Sermon (Kevin Ogilvie) based on:

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 42 to 47.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the
prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.
44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and
goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together
in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God
and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were
being saved.

The second reading is taken from St Peter's first letter Chapter 2 verses 20 to 25.

20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do
right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also
suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered,
he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his
body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been
healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of
your souls.

John 10.1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold
by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.
2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his
voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When
he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the
sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not
follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not
know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with
them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.
7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate
for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits;
but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever
enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find
pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I
came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

14th May Easter 5 – Giving Campaign Week 2

2017

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 7 verses 55 to 60.

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the
right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right
hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then
they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a
young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had
said this, he died.

Sermon (Fr. Robert) based on:

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 8 verses 1 to 5.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches
of Macedonia; 2 for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have
overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to
their means, and even beyond their means, 4 begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry
to the saints— 5 and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will
of God, to us.

John 14.1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in
God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house
there are many dwelling places. If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a
place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again and will take you to
myself, so that where I am, there you may be
also.
4 And you know the way to the place where I am
going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not
know where you are going. How can we know
the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and
the truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you
will know my Father also. From now on you do
know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to
him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be
satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with
you all this time, Philip, and you still do not
know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the
Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me? The words that I say to you
I do not speak on my own; but the Father who
dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not,
then believe me because of the works themselves.
12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do
greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so
that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

21st May Easter 6 – Giving Campaign Week 3 (Parade)

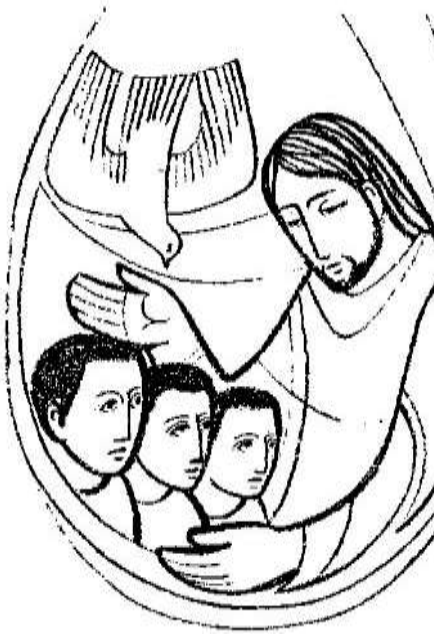
2017

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 17 verses 22 to 31.

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in
every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found
among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown,
this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and
earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he
needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he
made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries
of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and
find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our
being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' 29 Since we are God's
offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art
and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands
all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in
righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him
from the dead."

All Age Sermon (Fr. Robert) based on:
The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 6 to 11.

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 He who
supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase
the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will
produce thanksgiving to God through us.



John 14.15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask
the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you
forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know
him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not
leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the
world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live,
you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my
Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my
commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those
who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and
reveal myself to them."

25th May Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

2017

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 1 to 11.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning [2]until the day
when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he
had chosen. [3]After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to
them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. [4]While staying with them, he ordered
them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you
have heard from me; [5]for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many
days from now."
[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the
kingdom to Israel?" [7]He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by
his own authority. [8]But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9]When he had said this,
as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10]While he was going and
they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11]They said, "Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Matthew 28.16-20

[16]Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to
which Jesus had directed them. [17]When they saw him, they
worshiped him; but some doubted. [18]And Jesus came and said to
them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
[19]Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]and
teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

28th May Sunday After Ascension (Easter 7) - Giving Campaign Final Week

2017

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 6 verses 6 to 10.

6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 The word of
God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of
the priests became obedient to the faith.
8 Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then some of those
who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of
those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. 10 But they could not withstand the wisdom
and the Spirit with which he spoke.

The second reading is from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 18 to 20a

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of
reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses
against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since
God is making his appeal through us!

Testimonies: *'I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world' What S. Thomas' means to me.*
(Various) based on verse 11:

John 17.1-4 & 10-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify
you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life
to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may
know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I
glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I
am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have
given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

4th June Pentecost

2017

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.[2]And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting.[3]Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.[4]All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.[6]And at this sound the
crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
each.[7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?[8]And how is it that
we hear, each of us, in our own native language?[9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,[11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 verses 3b to 7 and 12 to 13.

[3b]No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. [4]Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same
Spirit; [5]and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; [6]and there are varieties of activities, but it is
the same God who activates all of them in everyone. [7]To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for
the common good. [12]For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. [13]For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one
body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 20.19-23

[19]When it was evening on that day, the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house where the disciples
had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came
and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
[20]After he said this, he showed them his hands and his
side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the
Lord. [21]Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22]When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins of any,
they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they
are retained."

11th June Trinity Sunday

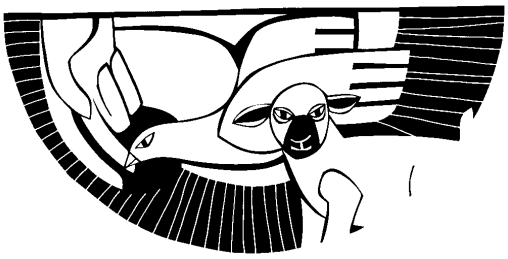
2017

The first reading is from the book of Exodus Chapter 34 verses 4 to 6 and 8 to 9

4So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on
Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.
5The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, "The LORD." 6The
LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to
anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7keeping steadfast love for the thousandth
generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the
iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth
generation." 8And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9He said, "If now I have
found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people,
pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 13 verses 11 to 13.

11Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live
in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the
saints greet you. 13The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with all of you.



Matthew 28.16-20

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to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they
worshiped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said
to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given
to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you
always, to the end of the age."

18th June Votive for Corpus Christi

2017

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 8 verses 2 to 3 and 14 to16

2 Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order
to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his
commandments. 3 He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which
neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live
by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.
14 Do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of
the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with
poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, 16 and fed you in the
wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to
do you good.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 10 verses 16 to 17.

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a
sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the
one bread.

John 6.51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this
bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is
my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this
man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life
in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I
will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is
true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in
them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so
whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down
from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the
one who eats this bread will live forever."

25th June Trinity 2

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 20 verses 7 to 13

7 O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I
have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I
must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and
derision all day long. 9 If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me
there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For
I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our
revenge on him." 11 But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten. 12 O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me
see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. 13 Sing to the LORD; praise the
LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 6 verses 1b to 11.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go
on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into
his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have
been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We
know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no
longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we
believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life
he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ
Jesus.

Matthew 10. 24-39

24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the
master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher,
and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of
the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those
of his household! 26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is
covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret
that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark,
tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from
the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both
soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a
penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from
your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all
counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than
many sparrows. 32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me
before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in
heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will
deny before my Father in heaven.

2nd July Vigil for St Thomas (Patronal Festival Mass)

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Habakkuk Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. [2]Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. [3]For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. [4]Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22 and17 to 18.

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20]built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

John 20.24-29

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

9th July Trinity 4

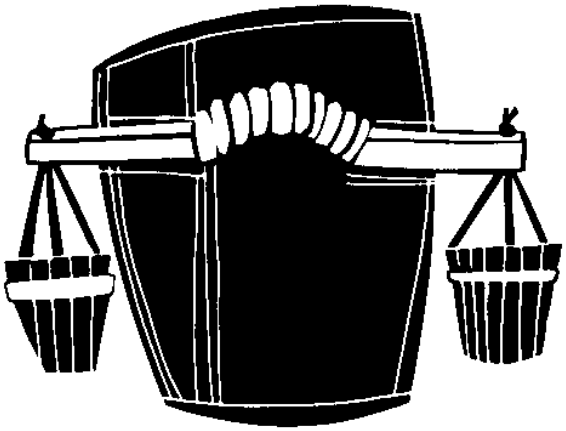
2017

The first reading is from the prophet Zechariah Chapter 9 verses 9 to 12

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 7 verses 20 to 25a

20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!



Matthew 11.16-19 & 25-30

16 "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

16th July Trinity 5

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 10 to 13

10For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered
the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11so shall my
word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands. 13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it
shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 1 to 6 &11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit of
life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with
sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who
walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set
their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the
things of the Spirit. 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and
peace.
11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will
give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2Such
great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them many
things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he
sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6But when
the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they
withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up
and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9Let anyone with ears
listen!"

23rd July Trinity 6

2017

The first reading is from the Book of Wisdom Chapter 12 verses 13 and 16 to 19

13 For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that
you have not judged unjustly.
16 For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. 17
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any
insolence among those who know it. 18 Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. 19 Through
such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children
with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 18 to 23

18I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be
revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory
of the children of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while
we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Matthew 13.24-30

24He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but while
everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the
wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore
grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the
householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed
in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28He
answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do
you want us to go and gather them?' 29But he replied, 'No; for in
gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.
30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time
I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles
to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

30th July Trinity 7

2017

The first reading is from the First Book of Kings Chapter 3 verses 5 to 12

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give
you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and
you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am
only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your
servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for
who can govern this your great people?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to
him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your
enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your
word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like
you shall arise after you.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 26-30

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very
Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the
mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that
all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that
he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those
whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-52

31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed
in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has
grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so
that the birds of the air come and make nests in its
branches." 33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of
heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with
three measures of flour until all of it was leavened 44 "The
kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which
someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all
that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding
one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and
bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that
was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the
good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at
the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate
the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the
furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth. 51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every
scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of
his treasure what is new and what is old."

6th August Transfiguration of the Lord

2017

The first reading is from the Book of Daniel Chapter 7 verses 9 to 10 and 13 to 14

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as
snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten
thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he
came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and
kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The second reading is taken from the second letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 16 to 19

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from
God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my
Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we
were with him on the holy mountain.
19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a
lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his
brother John and led them up a high mountain, by
themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his
face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling
white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah,
talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good
for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings
here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This
is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to
him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground
and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched
them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8 And when they
looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As
they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them,
"Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has
been raised from the dead."

13th August Trinity 9

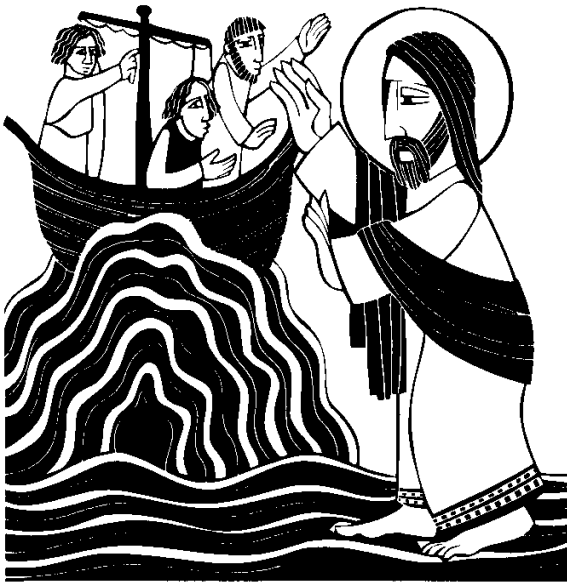
2017

The first reading is from the first Book of Kings Chapter 19 verses 9a and 11 to 13a

[9a]Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah. [11]He then said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; [12]and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. [13]When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 10 verses 5 to 15

[5]Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." [6]But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) [7]"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8]But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); [9]because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. [11]The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."
[12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. [13]For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." [14]But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? [15]And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



Matthew 14.22-33

[22]Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [23]And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24]but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. [25]And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. [26]But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. [27]But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." [28]Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." [29]He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. [30]But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" [31]Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" [32]When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33]And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2017

The first reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 11 verses 19 to Chapter 12 verse 6 and 10

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and
there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
12.1 A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and
on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of
giving birth. 3 Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten
horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them
to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might
devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the
nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; 6 and the
woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be
nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his
Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before
our God.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 7

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2 I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to
them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all,
God blessed forever. Amen.

Luke 1.46-55

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the
lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will
call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for
me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his
arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and
lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and
sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made
to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

20th August Trinity 10

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 56 verses 1 & 6 to 8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
6And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— 7these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
8Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 11 verses 1 to 2a & 29 to 32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 29For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.21-28

21Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
22Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." 24He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

27th August Trinity 11

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 51 verses 1 to 6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you
were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. [2]Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who
bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. [3]For the LORD will
comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like
the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
[4]Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my
justice for a light to the peoples. [5]I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my
arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. [6]Lift up your eyes to the
heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like
a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance
will never be ended.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 12 verses 1 to 8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what
is good and acceptable and perfect. [3]For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think
of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the
measure of faith that God has assigned. [4]For as in one body we have many members, and not all the
members have the same function, [5]so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are
members one of another. [6]We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in
proportion to faith; [7]ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8]the exhorter, in exhortation; the
giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13-20

[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked
his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14]And they
said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15]He said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?" [16]Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son
of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon
son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my
Father in heaven. [18]And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. [19]I
will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on
earth will be loosed in heaven." [20]Then he sternly ordered the disciples
not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

3rd September Trinity 12

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 20 verses 7 to 9

7 O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I
have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I
must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and
derision all day long. 9 If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me
there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 12 verses 9 to 21

9 For this is what the promise said, "About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son." 10 Nor is that
all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor
Isaac. 11 Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of
election might continue, 12 not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger."
13 As it is written, "I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau."
14 What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will
have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So it
depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy. 17 For the scripture says to
Pharaoh, "I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be
proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of
whomever he chooses. 19 You will say to me then, "Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his
will?" 20 But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is molded say to the one
who molds it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of
the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use?

Matthew 16.21-28

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that
he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the
hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be
killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him
aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it,
Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he turned and
said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling
block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine
things but on human things."
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my
followers, let them deny themselves and take up their
cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their
life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake
will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the
whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in
return for their life? 27 "For the Son of Man is to come with
his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay
everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there
are some standing here who will not taste death before
they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

10th September Trinity 13

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 33 verses 7 to 9

7So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 13 verses 8 to 12

8Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
9The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself."
10Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
11Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Matthew 18.15-20

15"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

17th September Harvest Thanksgiving

2017

The first reading is from Deuteronomy Chapter 8 verses 7 to 18

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and
underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and
pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where
you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.
10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. 11 Take care
that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his
statutes, which I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and
live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all
that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible
wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint
rock, 16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to
test you, and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own
hand have gotten me this wealth." 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power
to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The second reading is from the St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 6 to 15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 He who
supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase
the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will
produce thanksgiving to God through us; 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of
the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you
glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your
sharing with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing
grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Luke 17.11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region
between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers
approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying,
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to
them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went,
they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated
himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then
Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where
are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God
except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your
way; your faith has made you well."

24th September Trinity 15

2017

The first reading is from the book of Jonah Chapter 3 verses 10 to Chapter 4 verse 11

10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the
calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.
But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is
not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I
knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready
to relent from punishing. 3And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die
than to live." 4And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"
5Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat
under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6The LORD God appointed a bush, and
made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was
very happy about the bush. 7But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked
the bush, so that it withered. 8When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down
on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die
than to live." 9But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes,
angry enough to die." 10Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not
labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11And should I not
be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand
persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 1 verses 21 to 27

21For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me;
and I do not know which I prefer. 23I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better; 24but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25Since I am convinced
of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26so that I
may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.
27Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or
am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with
one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Matthew 20.1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to
hire labourers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily
wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw
others standing idle in the marketplace; 4and he said to them, 'You also go into the
vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again
about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6And about five o'clock he went
out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here
idle all day?' 7They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also
go into the vineyard.' 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his
manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then
going to the first.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received
the usual daily wage. 10Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also
received the usual daily wage. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12saying, 'These last
worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the
scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for
the usual daily wage? 14Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am
I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16So the
last will be first, and the first will be last."

1st October Trinity 16

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 18 verses 1 to 4 and 29 to 32

The word of the LORD came to me: [2]What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of
Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? [3]As I live, says the
Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. [4]Know that all lives are mine; the life of the
parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.
[29]Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it
not your ways that are unfair?
[30]Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD.
Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. [31]Cast away from you all
the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!
Why will you die, O house of Israel? [32]For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD.
Turn, then, and live.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any
compassion and sympathy, [2]make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full
accord and of one mind. [3]Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as
better than yourselves. [4]Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. [5]Let
the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, [6]who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited, [7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born
in human likeness. And being found in human form, [8]he humbled himself and became obedient to the point
of death— even death on a cross. [9]Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is
above every name, [10]so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, [11]and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

Gospel Matthew 21.23-27

[23]When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the
elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and
said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and
who gave you this authority?" [24]Jesus said to them, "I will
also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I
will also tell you by what authority I do these things. [25]Did
the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human
origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say,
'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not
believe him?' [26]But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid
of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." [27]So they
answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them,
"Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these
things.

8th October Trinity 17

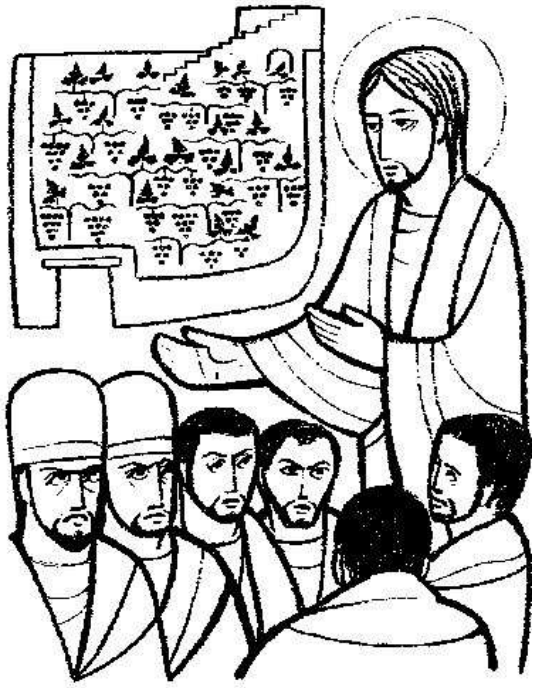
2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 5 verses 1 to 7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very
fertile hill. [2]He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the
midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. [3]And
now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. [4]What more was
there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield
wild grapes? [5]And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be
devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. [6]I will make it a waste; it shall not be
pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they
rain no rain upon it. [7]For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verses 6 to 9

[6]Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8]Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]Keep on doing the things
that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



Gospel Matthew 21.33-46

[33]"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who
planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in
it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and
went to another country. [34]When the harvest time had
come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his
produce. [35]But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one,
killed another, and stoned another. [36]Again he sent other
slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the
same way. [37]Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They
will respect my son.' [38]But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill
him and get his inheritance." [39]So they seized him, threw
him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40]Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those
tenants?" [41]They said to him, "He will put those wretches to
a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants
who will give him the produce at the harvest time." [42]Jesus
said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The
stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? [43]Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of
God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. [44]The one
who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." [45]When the
chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. [46]They
wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

15th October Trinity 17

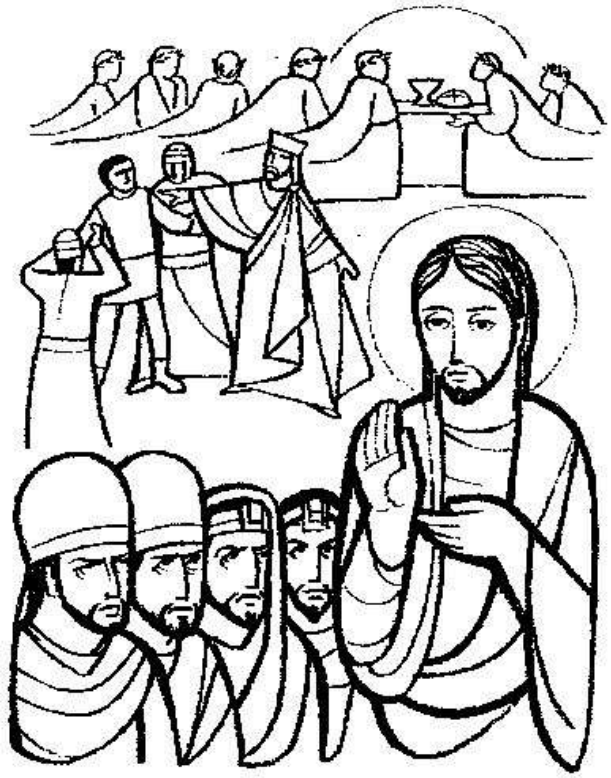
2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 25 verses 6 to 10a

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this
mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow
up death forever. 8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his
people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the
LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 10 For the hand of the LORD will
rest on this mountain.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verses 12 to 14 and 19 to 20

12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have
learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all
things through him who strengthens me. 14 In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. 19 And my
God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.



Gospel Matthew 22.1-10

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He
sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to
the wedding banquet, but they would not come.
4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who
have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner,
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready; come to the wedding
banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the
rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed
them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready,
but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore
into the main streets, and invite everyone you find
to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out
into the streets and gathered all whom they found,
both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled
with guests.

22nd October Trinity 19

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 45 verses 1 and 4 to 6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before
him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:
4For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though
you do not know me. 5I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though
you do not know me, 6so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is
no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

The second reading is from the St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 1 verses 1 to 5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace to you and peace.
2We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering
before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

Gospel Matthew 22.15-21

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in
what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you
are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with
truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not
regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"
18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you
putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the
coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.
20Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose
title?" 21They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to
them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are
the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

29th October Last Sunday of Trinity

2017

The first reading is from the book of Exodus Chapter 22 verses 21 to 27

21 You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. 22 You shall not
abuse any widow or orphan. 23 If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry;
24 my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your
children orphans.
25 If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you
shall not exact interest from them. 26 If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before
the sun goes down; 27 for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that
person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

The second reading is from the St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 2 verses 1 to 8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had
already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to
declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit
or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the
message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.
5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for
greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,
7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse
tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with
you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Matthew 22.34-40

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them,
a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher,
which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He
said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your
mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your
neighbour as yourself.' 40 On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together,
Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What do you think
of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him,
"The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then
that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 'The
Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put
your enemies under your feet'"? 45 If David thus calls
him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able
to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone
dare to ask him any more questions.

2nd November All Souls' Day Requiem Mass 7pm

2017

The first reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from the 1st letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4]and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5]who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
[6]In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, [7]so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8]Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, [9]for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel John 6.37-40

[37]Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; [38]for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. [39]And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. [40]This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

5nd November All Saints

2017

The first reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 7 verses 9 to 17

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is
seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to
our God forever and ever! Amen."
13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more, and thirst
no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes."

The second reading is from the St John's first letter Chapter 3 verses 1 to 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began
to speak, and taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted. 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled. 7"Blessed are the
merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8"Blessed are the pure
in heart, for they will see God. 9"Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you
when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

5th November – All Souls' Requiem Evensong 6.30pm

2017

The Old Testament Lesson is taken from the 12th Chapter of the book of Daniel beginning to read from verse 1.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
[2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
[3] And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The New Testament Lesson taken from the 4th chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians beginning to read from verse 13

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
[15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
[17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

12th November Remembrance Sunday

2017

The first reading is from Wisdom Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 to 18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel John 6.37-40

37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

19th November – Feast of St Cecilia

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Hosea Chapter 2 verses 14 to 15 and 19 to 20

The Lord says this:
14 Therefore, I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. 15 From there I will give her her vineyards, and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she shall respond as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.
19 And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. 20 I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the LORD.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 1 to 4 and 15b to 17

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
15b And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Luke 10.38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

26th November – Solemnity of Christ the King

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 34 verses 11 to 12 and 15 to 17

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds
seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue
them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek
the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but
the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
17 As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and
goats.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians Chapter 15 verses 20 to 26 and 28

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death
came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as
all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at
his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God
the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he
has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 28 When all things are
subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection
under him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Matthew 25.31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the
nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was
sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited
me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave
you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a
stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I
was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just
as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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3rd December Advent 1

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 64 verses 1 and 3 to 9

64.1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence. 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked
at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God
besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we
transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on
your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us
into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always
for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have
been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Gospel Mark 13.33-37

33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It
is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves
in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on
the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the
master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

10th December Advent 2

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 40 verses 1 to 6 and 9 to 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. [2]Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. [3]A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [4]Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. [5]Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." [6]A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

[9]Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" [10]See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11]He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The second reading is from St Peter's 2nd letter Chapter 3 verses 8 to 14

[8]But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. [9]The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. [10]But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

[11]Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, [12]waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? [13]But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. [14]Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish.

Gospel Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

[2]As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
[3]the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

[4]John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5]And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. [6]Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. [7]He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. [8]I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

17th December Advent 3

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 61 verses 1 to 2 and 10 to 11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; [2]to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

[10]I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. [11]For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 5 verses 16 to 24

[16]Rejoice always, [17]pray without ceasing, [18]give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. [19]Do not quench the Spirit. [20]Do not despise the words of prophets, [21]but test everything; hold fast to what is good; [22]abstain from every form of evil.

[23]May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24]The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel John 1.6-8 and 19-28

[6]There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7]He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. [8]He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

[19]This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" [20]He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." [21]And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." [22]Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" [23]He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. [24]Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. [25]They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" [26]John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, [27]the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." [28]This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

24th December Advent 4

2017

The first reading is from the second book of Samuel Chapter 7 verses 1 to 5 and 8 to 11 and 16.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2the
king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."
3Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."
4But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: 5Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are
you the one to build me a house to live in?
8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9and I have been with you wherever you went, and
have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones
of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own
place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11from the time that I
appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares
to you that the LORD will make you a house.
16Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 16 verses 25 to 27

25Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according
to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic
writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the
obedience of faith— 27to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Gospel Luke 1.26-38

26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a
town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27to a virgin engaged to a
man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The
virgin's name was Mary. 28And he came to her and said,
"Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." 29But she
was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort
of greeting this might be. 30The angel said to her, "Do not be
afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31And
now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and
you will name him Jesus. 32He will be great, and will be called
the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him
the throne of his ancestor David. 33He will reign over the
house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no
end." 34Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am
a virgin?" 35The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come
upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow
you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be
called Son of God. 36And now, your relative Elizabeth in her
old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month
for her who was said to be barren. 37For nothing will be
impossible with God." 38Then Mary said, "Here am I, the
servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your
word." Then the angel departed from her.

24th December Midnight Mass

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2 to 7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before
you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 6 For a
child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and
uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the
LORD of hosts will do this.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to Titus Chapter 2 verses 11 to 14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly
passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for
the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is
who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own
who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that
all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph
also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to
the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended
from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be
registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for
her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn
son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a
manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an
angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And
suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to
God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

25th December Christmas Day Mass

2017

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 verses 1 to 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

31st December The Holy Family

2017

The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 12 to 14

2 For the Lord honours a father above his children, and he confirms a mother's right over her children.
3 Those who honour their father atone for sins, 4 and those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure. 5 Those who honour their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they will be heard. 6 Those who respect their father will have long life, and those who honour their mother obey the Lord;
12 My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; 13 even if his mind fails, be patient with him; because you have all your faculties do not despise him.
14 For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and will be credited to you against your sins

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12 to 21

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.

Gospel Luke 2.22-24 and 39-40

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

7th January The Feast of the Epiphany (Christmas 2)

2018

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 60 verses 1 to 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.[2]For darkness shall
cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear
over you.[3]Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.[4]Lift up your eyes and
look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.[5]Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you.[6]A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba
shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 8 to 12

[2]Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,[3]and how the
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,[4]a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.[5]In former generations this mystery was
not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
[8]Although I, Paul, am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the
news of the boundless riches of Christ,[9]and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden
for ages in God who created all things;[10]so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.[11]This was in accordance
with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,[12]in whom we have access to God
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the
child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at
its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]'And
you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel.'" [7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and
learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8]Then
he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the
child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also
go and pay him homage."
[9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
[10]When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their
treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a
dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

14th January Epiphany 2 - The Baptism of the Lord

2018

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 42 verses 1 to 4 and 6 to 7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations. [2]He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
[3]a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth
justice. [4]He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the
coastlands wait for his teaching. [6]I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the
hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, [7]to open the eyes
that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 38

[34]Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, [35]but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36]You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38]how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

[13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized
by him. [14]John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be
baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15]But Jesus answered
him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all
righteousness." Then he consented. [16]And when Jesus had been
baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens
were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and alighting on him. [17]And a voice from heaven said, "This is
my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

21st January Epiphany 3

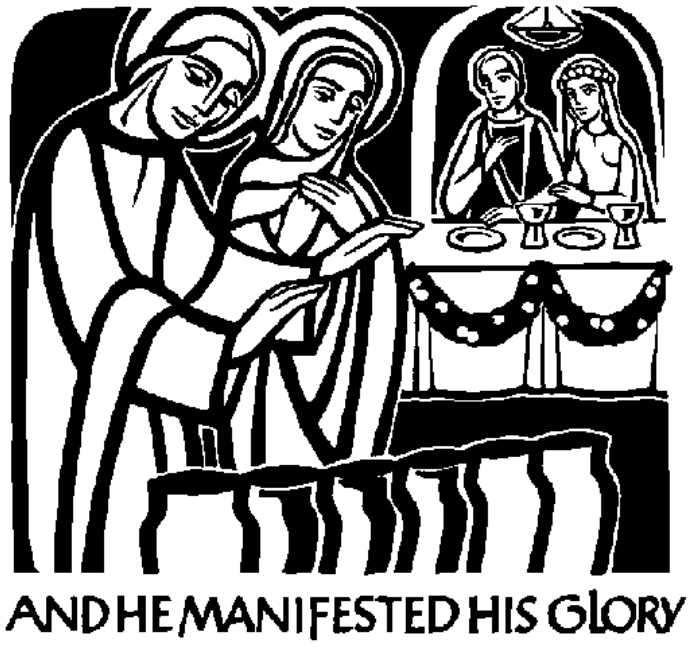
2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 14 verses 17 to 20

17 After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of
Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And King Melchizedek of
Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be
Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered
your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 19 verses 6 to 10

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the
sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us
rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made
herself ready; 8 to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen
is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are
invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." 10 Then I
fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with
you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the
spirit of prophecy."



Gospel: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana
of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.
2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to
the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the
mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no
wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what
concern is that to you and to me? My hour has
not yet come." 5 His mother said to the
servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now
standing there were six stone water jars for
the Jewish rites of purification, each holding
twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them,
"Fill the jars with water." And they filled them
up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw
some out, and take it to the chief steward." So
they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the
water that had become wine, and did not know
where it came from (though the servants who
had drawn the water knew), the steward called
the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after
the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his
signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

28th January Epiphany 4

2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 18 verses 15 to 20

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed
such a prophet. 16 This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly
when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will
die." 17 Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. 18 I will raise up for them a
prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall
speak to them everything that I command. 19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall
speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 20 But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods,
or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that
prophet shall die."

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 12 verses 1 to 5a

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on
her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of giving
birth. 3 Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and
seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the
earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour
her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations
with a rod of iron.

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath
came, he entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They
were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as
one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just
then there was in their synagogue a man with an
unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, "What have you to
do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to
destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of
God." 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and
come out of him!" 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing
him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.
27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one
another, "What is this? A new teaching—with
authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and
they obey him." 28 At once his fame began to spread
throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

4th February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

2018

The first reading is taken from the prophet Malachi Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts. [2]But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [3]he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. [4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years. [5]Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against
the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired
workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not
fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 14 to 18

[14]Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that
through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15]and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. [16]For it is clear that he did not come to help
angels, but the descendants of Abraham. [17]Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in
every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. [18]Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is
able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-32

[22]When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses, they brought him
up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord [23](as it
is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn
male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),
[24]and they offered a sacrifice according to what is
stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves
or two young pigeons." [25]Now there was a man in
Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was
righteous and devout, looking forward to the
consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on
him. [26]It had been revealed to him by the Holy
Spirit that he would not see death before he had
seen the Lord's Messiah. [27]Guided by the Spirit,
Simeon came into the temple; and when the
parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him
what was customary under the law, [28]Simeon took
him in his arms and praised God, saying, [29]"Master,
now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word; [30]for my eyes have seen
your salvation, [31]which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples, [32]a light for revelation to
the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

11th February Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

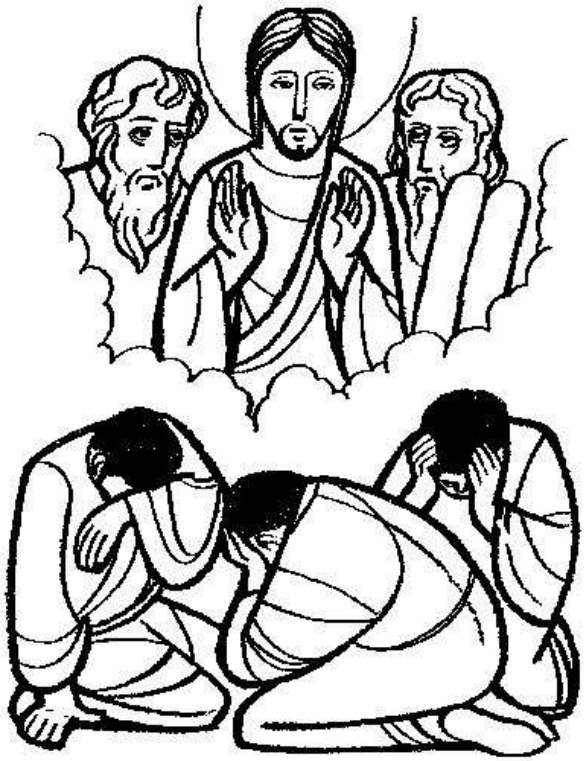
2018

The first reading is taken from the second book of Kings Chapter 2 verses 1 to 12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their
way from Gilgal. [2]Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said,
"As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3]The
company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today
the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." [4]Elijah said to him,
"Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you
yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. [5]The company of prophets who were at Jericho
drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from
you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." [6]Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has
sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So
the two of them went on. [7]Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance
from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8]Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and
struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on
dry ground.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 4 verses 3 to 6

[3]And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4]In their case the god of this world
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of
Christ, who is the image of God. [5]For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and
ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6]For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

[2]Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and
John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by
themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3]and
his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on
earth could bleach them. [4]And there appeared to them
Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. [5]Then
Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here;
let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah." [6]He did not know what to say, for
they were terrified. [7]Then a cloud overshadowed them,
and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son,
the Beloved; listen to him!" [8]Suddenly when they looked
around, they saw no one with them any more, but only
Jesus. [9]As they were coming down the mountain, he
ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen,
until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

14th February Ash Wednesday

2018

The first reading is taken from the prophet Joel Chapter 2 verses 12 to 17

12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 14 Who knows whether
he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the
LORD, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the
bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your
heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is
their God?'"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 20 to Chapter 6 verse 2

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.
6.1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At
an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the
acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6 & 16-18

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order
to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from
your Father in heaven. 2 "So whenever you give alms, do
not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in
the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be
praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received
their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your
left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that
your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And whenever you
pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to
stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street
corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell
you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever
you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray
to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you
16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the
hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show
others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil
on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who
is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

18th February Lent 1

2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 9 verses 8 to 17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and
your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic
animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant
with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a
flood to destroy the earth."
12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that
is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the
covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the
clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and
the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see
it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the
earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all
flesh that is on the earth."

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St Peter Chapter 3 verses 18 to 22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to
God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a
proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the
days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through
water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but
as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into
heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: Mark 1.9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up
out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit
descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.
13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he
was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.
14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and
believe in the good news."

25th February Lent 2

2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 17 verses 1 to 7 and 15 to 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God
Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. [2]And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will
make you exceedingly numerous." [3]Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,
[4]"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. [5]No longer
shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a
multitude of nations. [6]I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall
come from you. [7]I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout
their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.
[15]God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. [16]I
will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations;
kings of peoples shall come from her."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 4 verses 13 to 25

[13]For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through
the law but through the righteousness of faith. [14]If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs,
faith is null and the promise is void. [15]For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there
violation. [16]For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be
guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the
faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, [17]as it is written, "I have made you the father of many
nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into
existence the things that do not exist. [18]Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father
of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." [19]He did not
weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a
hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. [20]No distrust made him waver
concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, [21]being fully
convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. [22]Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as
righteousness."
[23]Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, [24]but for ours also. It will
be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25]who was handed over to
death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Mark 8.31-38

[31]Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief
priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise
again. [32]He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside
and began to rebuke him. [33]But turning and looking at his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan!
For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
human things."
[34]He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If
any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. [35]For those who want to
save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. [36]For what will
it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
[37]Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? [38]Those
who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and
sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed
when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

4th March Lent 3

2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 20 verses 1 to 17

Then God spoke all these words: [2]I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of slavery; [3]you shall have no other gods before me. [4]You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the
water under the earth. [5]You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a
jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those
who reject me, [6]but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep
my commandments. [7]You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD
will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. [8]Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. [9]Six days you
shall labour and do all your work. [10]But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not
do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien
resident in your towns. [11]For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.
[12]Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is
giving you. [13]You shall not murder. [14]You shall not commit adultery. [15]You shall not steal. [16]You shall not
bear false witness against your neighbour. [17]You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet
your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your
neighbour.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 18 to 25

[18]For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God. [19]For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of
the discerning I will thwart." [20]Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of
this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21]For since, in the wisdom of God, the world
did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save
those who believe. [22]For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, [23]but we proclaim Christ crucified,
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, [24]but to those who are the called, both Jews and
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25]For God's foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: John 2.13-22

[13]The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to
Jerusalem. [14]In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and
doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. [15]Making a
whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the
sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money
changers and overturned their tables. [16]He told those who were
selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my
Father's house a marketplace!" [17]His disciples remembered that it
was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." [18]The Jews
then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"
[19]Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I
will raise it up." [20]The Jews then said, "This temple has been under
construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three
days?" [21]But he was speaking of the temple of his body. [22]After he
was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had
said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus
had spoken.

11th March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 2 verses 1 to 10.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. [2]The woman conceived and bore a
son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. [3]When she could hide him no
longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. [4]His sister stood at a distance, to see what would
happen to him.
[5]The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river.
She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. [6]When she opened it, she saw the child.
He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. [7]Then his
sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the
child for you?" [8]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.
[9]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So
the woman took the child and nursed it. [10]When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter,
and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3 to 7.

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all
consolation, [4]who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any
affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. [5]For just as the sufferings of
Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. [6]If we are being afflicted, it
is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you
experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.
[7]Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our
consolation.

Gospel: John 19. 25-27

[25]And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing
near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's
sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
[26]When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he
loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman,
here is your son." [27]Then he said to the disciple, "Here is
your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her
into his own home.

18th March Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

2018

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 31 to 34.

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and
the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by
the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the
LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for
they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 5 verses 5 to 10.

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to
him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; 6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest
forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and
supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard
because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he
suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,
10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: John 12. 20-33

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the
festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was
from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to
see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew
and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the
earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it
bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and
those who hate their life in this world will keep it for
eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and
where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves
me, the Father will honour.
27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—
'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason
that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I
will glorify it again." 29 The crowd standing there heard it
and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has
spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come
for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this
world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all
people to myself." 33 He said this to indicate the kind of
death he was to die.

25th March Palm Sunday

2018

Gospel Reading for Palms ceremony outside Church Hall: Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two
of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you
will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are
you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]They went away
and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, [5]some of the bystanders
said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]They told them what Jesus had said; and they
allowed them to take it. [7]Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.
[8]Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the
fields. [9]Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
[11]Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it
was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 50 verses 4 to 7.

[4]The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a
word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. [5]The Lord GOD
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. [6]I gave my back to those who struck
me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. [7]The
Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know
that I shall not be put to shame.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11.

[6]Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
[7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, [8]he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. [9]Therefore
God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, [10]so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion Narrative. (Mark 15.1-39)

Dramatis personæ:

- Mark: *the narrator*
- Pilate
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- the Crowd: *the congregation*
- the Soldiers *x 2*
- Chief Priests *x 2*
- Bystander
- Centurion

Mark: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Mark: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You say so.

Mark: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Mark: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.
Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Mark: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Mark: They shouted back,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Mark: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Mark: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Mark: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Mark: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with

myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Mark: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Mark: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Mark: which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Mark: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Mark: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Mark: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

29th March Maundy Thursday Evening: *7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper* *inc. Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary, procession of the blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose where the Watch takes place.*

2018

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 12 verses 1 to 4 and 11 to 14.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2]This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. [4]If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [11]This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. [12]For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13]The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. [14]This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 11 verses 23 to 26.

[23]For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24]and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25]In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel: John 13. 1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper [3]Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, [4]got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. [5]Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. [6]He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7]Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8]Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." [11]For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." [12]After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? [13]You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. [14]So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15]For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

30th March Good Friday in the Lord's Passion: 3pm *Solemn Liturgy*

inc. Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

2018

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verse 13 to chapter 53 verse 12

13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human
semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their
mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not
heard they shall contemplate.
53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he
grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire
him. 3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one
from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4 Surely he has borne
our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that
made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the
slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion
of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and
there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you
make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of
the LORD shall prosper. 11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because
he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 verses 14 to 16, and chapter 5 verses 7 to 9.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been
made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: The Passion Narrative. (John 18.1 to 19.end)

Dramatis personæ:

- John: *the narrator*
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- Soldiers
- the Chief Priests *:*
- Peter
- Pontius Pilate
- a Woman
- a Soldier
- a Slave

John: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
(John 18.1 – 19.end)

John: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: They answered,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus replied,

Jesus: I am he.

John: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: And they said,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

John: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

John: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

a Woman: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

John: Peter said,

Peter: I am not.

John: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming

himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

John: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

a Soldier: Is that how you answer the high priest?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

John: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Soldiers and Slaves: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

John: Peter denied it and said,

Peter: I am not.

John: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

a Slave: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

John: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

John: They answered,

Chief Priests: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

John: The Jews replied,

Chief Priests: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

John: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

John: Pilate replied,

Pilate: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: So you are a king?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: What is truth?

John: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate: I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

John: They shouted in reply,

Chief Priests: Not this man, but Barabbas!

John: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

John: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

John: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Here is the man!

John: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Chief Priests and Soldiers: Crucify him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

John: The Jews answered him,

Chief Priests: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

John: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

John: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

John: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

John: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Chief Priests: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

John: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

Pilate: Here is your King!

John: They cried out,

Chief Priests: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

John: The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests: We have no king but the emperor.

John: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called

Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

John: Pilate answered,

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

John: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

John: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

John: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

John: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

John: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: It is finished.

John: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

1st April Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection

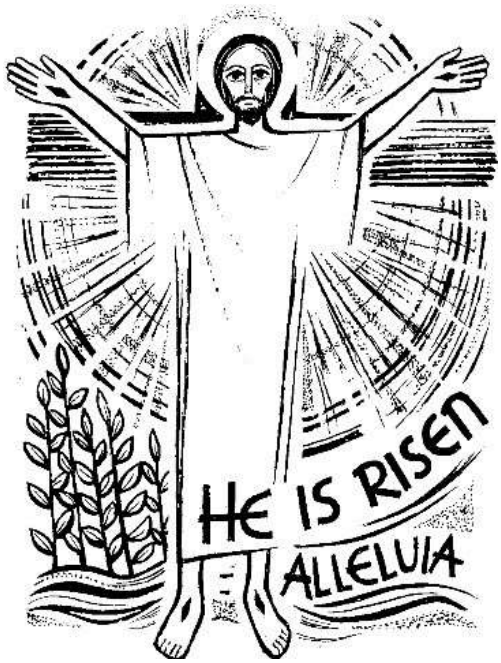
2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 43.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to
testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify
about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 6 to 8.

6 Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?
7 Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal
lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast
of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



Mark 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the
mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might
go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been
saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 When they looked up, they
saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been
rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,
dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were
alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are
looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been
raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.
7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you
to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8 So they
went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement
had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were
afraid.

8th April Easter 2

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 4 verses 32 to 35.

[32]Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. [33]With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34]There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. [35]They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 5 verses 1 to 6.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. [2]By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. [3]For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, [4]for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. [5]Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

[6]This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 20.19-31

[19]When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [20]After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21]Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22]When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." [30]Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31]But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

15th April Easter 3

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 3 verses 12 to 19.

12When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you
stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God
of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed
over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the
Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life,
whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has
made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this
perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did
also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah
would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 3 verses 1 to 7.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to
take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen
him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous,
just as he is righteous.

Luke 24.36b-48

36bJesus himself stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." 37They were startled and
terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
38He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why
do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and
my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a
ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I
have." 40And when he had said this, he showed them
his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were
disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have
you anything here to eat?" 42They gave him a piece of
broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.
44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I
spoke to you while I was still with you—that
everything written about me in the law of Moses, the
prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he
opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and
he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is
to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.

22nd April Easter 4

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 4 verses 5 to 12.

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest,
Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the
prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then
Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today
because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let
it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health
by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This
Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' 12 There is
salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must
be saved."

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 3 verses 16 to 24.

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one
another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in
need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him
20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.
21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him
whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.
23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one
another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in
them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10.11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand,
who is not the shepherd and does not own the
sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep
and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and
scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my
own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and
I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the
sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to
this fold. I must bring them also, and they will
listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one
shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up
again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down
of my own accord. I have power to lay it down,
and I have power to take it up again. I have
received this command from my Father."

29th April Easter 5

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 9 verses 26 to 31.

26 When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for
they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and
described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus
he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking
boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill
him. 30 When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.
31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the
fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 4 verses 7 to 21.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed
among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is
love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if
we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in
him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God
abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and
believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God
abides in them.
17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as
he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do
with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved
us. 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a
brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment
we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He
removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every
branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have
spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the
branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you
are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear
much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch
and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the
fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in
you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and
become my disciples.

6th May Easter 6

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 44 to 48.

44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised
believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out
even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47"Can
anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several
days.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 5 verses 1 to 6.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent
loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his
commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments
are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that
conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God?
6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water
and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15.9-17

9As the Father has loved me, so I have loved
you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my
commandments, you will abide in my love, just
as I have kept my Father's commandments and
abide in his love. 11I have said these things to
you so that my joy may be in you, and that your
joy may be complete. 12"This is my
commandment, that you love one another as I
have loved you. 13No one has greater love than
this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
14You are my friends if you do what I command
you. 15I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know what the
master is doing; but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you everything
that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not
choose me but I chose you. And I appointed
you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so
that the Father will give you whatever you ask
him in my name. 17I am giving you these
commands so that you may love one another.

10th May Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 1 to 11.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning [2]until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3]After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. [4]While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; [5]for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7]He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. [8]But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9]When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10]While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11]They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 1 verses 17 to 23.

[17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 24.44-53

[44]Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." [45]Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, [46]and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48]You are witnesses of these things. [49]And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

[50]Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. [51]While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. [52]And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; [53]and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

13th May Sunday after the Ascension

2018

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 15 to 17 and 21 to 26.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred
twenty persons) and said, 16 "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David
foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— 17 for he was numbered
among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."
21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out
among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these
must become a witness with us to his resurrection." 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who
was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart.
Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from
which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias;
and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 5 verses 9 to 13.

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he
has testified to his Son.
10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in
God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And
this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the
name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17.6-19

6 "I have made your name known to those whom you
gave me from the world. They were yours, and you
gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now
they know that everything you have given me is from
you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to
them, and they have received them and know in truth
that I came from you; and they have believed that you
sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking
on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom
you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are
yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in
them.
11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in
the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,
protect them in your name that you have given me, so
that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was
with them, I protected them in your name that you
have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that
the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that
they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has
hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking
you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong
to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them
into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20th May Pentecost

2018

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.[2]And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting.[3]Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.[4]All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.[6]And at this sound the
crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
each.[7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?[8]And how is it that
we hear, each of us, in our own native language?[9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,[11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8 verses 22 to 27.

[22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; [23]and not only the
creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very
Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. [27]And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the
mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15

[26]"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you
from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the
Father, he will testify on my behalf. [27]You also are to
testify because you have been with me from the
beginning.
16[4b] "I did not say these things to you from the
beginning, because I was with you. [5]But now I am going
to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where
are you going?' [6]But because I have said these things to
you, sorrow has filled your hearts.
[7]Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage
that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will
not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [8]And
when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin
and righteousness and judgment: [9]about sin, because they
do not believe in me; [10]about righteousness, because I am
going to the Father and you will see me no longer;
[11]about judgment, because the ruler of this world has
been condemned. [12]"I still have many things to say to
you, but you cannot bear them now. [13]When the Spirit of
truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he
will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are
to come. [14]He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15]All that the Father
has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

27th May Trinity Sunday

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 6 verses 1 to 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe
filled the temple. [2]Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their
faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. [3]And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." [4]The pivots on the thresholds
shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
[5]And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips;
yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" [6]Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live
coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. [7]The seraph touched my mouth with it and
said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." [8]Then I
heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I;
send me!"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8 verses 12 to 17.

[12]So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— [13]for if you
live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will
live. [14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. [15]For you did not receive a spirit of
slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16]it
is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
[17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that
we may also be glorified with him.

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
[2]He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that
you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do
these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." [3]Jesus
answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of
God without being born from above." [4]Nicodemus said to him,
"How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a
second time into the mother's womb and be born?" [5]Jesus
answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of
God without being born of water and Spirit. [6]What is born of the
flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7]Do not be
astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' [8]The
wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you
do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with
everyone who is born of the Spirit." [9]Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" [10]Jesus answered
him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? [11]"Very truly, I tell you, we
speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. [12]If I have
told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly
things? [13]No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
[14]And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15]that
whoever believes in him may have eternal life. [16]"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. [17]"Indeed, God did not send
the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

3rd June Votive for Corpus Christi (Trinity 1)

2018

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 14 verses 18 to 20

18 And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. 19 He
blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be
God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of
everything.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 11 verses 23 to 26.

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was
betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is
for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This
cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as
often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 6.51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this
bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is
my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this
man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life
in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I
will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is
true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in
them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so
whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down
from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the
one who eats this bread will live forever."

10th June S. Barnabas

2018

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 11 verses 20 to 26

20 [There] were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also,
proclaiming the Lord Jesus. 21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers
and turned to the Lord. 22 News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas
to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain
faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.
And a great many people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and
when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the
church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called
"Christians."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians chapter 2 verses 1 to 2 and 9-10.

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went
up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the
acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not
running, or had not run, in vain.

9 When James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged
pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave
to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we
should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 They
asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was
actually what I was eager to do.

John 15.12-17

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have
loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's
life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I
command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because
the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have
called you friends, because I have made known to you everything
that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I
chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that
will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in
my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love
one another.

17th June Trinity 3

2018

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 17 verses 22 to 24

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will
break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty
mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear
fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind. 24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the
high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have
spoken; I will accomplish it.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 5 verses 6 to 8 and 14 to 17.

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away
from the Lord - 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be
away from the body and at home with the Lord.
14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have
died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died
and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if
anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become
new!

Mark 4.26-34

26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter
seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and
the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The
earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full
grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in
with his sickle, because the harvest has come."
30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or
what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which,
when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on
earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of
all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air
can make nests in its shade."
33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they
were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables,
but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

24th June Birth of John the Baptist

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 40 verses 1 to 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. [2]Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. [3]A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [4]Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. [5]Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." [6]A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. [7]The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. [8]The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.
[9]Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" [10]See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11]He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians chapter 3 verses 23 to 29.

[23]Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. [24]Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. [25]But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, [26]for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. [27]As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. [28]There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. [29]And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 1.57-66, 80

[57]Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. [58]Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. [59]On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. [60]But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." [61]They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." [62]Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. [63]He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. [64]Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. [65]Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. [66]All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.
[80]The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

1st July Ss. Peter & Paul

2018

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 12 verses 1 to 11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. [2]He had James, the
brother of John, killed with the sword. [3]After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter
also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) [4]When he had seized him, he put him in prison and
handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the
Passover.
[5]While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. [6]The very night before Herod
was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards
in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. [7]Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a
light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains
fell off his wrists. [8]The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he
said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." [9]Peter went out and followed him; he did not
realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. [10]After
they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It
opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the
angel left him. [11]Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and
rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to Timothy chapter 4 verses 6 to 8 and17 to 18.

[6]As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7]I have
fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8]From now on there is reserved for me
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to
me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
[17]But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully
proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18]The Lord will
rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.

Matthew 16.13-19

[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of
Man is?" [14]And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but
others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." [15]He said to them, "But who do you say that I
am?" [16]Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son
of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. [18]And I tell
you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. [19]I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

8th July Votive for St Thomas (Patronal Festival Mass)

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Habakkuk Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. [2]Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. [3]For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. [4]Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22.

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20]built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

John20.24-29

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

15th July John Keble

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 6 verses 1 to 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe
filled the temple. [2]Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their
faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. [3]And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." [4]The pivots on the thresholds
shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
[5]And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips;
yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" [6]Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live
coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. [7]The seraph touched my mouth with it and
said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." [8]Then I
heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I;
send me!"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 3 verses 9 to 11.

[9]For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. [10]According to the grace
of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each
builder must choose with care how to build on it.
[11]For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10.24-33

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; [25]it
is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the
master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how
much more will they malign those of his household! [26]"So have no fear
of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and
nothing secret that will not become known. [27]What I say to you in the
dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the
housetops. [28]Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the
soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29]Are
not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the
ground apart from your Father. [30]And even the hairs of your head are
all counted. [31]So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many
sparrows. [32]"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others,
I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; [33]but whoever
denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

22nd July S. Mary Magdalene

2018

The first reading is from the Song of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 4

Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but
he gave no answer. [2]"I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him
whom my soul loves." I sought him, but found him not. [3]The sentinels found me, as they went about in the
city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?" [4]Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my
soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the
chamber of her that conceived me.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 5 verses 14 to 17.

[14]For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have
died. [15]And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died
and was raised for them.
[16]From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew
Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. [17]So if anyone is in Christ, there is
a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

John 20.1-2 & 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone
had been removed from the tomb. [2]So she ran and went to
Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus
loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of
the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept,
she bent over to look into the tomb; [12]and she saw two
angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been
lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. [13]They said
to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them,
"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where
they have laid him." [14]When she had said this, she turned
around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know
that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you
weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be
the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will
take him away." [16]Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which
means Teacher). [17]Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your
God.'" [18]Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them
that he had said these things to her.

29th July Trinity 9

2018

The first reading is from the second book of Kings Chapter 4 verses 42 to 44

42A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of
barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." 43But his
servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let
them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" 44He set it before them, they ate, and
had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 14 to 21.

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth
takes its name. 16I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be
strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17and that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18I pray that you may have the power to
comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the
love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20Now to
him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or
imagine, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

John 6.1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2A large crowd
kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain
and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When he
looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for
these people to eat?" 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip
answered him, "Six months' wages would not
buy enough bread for each of them to get a
little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon
Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy
here who has five barley loaves and two fish.
But what are they among so many people?"
10Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now
there was a great deal of grass in the place; so
they sat down, about five thousand in all.
11Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had
given thanks, he distributed them to those who
were seated; so also the fish, as much as they
wanted. 12When they were satisfied, he told his
disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so
that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered
them up, and from the fragments of the five
barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they
filled twelve baskets. 14When the people saw
the sign that he had done, they began to say,
"This is indeed the prophet who is to come
into the world."
15When Jesus realized that they were about to
come and take him by force to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

5th August Transfiguration of the Lord

2018

The first reading is from the Book of Daniel Chapter 7 verses 9 to 10 and 13 to 14

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as
snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten
thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he
came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and
kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The second reading is taken from the second letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 16 to 19

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from
God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my
Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we
were with him on the holy mountain.
19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a
lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Luke 9.28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings
Jesus took with him Peter and John and
James, and went up on the mountain to
pray. 29 And while he was praying, the
appearance of his face changed, and his
clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly
they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking
to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were
speaking of his departure, which he was
about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now
Peter and his companions were weighed
down with sleep; but since they had stayed
awake, they saw his glory and the two men
who stood with him. 33 Just as they were
leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for
you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud
came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud
came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was
found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

12th August Trinity 11

2018

The first reading is from the first book of Kings Chapter 19 verses 4 to 8.

4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom
tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my
ancestors." 5Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and
said to him, "Get up and eat." 6He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar
of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him,
and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." 8He got up, and ate and drank;
then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 25 to Chapter 5 verse 2

25So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of
one another. 26Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and do not make
room for the devil. 28Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their
own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who
hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of
redemption. 31Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together
with all malice, 32and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has
forgiven you. 5.1Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2and live in love, as Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6.35 & 41-51

35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me
will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
41Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am
the bread that came down from heaven." 42They were saying, "Is not
this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How
can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43Jesus answered
them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44No one can come to me
unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person
up on the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be
taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father
comes to me. 46Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one
who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47Very truly, I tell you,
whoever believes has eternal life. 48I am the bread of life. 49Your
ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50This is the
bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and
not die. 51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever
eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the
life of the world is my flesh."

19th August Trinity 12

2018

The first reading is from the first book of Kings Chapter 2 verses 10 to 12 and chapter 3 verses 3 to 14.

10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. 11 The time that David reigned
over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.
12 So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
3 Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense
at the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place;
Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.
5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give
you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and
you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am
only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your
servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for
who can govern this your great people?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to
him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your
enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your
word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like
you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no
other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my
commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5 verses 15 to 20.

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because
the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk
with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the
Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6. 51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever
eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give
for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed
among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh
to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless
you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you
have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my
blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those
who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the
Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the
bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your
ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread
will live forever."

26th August Vigil for St Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo

2018

The first reading is from the Book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 2 verses 7 to 13

7You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; do not turn aside, for fear you fall. 8You who fear the Lord, trust him, and you will not be robbed of your reward.9You who fear the Lord, hope for those good gifts of his, everlasting joy and mercy.10Look at the generations of old and see: whoever trusted in the Lord and was put to shame? Or whoever, steadfastly fearing him, was forsaken? Or whoever called to him and was ignored?11For the Lord is compassionate and merciful, he forgives sins and saves in the time of distress. 12Woe to faint hearts and listless hands, and to the sinner who treads two paths.13Woe to the listless heart that has no faith, for such will have no protection.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 1 verses 26 to 31

26Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel Matthew 25.14-30

14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

2nd September Trinity 14

2018

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 4 verses 1 and 2 and 6 to 9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may
live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2You must
neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments
of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. 6You must observe them diligently, for this will show
your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this
great nation is a wise and discerning people!" 7For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the
LORD our God is whenever we call to him? 8And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as
just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as
neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of
your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The second reading is taken from the letter of St James Chapter 1 verses 17 to 22.

17Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of
lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfillment of his own purpose he
gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for
your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank
growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your
souls. 22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Mark 7.1-8 and 20-21a

Now when the Pharisees and some of the
scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered
around him, 2they noticed that some of his
disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is,
without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and
all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly
wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of
the elders; 4and they do not eat anything from
the market unless they wash it; and there are
also many other traditions that they observe, the
washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5So
the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why
do your disciples not live according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled
hands?" 6He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied
rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
'This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
7in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'
8You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."
20And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. 21For it is from within, from the human heart,
that evil intentions come.

9th September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Micah Chapter 5 verses 1to 4

Now you are walled around with a wall; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek. [2]But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. [3]Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. [4]And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 18 to 30

[18]I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. [19]For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; [20]for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21]that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; [23]and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. [27]And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. [28]We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. [29]For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. [30]And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Matthew 1.18-23

[18]Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [19]Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. [20]But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21]She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." [22]All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: [23]"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

16th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross

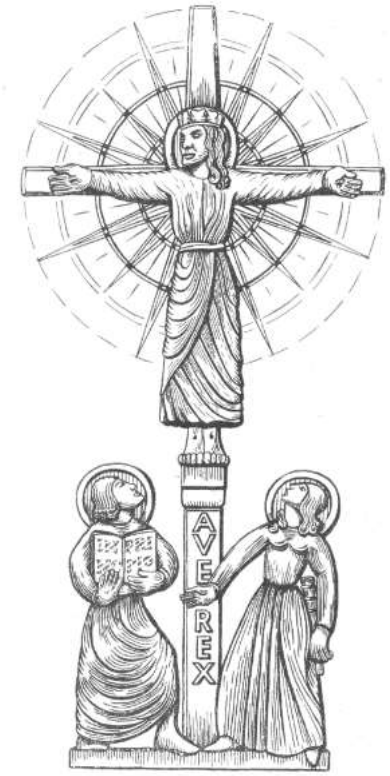
2018

The first reading is from Numbers Chapter 21 verses 4 to 9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people
became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought
us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this
miserable food." 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so
that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the
LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the
people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who
is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and
whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9 Therefore
God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel John 3.13-17

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended
from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that
whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved
the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not
send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.

23rd September Trinity 17

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 11 verses 18 to 20

18 It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. 19 But I was
like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes,
saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name
will no longer be remembered!" 20 But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and
the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The second reading is from the letter of St James Chapter 3 verses 13 to Chapter 4 verses 3 and 7 to 8a.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with
gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be
boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual,
devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every
kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and
good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for
those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not
come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2 You want something and do not have it; so you
commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.
You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order
to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will
flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9.30-37

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not
want anyone to know it; 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying
to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and
they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise
again." 32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were
afraid to ask him.
33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house
he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" 34 But
they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another
who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to
them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant
of all." 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and
taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

30th September Harvest Thanksgiving

2018

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 26 verses 1 to 4 and verse 11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and
you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you
harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the
place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3You shall go to the priest who is in
office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land
that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and
sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 11… you, together with the priests and all who reside
among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 9

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord
is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is
any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9Keep on doing the things
that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel John 6.30-35

30[Those following Jesus] said to him, "What sign are you
going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe
you? What work are you performing? 31Our ancestors
ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave
them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32Then Jesus said to
them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave
you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives
you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to
the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread
always." 35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

7th October Trinity 19

2018

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 2 verses 18 to 24.

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his
partner." 19 So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air,
and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living
creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every
animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.
21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and
closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a
woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my
flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." 24 Therefore a man leaves his
father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 5 to 12.

5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has
testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for
them? 7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory
and honour, 8 subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing
outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus,
who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the
suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory,
should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who sanctifies and
those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers
and sisters, 12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you."

Mark 10.2-16

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it
lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" 3 He answered them,
"What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses
allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to
divorce her." 5 But Jesus said to them, "Because of your
hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.
6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male
and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father
and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall
become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one
flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one
separate."
10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this
matter. 11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and
marries another commits adultery against her; 12 and if she
divorces her husband and marries another, she commits
adultery."
13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke
sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come
to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you,
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took them up
in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

14th October Trinity 20

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Amos Chapter 5 verses 6 to 7 and 10 to 15.

6 Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel,
with no one to quench it. 7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!
10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. 11 Therefore
because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. 12 For
I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous,
who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. 13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a
time; for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be with you, just as you have said. 15 Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be
that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 verses 12 to 16.

12 The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before
him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render
an account. 14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of
God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize
with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.
16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find
grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10.17-31

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt
before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to
inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me
good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the
commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit
adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You
shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" 20 He said to
him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus,
looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell
what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22 When he heard this,
he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many
possessions.
23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard
it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of
God!" 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But
Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the
kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye
of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 They were greatly astounded
and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is
impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."
28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you,
there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my
sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses,
brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal
life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

21st October Trinity 21

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 53 verses 4 to 12.

4Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down
by God, and afflicted. 5But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him
was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone
astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7He was
oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and
like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8By a perversion of justice he
was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people. 9They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the
rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
10Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall
see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. 11Out of his
anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant,
shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12Therefore I will allot him a portion with the
great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was
numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the
transgressors.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 5 verses 1 to 10.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he
himself is subject to weakness; 3and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for
those of the people. 4And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God,
just as Aaron was. 5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by
the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; 6as he says also in another place,
"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." 7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up
prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and
he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through
what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who
obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10.35-45

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and
said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask
of you." 36And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for
you?" 37And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right
hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38But Jesus said to them,
"You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the
cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am
baptized with?" 39They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to
them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism
with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my
right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for
whom it has been prepared."
41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to
them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them,
and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become
great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.
45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

28th October Ss. Simon & Jude

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 28 verses 14 to 16.

14 Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.
15 Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter'; 16 therefore thus says the Lord GOD, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: 'One who trusts will not panic.'

The second reading is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22.

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.[e] 21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

John 15.17-27

17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.
18 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause."
26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

2nd November All Souls' Day Requiem Mass 7pm

2018

The first reading is from the book of Lamentations Chapter 3 verses 17 to 26 & 31 to 33.

17 My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; 18 so I say, "Gone is my glory, and all that I
had hoped for from the Lord." 19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
20 My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I
have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." 25 The Lord is good to those who
wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. 26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the
Lord.
31 For the Lord will not reject forever. 32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love; 33 for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The second reading is from the first letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9.

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5who are being protected by the power of
God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7so that the
genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be
found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you have not seen
him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an
indescribable and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 5.19-25

19Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the
Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20The Father loves the Son and shows
him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be
astonished. 21Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to
whomever he wishes. 22The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, 23so that all may
honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour
the Father who sent him. 24Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me
has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. 25"Very truly, I tell
you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those
who hear will live.

4th November All Saints' Parish Mass 10am

2018

The first reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 9.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 21 verses 1 to 6a.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.[2]And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.[3]And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;[4]he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."[5]And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."[6]Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

John 11.32-44

[32]When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
[33]When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.[34]He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."[35]Jesus began to weep.[36]So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"[37]But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"[38]Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.[39]Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."[40]Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"[41]So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.[42]I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."[43]When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"[44]The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

4th November – All Souls' Requiem Evensong 6.30pm

2018

The Old Testament Lesson is taken from the 12th Chapter of the book of Daniel beginning to read from verse 1.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
[2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
[3] And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The New Testament Lesson taken from the 4th chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians beginning to read from verse 13

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
[15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
[17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

11th November – Remembrance Sunday All Age Eucharist: Requiem for the Fallen

2018

The first reading is from Wisdom Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 to 18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word
of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who
are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and
so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel John 6.37-40

37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my
own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is
the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last
day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who
see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life;
and I will raise them up on the last day."

18th November – Second Sunday before Advent

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Daniel Chapter 12 verses 1 to 3

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.[2]Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.[3]Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10 verses 11 to 14

[11]And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.[12]But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God,"[13]and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet."[14]For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Gospel Mark 13.1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"[2]Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

[3]When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,[4]"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"[5]Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray.[6]Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.[7]When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.[8]For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

25th November – Feast of Christ the King

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Daniel Chapter 7 verses 9 to 10 & 13-14

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as
snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning
fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten
thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he
came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and
kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 1 verses 4b to 8

4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits
who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the
ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us
to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his
account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel John 18.33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters
again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
"Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus
answered, "Do you ask this on your
own, or did others tell you about
me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am
I? Your own nation and the chief priests
have handed you over to me. What have
you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My
kingdom is not from this world. If my
kingdom were from this world, my
followers would be fighting to keep me
from being handed over to the Jews. But
as it is, my kingdom is not from
here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a
king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I
am a king. For this I was born, and for
this I came into the world, to testify to
the truth. Everyone who belongs to the
truth listens to my voice."

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2nd December Advent 1

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah chapter 33 verses 14 to16

14 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and
the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem
will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians chapter 3 verses 9 to 13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of
you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is
lacking in your faith.
11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord
make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the
coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations confused by the
roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from
fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for
the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will
see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and
great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place,
stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is
drawing near."
29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all
the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for
yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that the
kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation
will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass
away. 34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed
down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of
this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap.
For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole
earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the
strength to escape all these things that will take place, and
to stand before the Son of Man."

9th December Advent 2

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Malachi chapter 3 verses 1 to 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts.[2]But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;[3]he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness.[4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 1 verses 3 & 9 to 11

[3]I thank my God every time I remember you,[4]constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all
of you.
[9]And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight[10]to
help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,[11]having
produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of
Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and
Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,[2]during the high
priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.[3]He went into all the
region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins,[4]as it is written in the book of the
words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight.[5]Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and
the rough ways made smooth;[6]and all flesh shall see the salvation
of God.'"

16th December Advent 3

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah chapter 3 verses 14 to 20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter
Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The
king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16 On that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will
exult over you with loud singing 18 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will
not bear reproach for it. 19 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and
gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. 20 At that time I will
bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the
peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 4 verses 4 to 7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord
is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be
baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who
warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not
begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham
as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able
from these stones to raise up children to
Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is lying at the
root of the trees; every tree therefore that
does not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire." 10 And the crowds asked
him, "What then should we do?" 11 In reply he
said to them, "Whoever has two coats must
share with anyone who has none; and
whoever has food must do likewise." 12 Even
tax collectors came to be baptized, and they
asked him, "Teacher, what should we
do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than
the amount prescribed for you." 14 Soldiers also
asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats
or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."
15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one
who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to
gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So, with many other
exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

23rd December Advent 4

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Micah chapter 5 verses 2 to 5a

[2]But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for
me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.[3]Therefore he shall give
them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall
return to the people of Israel.[4]And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the
majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends
of the earth;[5]and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10 verses 5 to 10

[5]Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;[6]in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
[7]Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of
me)."[8]When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and
burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),[9]then he added, "See, I have
come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.[10]And it is by God's will that
we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1.39-45

[39]In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a
Judean town in the hill country,[40]where she entered
the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.[41]When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in
her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit[42]and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb.[43]And why has this happened to me, that the
mother of my Lord comes to me? [44]For as soon as I
heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my
womb leaped for joy.[45]And blessed is she who
believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord."

24th December Midnight Mass

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2 to 7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before
you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 6 For a
child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and
uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the
LORD of hosts will do this.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to Titus Chapter 2 verses 11 to 14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly
passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for
the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is
who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own
who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that
all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph
also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to
the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended
from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be
registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for
her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn
son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a
manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an
angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And
suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to
God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

25th December Christmas Day Mass

2018

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good
news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their
voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth
together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed
Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the
earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 verses 1 to 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he
has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the
worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all
things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty on high,
4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning
with God. 3All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has
come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light
of all people.
5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose
name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the
light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was
not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true
light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came
into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own
people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to
become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man,
but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a
father's only son, full of grace and truth.

30th December Holy Family Sunday (Christmas 1)

2018

The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 12 to 14

2 For the Lord honours a father above his children, and he confirms a mother's right over her children.
3 Those who honour their father atone for sins, 4 and those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure.5 Those who honour their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they will be heard.6 Those who respect their father will have long life, and those who honour their mother obey the Lord;
12 My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives;13 even if his mind fails, be patient with him; because you have all your faculties do not despise him.
14 For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and will be credited to you against your sins

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12 to 17

12As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Luke 2.22-24 and 39-40

22When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

6th January The Feast of the Epiphany

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 60 verses 1 to 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.[2]For darkness shall
cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear
over you.[3]Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.[4]Lift up your eyes and
look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.[5]Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you.[6]A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba
shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 8 to 12

[2]Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,[3]and how the
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,[4]a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.[5]In former generations this mystery was
not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
[8]Although I, Paul, am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the
news of the boundless riches of Christ,[9]and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden
for ages in God who created all things;[10]so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.[11]This was in accordance
with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,[12]in whom we have access to God
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the
child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at
its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]"And
you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel.'" [7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and
learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8]Then
he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the
child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also
go and pay him homage."
[9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
[10]When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their
treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a
dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

13th January The Baptism of the Lord

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 1 to 7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I
have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. [2]When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not
be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. [3]For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. [4]Because you are precious
in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
[5]Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather
you; [6]I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far
away and my daughters from the end of the earth— [7]everyone who is called by my name, whom I created
for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 8 verses 14 to 17

[14]Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter
and John to them. [15]The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit [16](for
as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord
Jesus). [17]Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

[15]As the people were filled with expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be
the Messiah, [16]John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you
with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am
not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. [17]His winnowing fork is in his hand, to
clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary;
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."
[21]Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had
been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, [22]and the
Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a
voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I
am well pleased."

20th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 62 verses 1 to 5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.[2]The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.[3]You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.[4]You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.[5]For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 verses 4 to 11

[4]Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;[5]and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;[6]and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.[7]To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.[8]To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,[9]to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,[10]to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.[11]All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. [2]Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. [3]When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." [4]And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." [5]His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." [6]Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7]Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. [8]He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. [9]When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom [10]and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." [11]Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

27th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Nehemiah chapter 8 verses 2 to 10

2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could
hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square
before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and
those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 4 The
scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; 5 And Ezra opened the book
in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the
people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen,"
lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the
people understood the reading.
9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the
people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the
people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and
drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to
our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 verses 12 to 14 & 27 to 31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are
one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one
member but of many.
27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church
first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of
assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all
teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
31a But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel: Luke 4.12-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit,
returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread
through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to
teach in their synagogues and was praised by
everyone. 16 When he came to Nazareth, where he
had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on
the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to
read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given
to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place
where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is
upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good
news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives and recovery of sight to the
blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the
year of the Lord's favour." 20 And he rolled up the
scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this
scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

3rd February- The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Malachi Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts. [2]But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [3]he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. [4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years. [5]Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against
the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired
workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not
fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 14 to 18

[14]Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that
through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15]and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. [16]For it is clear that he did not come to help
angels, but the descendants of Abraham. [17]Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in
every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. [18]Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is
able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-32

[22]When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses, they brought him
up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord [23](as it
is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn
male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),
[24]and they offered a sacrifice according to what is
stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of
turtledoves or two young pigeons."
[25]Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name
was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout,
looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and
the Holy Spirit rested on him. [26]It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would
not see death before he had seen the Lord's
Messiah. [27]Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into
the temple; and when the parents brought in the
child Jesus, to do for him what was customary
under the law, [28]Simeon took him in his arms and
praised God, saying, [29]"Master, now you are
dismissing your servant in peace, according to
your word; [30]for my eyes have seen your salvation,
[31]which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples, [32]a light for revelation to the Gentiles and
for glory to your people Israel."

10th February 4th Sunday before Lent

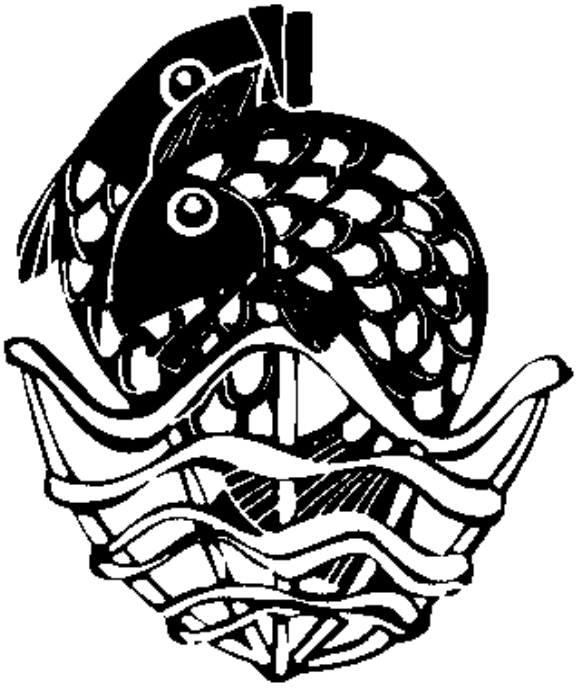
2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah chapter 6 verses 1 to 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe
filled the temple. [2] Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their
faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. [3] And one called to another and said:
'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
[4] The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with
smoke. [5] And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of
unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'
[6] Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. [7] The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has
departed and your sin is blotted out.' [8] Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and
who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 15 verses 1 to 8

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I, Paul, proclaimed to you, which
you in turn received, in which also you stand, [2] through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to
the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
[3] For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in
accordance with the scriptures, [4] and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in
accordance with the scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared
to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some
have died. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, he appeared also to me.



Gospel: Luke 5.3-10

[3] Jesus got into a boat belonging to Simon Peter,
and asked him to put out a little way from the
shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds
from the boat. [4] When he had finished speaking, he
said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let
down your nets for a catch.' [5] Simon answered,
'Master, we have worked all night long but have
caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the
nets.' [6] When they had done this, they caught so
many fish that their nets were beginning to
break. [7] So they signalled to their partners in the
other boat to come and help them. And they came
and filled both boats, so that they began to
sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at
Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I
am a sinful man!' [9] For he and all who were with
him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had
taken; [10] and so also were James and John, sons of
Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then
Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now
on you will be catching people.'

17th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah chapter 17 verses 5 to 10

5 Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when
relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed
are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the
year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? 10 I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 15 verses 12 to 20

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of
the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not
been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found
to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it
is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If
Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have
died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be
pitied.20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: Luke 6.17-23

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a
great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from
all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had
come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those
who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in
the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from
him and healed all of them.
20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.'
'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.22 'Blessed are
you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile
you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in
heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

2019

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis chapter 2 verses 4b to 9 and 15 to 17

4b In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5 when no plant of the field was yet in
the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the
earth, and there was no one to till the ground; 6 but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the
whole face of the ground— 7 then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed
into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden
in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the LORD God
made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of
the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And
the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 4 verses 1 and 6 to 11

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open!
Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and
behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature
with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living
creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing
they sing,
'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'
9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the
throne, who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the
throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,
11 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel: Luke 8.22-25

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them,
'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, 23 and
while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake,
and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. 24 They
went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are
perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging
waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, 'Where
is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another,
'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water,
and they obey him?'

3rd March Sunday before Lent

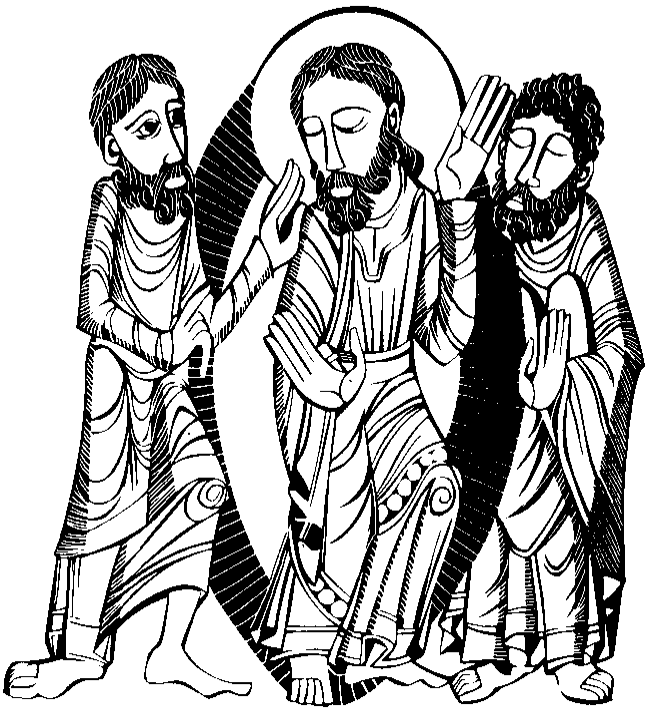
2019

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 34 verses 29 to 33

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the
covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with
God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid
to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned
to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in
commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking
with them, he put a veil on his face.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 3 verses 12 to 18

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face
to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds
were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is
still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies
over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the
Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory
to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.



Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus
took with him Peter and John and James, and went
up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was
praying, the appearance of his face changed, and
his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they
saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his
departure, which he was about to accomplish at
Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were
weighed down with sleep; but since they had
stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men
who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving
him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us
to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for
you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not
knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a
cloud came and overshadowed them; and they
were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then
from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my
Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice
had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept
silent and in those days told no one any of the
things they had seen.

6th March Ash Wednesday

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Joel Chapter 2 verses 12 to 18

12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 14 Who knows whether
he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the
LORD, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the
bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your
heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is
their God?'" 18 Then the LORD became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 20 to Chapter 6 verse 2

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.
6.1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At
an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the
acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6 & 16-18

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order
to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from
your Father in heaven. 2 "So whenever you give alms, do
not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in
the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be
praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received
their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your
left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that
your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And whenever you
pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to
stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street
corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell
you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever
you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray
to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you
16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the
hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show
others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil
on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who
is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

10th March Lent 1

2019

The first reading is taken from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 26 verses 4 to 10

4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your
God,5you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;
he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation,
mighty and populous.6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on
us,7we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our
toil, and our oppression.8The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;9and he brought us into this place and gave
us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.10So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,
O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD
your God.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 10 verses 8b to 13

8But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that
we proclaim);9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will be saved.10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one
confesses with the mouth and so is saved.11The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to
shame."
12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all
who call on him.13For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and
was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days
he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during
those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The
devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this
stone to become a loaf of bread." 4Jesus answered him, "It is
written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5Then the devil
led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of
the world. 6And the devil said to him, "To you I will give
their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to
me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship
me, it will all be yours." 8Jesus answered him, "It is written,
'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9Then
the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the
pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of
God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written, 'He
will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
11and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will
not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12Jesus answered him,
"It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13When the devil had finished every test, he
departed from him until an opportune time.

17th March Lent 2

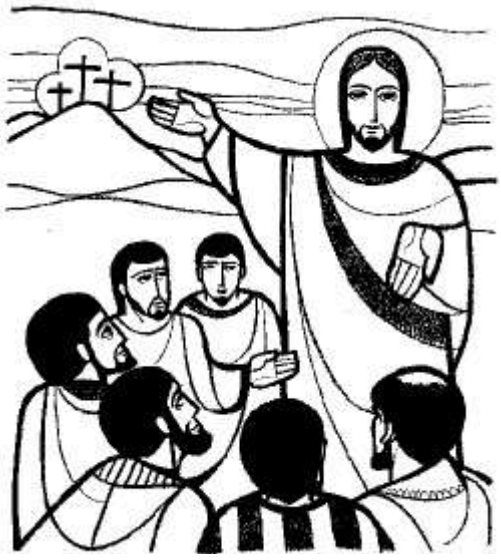
2019

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 15 verses 5 to 12 and 17 to 18

5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count
them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD
reckoned it to him as righteousness.
7 Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to
possess."8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"9 He said to him, "Bring me a
heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young
pigeon."10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did
not cut the birds in two.11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended
upon him.
17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between
these pieces.18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this
land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 3 verses 20 to chapter 4 verse 1

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus
Christ.21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in
this way, my beloved.



Gospel: Luke 13. 31-35

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get
away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to
them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out
demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the
third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next
day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet
to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the
city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!
How often have I desired to gather your children together as a
hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not
willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will
not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

24th March Lent 3

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 1 to 9

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come,
buy wine and milk without money and without price.[2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and
delight yourselves in rich food.[3]Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make
with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.[4]See, I made him a witness to the
peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.[5]See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and
nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for
he has glorified you.
[6]Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;[7]let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to
our God, for he will abundantly pardon.[8]For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my
ways, says the LORD.[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 10 verses 1 to 6 and 10 to 12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all
passed through the sea,[2]and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,[3]and all ate the same
spiritual food,[4]and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed
them, and the rock was Christ.[5]Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were
struck down in the wilderness.
[6]Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. [10]And do not
complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.[11]These things happened to them to
serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have
come.[12]So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

Gospel: Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told
him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled
with their sacrifices. [2]He asked them, "Do you think that
because these Galileans suffered in this way they were
worse sinners than all other Galileans? [3]No, I tell you;
but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. [4]Or
those eighteen who were killed when the tower of
Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse
offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5]No, I
tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as
they did."
[6]Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted
in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and
found none. [7]So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For
three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,
and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be
wasting the soil?' [8]He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one
more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. [9]If
it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you
can cut it down.'"

31st March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

2019

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.[2]The woman conceived and bore a
son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.[3]When she could hide him no
longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.[4]His sister stood at a distance, to see what would
happen to him.
[5]The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river.
She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.[6]When she opened it, she saw the child.
He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.[7]Then his
sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the
child for you?"[8]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's
mother.[9]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your
wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.[10]When the child grew up, she brought him to
Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him
out of the water."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3 to 7

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all
consolation,[4]who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any
affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.[5]For just as the sufferings of
Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.[6]If we are being afflicted, it
is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you
experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.
[7]Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our
consolation.

Gospel: John 19.25a-27

[25]And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile,
standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother,
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and
Mary Magdalene.[26]When Jesus saw his mother and
the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he
said to his mother, "Woman, here is your
son."[27]Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your
mother." And from that hour the disciple took her
into his own home.

7th April Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 16 to 21

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot
and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.19 I am about to do a new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The
wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the
desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might
declare my praise.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 3 verses 8 to 14

8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my
Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may
gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one
that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and
the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if
somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but
this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on
towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: **John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany,
the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the
dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha
served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with
him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of
pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with
her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the
perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the
one who was about to betray him), said, 5 'Why was
this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and
the money given to the poor?' 6 (He said this not
because he cared about the poor, but because he was
a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal
what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She
bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my
burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you
do not always have me.'

14th April Palm Sunday

2019

Gospel Reading for Palms ceremony outside Church Hall: John 12.12-16

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it
is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"
16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered
that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 50 verses 4 to 7

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a
word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not
been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11

6 Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even
death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

The Passion Narrative. (Luke 23.1-49)

Dramatis personæ:

- Luke: *the narrator*
- Priests x 2
- Pilate
- Crowd: *the congregation*
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- the Soldiers *x 2*
- Criminal 1
- Criminal 2
- Centurion

Luke: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Luke: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Luke: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Luke: But they were insistent and said,

Priests: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Luke: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)
Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!

Luke: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Luke: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Luke: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Luke: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Luke: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Luke: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

18th April Maundy Thursday

2019

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 12 verses 1 to 4 and 11 to 14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2] This month shall mark for you the beginning of
months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3] Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the
tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. [4] If a household is
too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in
proportion to the number of people who eat of it.
[11] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and
you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. [12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt that
night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the
gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13] The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses
where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike
the land of Egypt. [14] This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to
the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 23 to 26

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was
betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is
for[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me.' [25] In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' [26] For
as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel: John 13. 1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus
knew that his hour had come to depart from this
world and go to the Father. Having loved his own
who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
[2] The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas
son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during
supper [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all
things into his hands, and that he had come from
God and was going to God, [4] got up from the table,
took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around
himself. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and
began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them
with the towel that was tied around him. [6] He came
to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7] Jesus answered, "You do not
know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8] Peter said to him, "You will never wash my
feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9] Simon Peter said to him, "Lord,
not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10] Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need
to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." [11] For he knew
who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." [12] After he had washed their feet,
had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to
you? [13] You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. [14] So if I, your Lord and
Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have set you an
example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

19th April Good Friday in the Lord's Passion: 3pm *Solemn Liturgy*

inc. Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 13 to 53 verse 12

13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human
semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their
mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not
heard they shall contemplate.
53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he
grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire
him. 3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one
from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4 Surely he has borne
our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that
made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the
slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion
of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and
there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you
make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of
the LORD shall prosper.11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because
he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 verses 14 to 16, and chapter 5 verses 7 to 9.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been
made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: The Passion Narrative. (John 18.1 to 19.end)

Dramatis personæ:

- John: *the narrator*
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- Soldiers
- the Chief Priests *:*
- Peter
- Pontius Pilate
- a Woman
- a Soldier (Police)
- a Slave/s

John: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
(John 18.1 – 19.end)

John: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: They answered,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus replied,

Jesus: I am he.

John: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: And they said,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

John: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

John: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

a Woman: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

John: Peter said,

Peter: I am not.

John: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and

warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

John: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

a Soldier (Police): Is that how you answer the high priest?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

John: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Soldiers and Slaves: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

John: Peter denied it and said,

Peter: I am not.

John: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

a Slave: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

John: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

John: They answered,

Chief Priests: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

John: The Jews replied,

Chief Priests: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

John: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

John: Pilate replied,

Pilate: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: So you are a king?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: What is truth?

John: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate: I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

John: They shouted in reply,

Chief Priests: Not this man, but Barabbas!

John: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

John: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

John: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Here is the man!

John: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Chief Priests and Soldiers: Crucify him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

John: The Jews answered him,

Chief Priests: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

John: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

John: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

John: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

John: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Chief Priests: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

John: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

Pilate: Here is your King!

John: They cried out,

Chief Priests: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

John: The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests: We have no king but the emperor.

John: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

John: Pilate answered,

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

John: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

John: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

John: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

John: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

John: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: It is finished.

John: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever

been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

21st April Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection

2019

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 65 verses 17 to 20 and 24 to 25.

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall
not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I
am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of
weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few
days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed 24 Before they call I
will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion
shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my
holy mountain, says the LORD.

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 43.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to
testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify
about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel: **John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that
the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not
know where they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4
The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent
down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came,
following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had
been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other
disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not
understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb; 12 and she
saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at
the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw
Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you
weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have
carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She
turned and said to him in Hebrew,[b] 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold

on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

28th April Easter 2

2019

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 5 verses 27 to 32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,
28 saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your
teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' 29 But Peter and the apostles answered,
'We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom
you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that
he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is
the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 1 verses 4 to 8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us
from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be
glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the
Almighty.

Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day
of the week, and the doors of the house where
the disciples had met were locked for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and
said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the
disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21
Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When
he had said this, he breathed on them and said to
them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive
the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you
retain the sins of any, they are retained.'
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of
the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen
the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the
mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger
in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I
will not believe.'
26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were
shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your
finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28
Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have
seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But
these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that
through believing you may have life in his name.

5th May Easter 3

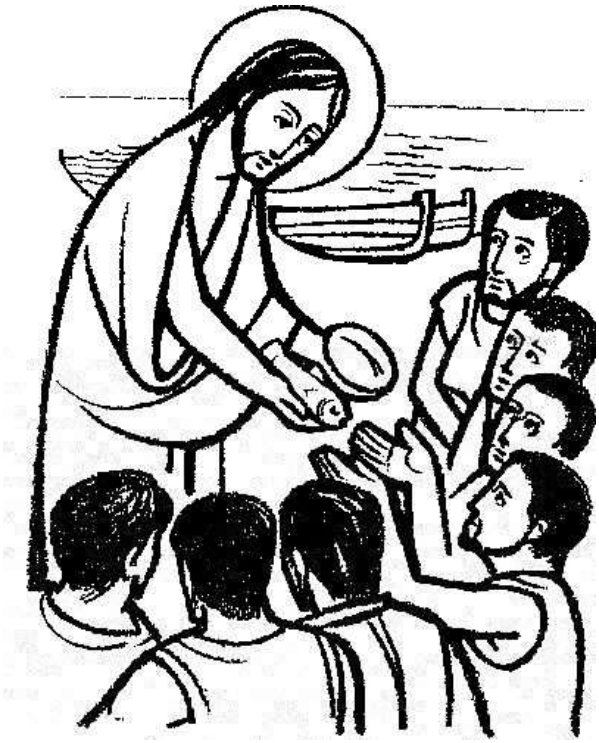
2019

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 9 verses 1 to 6

[1]Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest [2]and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. [3]Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [4]He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' [5]He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. [6]But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 5 verses 11 to 14

[11]Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12]singing with full voice,
'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'
[13]Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'
[14]And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.



Gospel: **John 21:1-14**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. [2]Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. [3]Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. [4]Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5]Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." [6]He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. [7]That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. [8]But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. [9]When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. [10]Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11]So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. [12]Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. [13]Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. [14]This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

12th May Easter 4

2019

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 9 verses 36 to 42

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted
to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they
laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there,
sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with
them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping
and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of
them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then
she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling
the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many
believed in the Lord.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 7 verses 9 to 12

9 After this I [John] looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around
the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to
our God forever and ever! Amen."

Gospel: **John 10.22-30**

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It
was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of
Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How
long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works
that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe,
because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I
know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will
never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my
Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out
of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

19th May Easter 5

2019

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 14 verses 21 to 27

21 After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to
Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. 22 There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and
encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the
kingdom of God." 23 And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting
they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. 24 Then they passed through Pisidia
and came to Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From
there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that
they had completed. 27 When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had
done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 21 verses 1 to 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the
sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the
home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God
himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and
crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on
the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are
trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and
the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel: John 13.31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man
has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If
God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in
himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am
with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I
said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going,
you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also
should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

26th May Easter 6

2019

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 16 verses 9 to 15

9During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come
over to Macedonia and help us." 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to
Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11We set sail from
Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12and from there to
Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city
for some days. 13On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was
a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14A certain woman
named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in
purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15When she and her
household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and
stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 21 verse 10 and 22 to chapter 22 verse 5

10And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem
coming down out of heaven from God. 11It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like
jasper, clear as crystal. 22I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the
Lamb. 23And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its
lamp is the Lamb. 24The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
25Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26People will bring into it the glory
and the honour of the nations. 27But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination
or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God
and of the Lamb 2through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life
with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing
of the nations. 3Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb
will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4they will see his face, and his name will be on their
foreheads. 5And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be
their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Come Holy Spirit

Gospel: **John 14.23-29**

23Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my
word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to
them and make our home with them. 24Whoever does not
love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear
is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.
25"I have said these things to you while I am still with you.
26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will
send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of
all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not
let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
28You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming
to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to
the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29And now I
have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does
occur, you may believe.

30th May Ascension Day

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The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 4 to 11.

4While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of
the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the
kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by
his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this,
as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and
they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 1 verses 17 to 23.

17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working
of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things
under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of
him who fills all in all.

Luke 24.44-53

44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke
to you while I was still with you—that everything written
about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the
psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he opened their minds to
understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, "Thus it
is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from
the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of
these things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my
Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have
been clothed with power from on high."
50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his
hands, he blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he
withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
52And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with
great joy; 53and they were continually in the temple
blessing God.

2nd June Easter 7 (Sunday after the Ascension)

2019

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 7 verses 55 to 60.

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the
right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right
hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then
they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a
young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had
said this, he died.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 22 verses 12 to 14, 16 to 17 and 20

12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha
and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14 Blessed are those who wash their
robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 16 "It is I, Jesus,
who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David,
the bright morning star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
20 The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

John 17.20-26

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of
those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that
they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in
you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe
that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me
I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,
23 I in them and you in me, that they may become
completely one, so that the world may know that you
have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved
me.
24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given
me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which
you have given me because you loved me before the
foundation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, the world
does not know you, but I know you; and these know that
you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them,
and I will make it known, so that the love with which you
have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

9th June Pentecost – Parade

2019

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.[2]And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting.[3]Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.[4]All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.[6]And at this sound the
crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
each.[7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?[8]And how is it that
we hear, each of us, in our own native language?[9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,[11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 14 to 17

[14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.[15]For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to
fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"[16]it is that very
Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,[17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 14.8-17

[8]Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will
be satisfied." [9]Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all
this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever
has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show
us the Father'? [10]Do you not believe that I am in the
Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to
you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells
in me does his works. [11]Believe me that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me
because of the works themselves.
[12]Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will
also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater
works than these, because I am going to the Father. [13]I will
do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may
be glorified in the Son. [14]If in my name you ask me for
anything, I will do it.
[15]"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16]And
I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Advocate, to be with you forever. [17]This is the Spirit of
truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither
sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he
abides with you, and he will be in you.

16th June The Most Holy Trinity

2019

The first reading is from Proverbs Chapter 8 verses 22 to 31

22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 5 verses 1 to 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16.12-15

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

23rd June Votive for Corpus Christi

2019

The first reading is from Genesis Chapter 14 verses 18 to 20

18And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.19He blessed him and
said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth;20and blessed be God Most High, who has
delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.

The second reading is from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 23 to 26

23For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed
took a loaf of bread,24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in
remembrance of me."25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in
my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the
cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 6.51-58

51I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread
will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
52The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his
flesh to eat?" 53So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh
and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me,
and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This
is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate,
and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

30th June Votive for St Thomas (Patronal Festival Mass)

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Habakkuk Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. [2]Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. [3]For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. [4]Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22.

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20]built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

John20.24-29

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

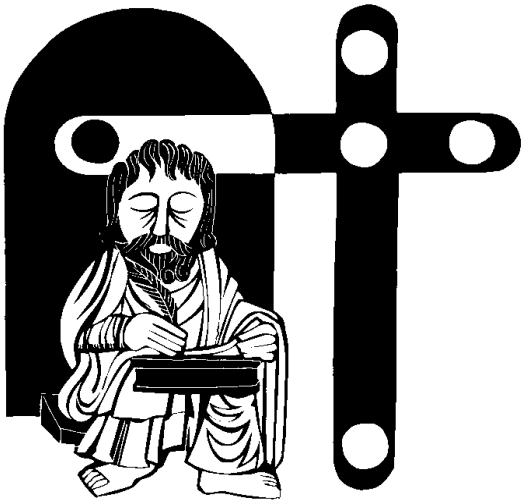
7th July Trinity 3

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 66 verses 10 to14

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.12 For thus says the LORD: I will extend
prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse
and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort
you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall
flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his
indignation is against his enemies.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 6 verses 7 to 16



7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap
whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap
corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will
reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do
not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let
us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the
family of faith.11 See what large letters I make when I am writing
in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good
showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be
circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the
cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey
the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may
boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has
been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither
circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation
is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace
be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Gospel: Luke 10.1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and
place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are
few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I
am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no
one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who
shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same
house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move
about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set
before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

14th July Trinity 4

2019

The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 30 verses 10 to14

10 When you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in
this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
11 Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far
away. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that
we may hear it and observe it?" 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the
other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 14 No, the word is very
near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The second reading is from Colossians Chapter 1 verses 15 to 20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all
things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things
hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so
that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to
dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love
the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your
mind; and your neighbour as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and
you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who
is my neighbour?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down
from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of
robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away,
leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going
down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on
the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to
the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But
a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he
saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and
bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on
them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to
an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out
two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take
care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you
whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do
you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the
hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed
him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

21st July Vigil for S. Mary Magdalene

2019

The first reading is from the Song of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 4

Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but
he gave no answer. [2]"I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him
whom my soul loves." I sought him, but found him not. [3]The sentinels found me, as they went about in the
city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?" [4]Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my
soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the
chamber of her that conceived me.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 5 verses 14 to 17.

[14]For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have
died. [15]And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died
and was raised for them.
[16]From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew
Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. [17]So if anyone is in Christ, there is
a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

John 20.1-2 & 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone
had been removed from the tomb. [2]So she ran and went to
Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus
loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of
the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept,
she bent over to look into the tomb; [12]and she saw two
angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been
lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. [13]They said
to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them,
"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where
they have laid him." [14]When she had said this, she turned
around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know
that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you
weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be
the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will
take him away." [16]Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which
means Teacher). [17]Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your
God.'" [18]Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them
that he had said these things to her.

28th July Trinity 6

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Hosea Chapter 11 verses 1 to 4 and verse 11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.[2] The more I called them, the more
they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.[3] Yet it was I who taught
Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.[4] I led them with
cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I
bent down to them and fed them.[11] They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from
the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The second reading is from Colossians Chapter 2 verses 12 to 14

[12] when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of
God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of
your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, [14] erasing the
record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4 & 10-12

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as
John taught his disciples." [2] He said to them, "When you
pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom
come.[3]Give us each day our daily bread. [4] And forgive us our
sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And
do not bring us to the time of trial."
[10] For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who
searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will
be opened. [11] Is there anyone among you who, if your child
asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? [12] Or if the
child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? [13] If you then, who
are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to
those who ask him!"

4th August Trinity 7

2019

The first reading is from the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 verses 2, 12 to 14 and Chapter 2 verses 18 to 23

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom
all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy
with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.
2.18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after
me 19 -and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled
and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair
concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom
and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity
and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For
all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is
vanity.

The second reading is from Colossians Chapter 3 verses 1 to 11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right
hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.
5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed
(which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These
are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your
mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and
have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of
its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel: Luke 12.13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to
him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or
arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them,
"Take care! Be on your guard against all
kinds of greed; for one's life does not
consist in the abundance of possessions."
16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of
a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he
thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I
have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he
said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns
and build larger ones, and there I will store
all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say
to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid
up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is
being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who
store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

11th August Trinity 8

2019

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 1 verses 1 to 6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your
shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I
continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'3 And Abram said, 'You have given me
no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the LORD came to him,
'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 He brought him
outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to
him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as
righteousness.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 11 verses 1 to 3 and 8 to 16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our
ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an
inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he
had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of
the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is
God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was
barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one
as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of
sand by the seashore.'
13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted
them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this
way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left
behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a
heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for
them.

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions,
and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear
out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes
near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.
35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like
those who are waiting for their master to return from the
wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him
as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves
whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell
you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat,
and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the
middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so,
blessed are those slaves.
39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at
what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

18th August Trinity 9

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 23 verses 23 to 29

23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I
cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. 25 I have heard what the
prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long?
Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of
their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one
another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the
dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with
wheat? says the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in
pieces?

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 11 verses 29 to chapter 12 verse 2

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted
to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven
days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had
received the spies in peace.
32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David
and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained
promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength
out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by
resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better
resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were
stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep
and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in
deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.
39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since
God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.
12.1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking
to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12.49-56

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were
already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized,
and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you
think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell
you, but rather division! 52 From now on, five in one
household will be divided, three against two and two against
three; 53 they will be divided:
father against son and son against father, mother against
daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against
her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-
law.' 54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud
rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain";
and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind
blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it
happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how
to interpret the present time?

25th August Vigil for St Bartholomew

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 8 to 13

8 Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
9 Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'10 You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. 12 I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.13 I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

The second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 5 verses 12 to 16

12 Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. 13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. 14 Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. 16 A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Gospel: Luke 22.24-30

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
28 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; 29 and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

1st September Trinity 1

2019

The first reading is from prophet Jeremiah Chapter 2 verses 4 to 13

4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus says
the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless
things, and became worthless themselves? 6 They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from
the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep
darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'
7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled
my land, and made my heritage an abomination. 8 The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who
handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and
went after things that do not profit. 9 Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your
children's children. 10 Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if
there has ever been such a thing.
11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit. 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD, 13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living
water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 13 verses 1 to 8

Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have
entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison
with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be
held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and
adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has
said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' 6 So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will
not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'
7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of
life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the
Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him
closely.
7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he
told them a parable. 8 'When you are invited by someone to a
wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case
someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your
host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to
you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would
start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit
down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say
to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the
presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt
themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be
exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you
give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich
neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay
you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

8th September Blessed Virgin Mary

2019

The first reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 11 verses 19 to Chapter 12 verse 6 and 10

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and
there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
12.1 A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and
on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of
giving birth. 3 Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten
horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them
to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might
devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the
nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; 6 and the
woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be
nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his
Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before
our God.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 7

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2 I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to
them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all,
God blessed forever. Amen.

Luke 1.46-55

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit
rejoices in God my Saviour, 48 for he has looked with favour on
the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things
for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear
him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with
his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he
made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants
forever."

15th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross

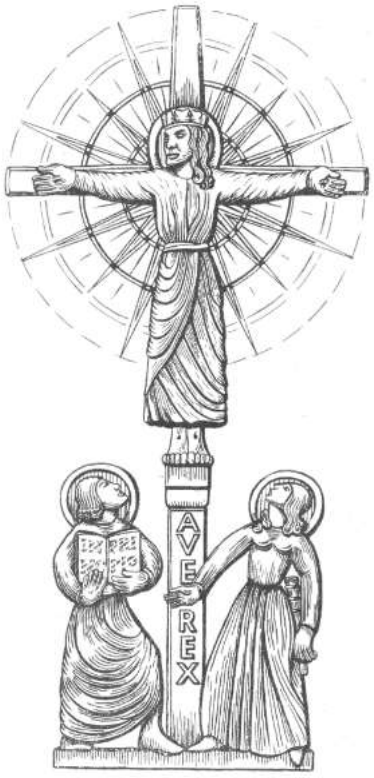
2019

The first reading is from Numbers Chapter 21 verses 4 to 9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people
became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought
us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this
miserable food." 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so
that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the
LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the
people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who
is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and
whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not
regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.



Gospel John 3.13-17

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended
from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that
whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved
the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not
send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.

22nd September Harvest Thanksgiving

2019

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 26 verses 1 to 4 and verse 11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, [2]you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. [3]You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." [4]When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, [11]… you, together with the priests and all who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 9

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6]Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8]Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel John 6.30-35

[30][Those following Jesus] said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? [31]Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" [32]Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. [33]For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34]They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." [35]Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

29th September St Michael & All Angels

2019

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 28 verses 10 to 17

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the
night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down
in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to
heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the LORD stood beside him and
said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will
give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall
spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the
earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever
you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised
you.' 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know
it!' 17 And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.'

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 12 verses 7 to 12

7 And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels
fought back, 8 but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 The great
dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the
whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the
kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown
down, who accuses them day and night before our God.11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the
Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.12 Rejoice
then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come
down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Gospel John 1.47-51

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him,
'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 48 Nathanael
asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw
you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49 Nathanael replied,
'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50 Jesus
answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under
the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' 51 And he said to
him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels
of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

6th October Trinity 16

2019

The first reading is from the Lamentations of Jeremiah Chapter 1 verses 1 to 6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.[2] She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.[3] Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.[4] The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.[5] Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
[6] From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The second reading is from St Paul's second letter to Timothy Chapter 1 verses 1 to 6 and 12 to 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,
[2] To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.[3] I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, [4] and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. [5] But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.
[12] I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, [13] even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Luke 17.5-10

[5] The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' [6] The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.
[7] 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? [8] Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? [9] Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? [10] So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

13th October S. Paulinus (CONFIRMATION)

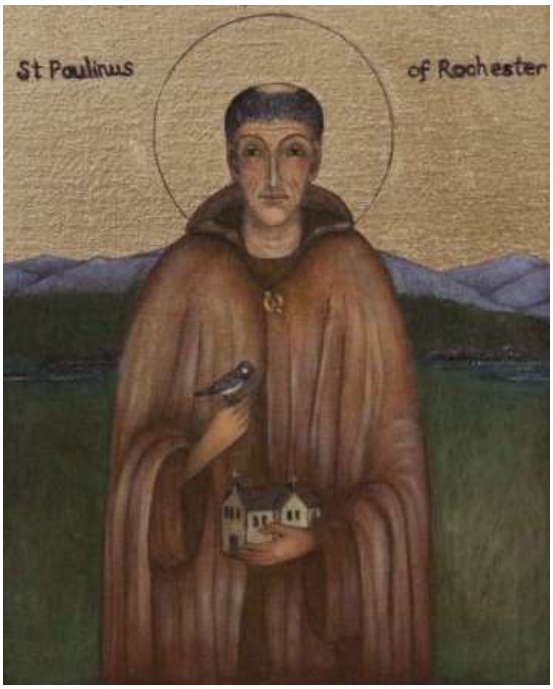
2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 15 verses 17 to 21

17In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. 18For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, 19by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. 20Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, 21but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand."



Gospel Matthew 28.16-20

16Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

20th October Trinity 18

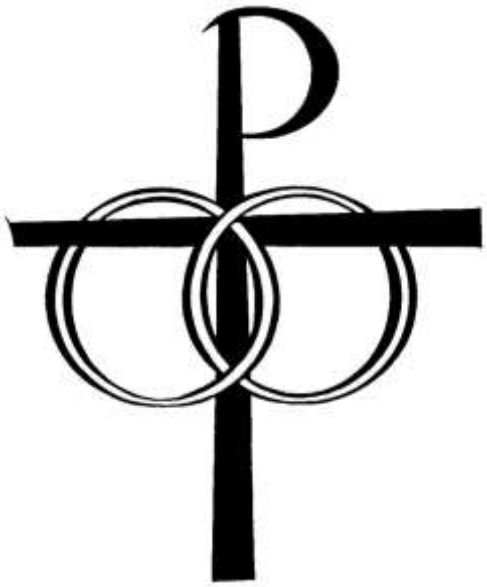
2019

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 31 to 34

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and
the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by
the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the
LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for
they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.

The second reading is from the St Paul's second letter to Timothy Chapter 3 verses 14 to chapter 4 verse 2

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned
it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,
equipped for every good work.
4.1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his
appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is
favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.



Gospel Luke 18.1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray
always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city
there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect
for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept
coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my
opponent.' 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to
himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for
anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will
grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by
continually coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what
the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his
chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay
long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice
to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find
faith on earth?"

23rd October Last Sunday after Trinity

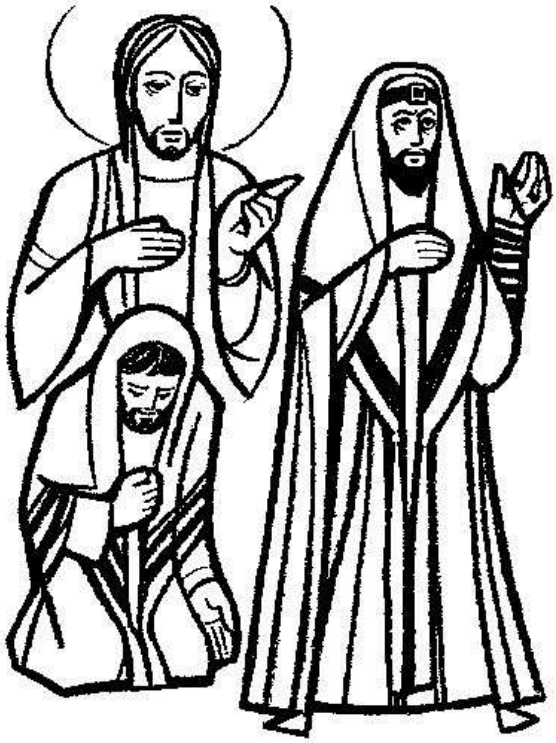
2019

The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 35 verses 12 to 17

12 Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. 13 For the Lord is the
one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. 14 Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;15 and
do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.16 He will
not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.17 He will not ignore
the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The second reading is from St Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy Chapter 4 verses 6 to 8 and 16 to 18

6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have
fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to
me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
16At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully
proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will
rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.



Gospel Luke 18.9-14

9He also told this parable to some who trusted
in themselves that they were righteous and
regarded others with contempt: 10"Two men
went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee
and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee,
standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I
thank you that I am not like other people:
thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax
collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of
all my income.' 13But the tax collector, standing
far off, would not even look up to heaven, but
was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be
merciful to me, a sinner!' 14I tell you, this man
went down to his home justified rather than the
other; for all who exalt themselves will be
humbled, but all who humble themselves will be
exalted."

2nd November All Souls' Day Requiem Mass 7pm

2019

The first reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from the 1st letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4]and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5]who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
[6]In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, [7]so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8]Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, [9]for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel John 6.37-40

[37]Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; [38]for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. [39]And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. [40]This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

3rd November All Saints' 10am Parish Eucharist

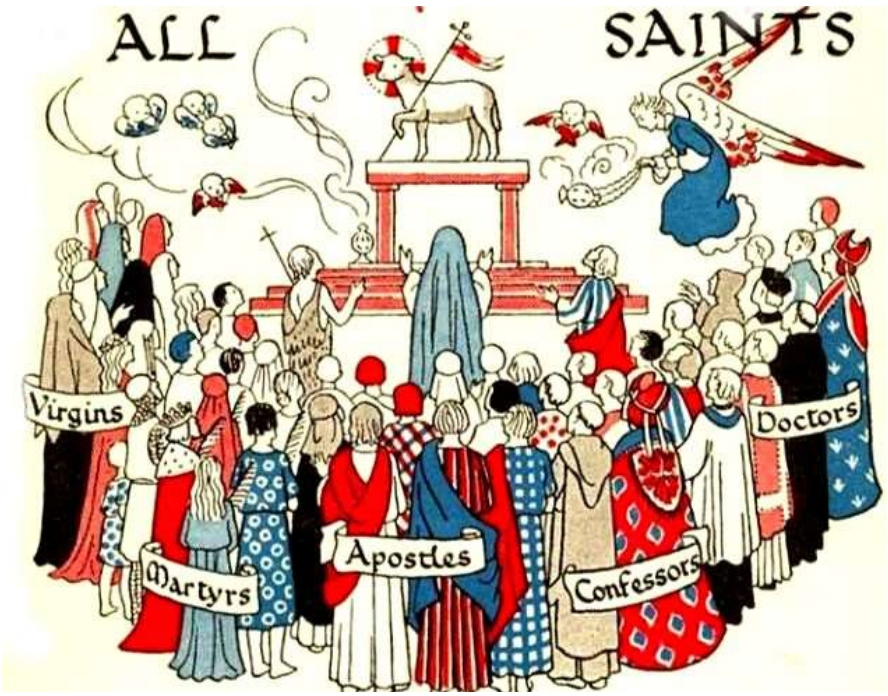
2019

The first reading is from Daniel Chapter 7 verses 1 to 3 and 15 to 18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed.
Then he wrote down the dream: [2]I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up
the great sea, [3]and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.
[15]As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. [16]I
approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would
disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: [17]"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out
of the earth. [18]But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom
forever—forever and ever."

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 1 verses 15 to 23

[15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do
not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to
work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
[21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in
this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head
over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



Gospel Luke 6.20-31

[20]Then he looked up at his
disciples and said: "Blessed are
you who are poor, for yours is
the kingdom of God. [21]"Blessed
are you who are hungry now, for
you will be filled. "Blessed are
you who weep now, for you will
laugh. [22]"Blessed are you when
people hate you, and when they
exclude you, revile you, and
defame you on account of the
Son of Man. [23]Rejoice in that day
and leap for joy, for surely your
reward is great in heaven; for
that is what their ancestors did
to the prophets. [24]"But woe to
you who are rich, for you have
received your consolation.
[25]"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. [26]"Woe to you
when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.
[27]"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, [28]bless those who curse
you, pray for those who abuse you. [29]If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from
anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. [30]Give to everyone who begs from you;
and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. [31]Do to others as you would have them
do to you.

3rd November – All Souls' Requiem Evensong 6.30pm

2019

The Old Testament Lesson is taken from the 12th Chapter of the book of Daniel beginning to read from verse 1.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
[2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
[3] And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The New Testament Lesson taken from the 4th chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians beginning to read from verse 13

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
[15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
[17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

10th November – Remembrance Sunday All Age Eucharist: Requiem for the Fallen

2019

The first reading is from Wisdom Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 to 18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel John 6.37-40

[37]Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; [38]for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. [39]And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. [40]This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

17th November – 2nd before Advent

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Malachi Chapter 4 verses 1 to 2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [2] But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The second reading is from St Paul's 2nd letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 3 verses 6 to 13

[6] Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. [7] For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, [8] and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. [9] This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. [10] For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. [11] For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. [12] Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. [13] Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Luke 21.5-19

[5] When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, [6] 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'
[7] They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' [8] And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.
[9] 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' [10] Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; [11] there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.
[12] 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. [13] This will give you an opportunity to testify. [14] So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; [15] for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. [16] You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. [17] You will be hated by all because of my name. [18] But not a hair of your head will perish. [19] By your endurance you will gain your souls.

24th November – Christ the King

2019

The first reading is from the 2nd book of Samuel Chapter 5 verses 1 to 3

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. [2]For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." [3]So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 1 verses 12 to 20

[12]Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. [13]He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. [15]He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; [16]for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. [17]He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18]He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. [19]For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20]and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Luke 23.33-43

[33]When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [34]Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. [35]And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" [36]The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, [37]and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" [38]There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." [39]One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" [40]But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? [41]And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." [42]Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." [43]He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

30th November – St Andrew, Apostle: Ordination of Mtr Susy

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' 8 Listen! Your
sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to
Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he
has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the
ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 10 verses 12 to 18

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all
who call on him. 13 For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' 14 But how are they to
call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never
heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him
unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' 16 But not
all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' 17 So faith comes
from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. 18 But I ask, have they not heard?
Indeed they have; for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

Gospel Matthew 4.18-22

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his
brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will
make you fish for people.' 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he
saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and
followed him.

YEAR A

1st December Advent 1

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 2 verses 1 to 5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. [2]In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. [3]Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. [4]He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. [5]O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 13 verses 11 to 14

[11]Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; [12]the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; [13]let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. [14]Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ADVENT

Gospel Matthew 24.36-44

[36]"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [37]For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [38]For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, [39]and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. [40]Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. [41]Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. [42]Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. [43]But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. [44]Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

8th December Advent 2

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 1 to 10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. [2]The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. [3]His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; [4]but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. [5]Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. [6]The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. [7]The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. [8]The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. [9]They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

[10]On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 15 verses 4 to 9

[4]For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

[5]May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, [6]so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[7]Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. [8]For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9]and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name".

Gospel Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, [2]"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." [3]This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" [4]Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5]Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, [6]and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

[7]But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8]Bear fruit worthy of repentance. [9]Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. [10]Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [11]"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [12]His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

15th December Advent 3

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 35 verses 1 to 6a and verse 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus [2]it shall
blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty
of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. [3]Strengthen the weak
hands, and make firm the feeble knees. [4]Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."
[5]Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; [6]then the lame shall leap
like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. [10]And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and
come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and
sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The second reading is from the letter of St James Chapter 5 verses 7 to 10

[7]Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from
the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. [8]You also must be patient.
Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. [9]Beloved, do not grumble against one another,
so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! [10]As an example of suffering and
patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 11.2-11

[2]When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he
sent word by his disciples [3]and said to him, "Are you the one
who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" [4]Jesus
answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:
[5]the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor
have good news brought to them. [6]And blessed is anyone
who takes no offense at me."
[7]As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds
about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to
look at? A reed shaken by the wind? [8]What then did you go
out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those
who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. [9]What then did
you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than
a prophet. [10]This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I
am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare
your way before you.' [11]Truly I tell you, among those born of
women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet
the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

22nd December Advent 4

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 7 verses 10 to 14

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high
as heaven. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. 13 Then Isaiah said: "Hear
then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore
the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall
name him Immanuel.

The second reading is from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Chapter 1 verses 1 to 7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised
beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was
descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to
the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have
received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of
his name, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7 To all God's beloved in Rome,
who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 1.18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before
they lived together, she was found to be with child from the
Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and
unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss
her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel
of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son
of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the
child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a
son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people
from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what had been
spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "Look, the virgin
shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him
Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." 24 When Joseph
awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no
marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

24th December Midnight Mass

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2 to 7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before
you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 6 For a
child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and
uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the
LORD of hosts will do this.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to Titus Chapter 2 verses 11 to 14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly
passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for
the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is
who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own
who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus
that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor
of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered.
4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to
Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he
was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He
went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was
engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were
there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she
gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands
of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no
place for them in the inn.
8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of
the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord
shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the
angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am
bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to
you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is
the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you
will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on
earth peace among those whom he favours!"

25th December Christmas Day Mass

2019

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 verses 1 to 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

29th December Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

2019

The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 12 to 14

2 For the Lord honours a father above his children, and he confirms a mother's right over her children.
3 Those who honour their father atone for sins, 4 and those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure.5 Those who honour their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they will be heard.6 Those who respect their father will have long life, and those who honour their mother obey the Lord;
12 My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives;13 even if his mind fails, be patient with him; because you have all your faculties do not despise him.
14 For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and will be credited to you against your sins.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12 to 21

12As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
18Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. 20Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord.
21Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.

Gospel Luke 2.15-21

15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.
21After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

5th January The Feast of the Epiphany

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 60 verses 1 to 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.[2]For darkness shall
cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear
over you.[3]Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.[4]Lift up your eyes and
look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.[5]Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you.[6]A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba
shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 8 to 12

[2]Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,[3]and how the
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,[4]a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.[5]In former generations this mystery was
not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
[8]Although I, Paul, am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the
news of the boundless riches of Christ,[9]and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden
for ages in God who created all things;[10]so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.[11]This was in accordance
with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,[12]in whom we have access to God
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the
child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at
its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]'And
you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel.'" [7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and
learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8]Then
he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the
child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."
[9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at
its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. [10]When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and
they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their
own country by another road.

12th January The Baptism of the Lord (Epiphany 2)

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 42 verses 1 to 4 and 6 to 7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations. [2]He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
[3]a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth
justice. [4]He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the
coastlands wait for his teaching. [6]I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the
hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, [7]to open the eyes
that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 38

[34]Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, [35]but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36]You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38]how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

[13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized
by him. [14]John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be
baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15]But Jesus answered
him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all
righteousness." Then he consented. [16]And when Jesus had been
baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens
were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and alighting on him. [17]And a voice from heaven said, "This is
my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

19th January The second Sunday of Epiphany

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 49 verses 3 and 5 to 6

3 The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
5 And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength - 6 he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 1 to 3

I, Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1.29-34

29 The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' 32 And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

26th January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 1 to 4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt
the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the
sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. [2]The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. [3]You have multiplied the
nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when
dividing plunder. [4]For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their
oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 1 verses 10 to 18

[10]Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in
agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the
same purpose. [11]For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my
brothers and sisters. [12]What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or
"I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." [13]Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or
were you baptized in the name of Paul?
[14]I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, [15]so that no one can say that you were
baptized in my name. [16](I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether
I baptized anyone else.)
[17]For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that
the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. [18]For the message about the cross is foolishness to
those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4.18-23

[18]As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net
into the sea—for they were fishermen. [19]And he said to them,
"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." [20]Immediately they
left their nets and followed him. [21]As he went from there, he saw
two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in
the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he
called them. [22]Immediately they left the boat and their father, and
followed him.
[23]Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease
and every sickness among the people.

2nd February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Malachi Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts. [2]But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [3]he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. [4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years. [5]Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against
the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired
workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not
fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 14 to 18

[14]Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that
through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15]and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. [16]For it is clear that he did not come to help
angels, but the descendants of Abraham. [17]Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in
every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. [18]Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is
able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-32

[22]When the time came for their purification according to
the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to
present him to the Lord [23](as it is written in the law of
the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as
holy to the Lord"), [24]and they offered a sacrifice
according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair
of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
[25]Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was
Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking
forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
rested on him. [26]It had been revealed to him by the Holy
Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen
the Lord's Messiah. [27]Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came
into the temple; and when the parents brought in the
child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the
law, [28]Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,
saying, [29]"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in
peace, according to your word; [30]for my eyes have seen
your salvation, [31]which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples, [32]a light for revelation to the
Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

9th February The 3rd Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 58 verses 1a,3 , and 5 to 8

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
[3]"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
[5]Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? [6]Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
[7]Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
[8]Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 2 verses 1 to 5 and verses 11 and 12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. [2]For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. [3]And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. [4]My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5]so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
[11]For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. [12]Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gospel: Matthew 5.14-16

[14]"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. [15]No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. [16]In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

16th February 2nd before Lent (Sexagesima)

2020

The first reading is taken from the book of Leviticus Chapter 19 verses 1 to 2 and verses 17-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2]Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. [17]You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. [18]You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 18 to 25

[18]I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. [19]For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; [20]for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21]that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; [23]and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

[25]"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? [26]Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [27]And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? [28]And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, [29]yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. [30]But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? [31]Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' [32]For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. [33]But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34]"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

23rd February St Polycarp (Quinquagesima)

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 1 verses 17 to 19

17 But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down
before them, or I will break you before them. 18 And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an
iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and
the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you,
says the LORD, to deliver you..

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 2 verses 8 to 11

8 'And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was
dead and came to life:
9 'I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of
those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are
about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested,
and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 Let
anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be
harmed by the second death.

Gospel: John 15.18-21

18 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it
hated you. 19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love
you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I
have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates
you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not
greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will
persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours
also. 21 But they will do all these things to you on account of my
name, because they do not know him who sent me.

26th February Ash Wednesday

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Joel Chapter 2 verses 12 to 18

12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 14 Who knows whether
he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the
LORD, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the
bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your
heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is
their God?'" 18 Then the LORD became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 20 to Chapter 6 verse 2

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.
6.1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At
an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the
acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6 & 16-18

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by
them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So
whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the
hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be
praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 3 But
when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand
is doing, 4 so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And whenever you pray, do not be like
the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at
the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you,
they have received their reward. 6 But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray
to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you
16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to
show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put
oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father
who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

1st March Lent 1 (St David)

2020

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 2 verses 15 to 17 and chapter 3 verses 1 to 7

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the
tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."
3.1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to
the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the
serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of
the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4 But the serpent said
to the woman, "You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and
you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that
the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her
husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they
were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 5 verses 12 to 19

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death
spread to all because all have sinned— 13 sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not
reckoned when there is no law. 14 Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those
whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. 15 But the
free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely
have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.
16 And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass
brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. 17 If, because of the
one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive
the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man,
Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of
righteousness leads to justification and life for all. 19 For just as by the one man's disobedience the many
were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by
the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was
famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God,
command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It
is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that
comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy
city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you
are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will
command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear
you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to
him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their
splendour; 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Jesus said
to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then
the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

8th March Lent 2

2020

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 12 verses 1 to 4a.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
4So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 4 verses 1 to 5 & 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." 4Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.
13For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel: John 3.11-17

Jesus said to Niocodemus,? 11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

15th March Lent 3

2020

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 17 verses 3 to 7.

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you
bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the
LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The LORD said to Moses,
"Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with
which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the
rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders
of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD,
saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 5 verses 1 to 2 and 5 to 8.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through
whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the
glory of God. 5 Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been pour2ed into our hearts through
the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for
the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person
someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners
Christ died for us.

Gospel: John 4. 5-15

5 Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of
ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was
there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the
well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw
water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples
had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said
to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman
of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with
Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God,
and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would
have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the
well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you
greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"
13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the
water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of
water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be
thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

22nd March Lent 4: *Mothering Sunday*

2020

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 2 verses 1 to 10.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. [2]The woman conceived and bore a
son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. [3]When she could hide him no
longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. [4]His sister stood at a distance, to see what would
happen to him.
[5]The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river.
She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. [6]When she opened it, she saw the child.
He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. [7]Then his
sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the
child for you?" [8]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.
[9]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So
the woman took the child and nursed it. [10]When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter,
and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3 to 7.

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all
consolation, [4]who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any
affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. [5]For just as the sufferings of
Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. [6]If we are being afflicted, it
is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you
experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.
[7]Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our
consolation.

Gospel: John 19. 25-27

[25]And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus
were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary
Magdalene. [26]When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing
beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." [27]Then he said to
the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her
into his own home.

29th March Lent 5: *Passion Sunday*

2020

The first reading is taken from the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 37 verses 12 to 14.

12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring
you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know
that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put
my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I,
the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 8 to 11.

8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the
Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will
give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11. 1-7 & 18-45

3 The sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom
you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not
lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be
glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her
sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two
days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the
disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the
tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles
away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console
them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to
Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother
will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will
live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him,
"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."
33 He was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to
him, "Lord, come and see." 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a
stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to
him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not
tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus
looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I
have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When
he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and
feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let
him go." 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in
him.

5th April Palm Sunday of the Lord's Pasion

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Gospel Reading for Palms ceremony outside Church Hall: Mt 21.1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two
disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied,
and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. [3]If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The
Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." [4]This took place to fulfill what had been spoken
through the prophet, saying, [5]"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and
mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." [6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had
directed them; [7]they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.
[8]A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread
them on the road. [9]The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the
Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
[10]When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" [11]The crowds were
saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 50 verses 4 to 7.

[4]The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a
word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. [5]The Lord GOD
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. [6]I gave my back to those who struck
me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. [7]The
Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know
that I shall not be put to shame.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11.

[6]who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
[7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, [8]he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. [9]Therefore
God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, [10]so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion Narrative. (Matthew 27.11-54)

Dramatis personæ:

- Matthew: *the narrator*
- Pilate
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- Pilate's Wife
- the Crowd: *the congregation*
- the Soldiers *x 2*
- Centurion

Matthew: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Matthew: Jesus said,

Jesus: You say so.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Matthew: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

Matthew: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: Then he asked,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Matthew: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

Matthew: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Matthew: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Crowd: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Matthew: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: This man is calling for Elijah.

Matthew: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Matthew: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

9th April Maundy Thursday Evening: *7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper* *inc. Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary, procession of the blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose where the Watch takes place.*

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The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 12 verses 1 to 4 and 11 to 14.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2]This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. [4]If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [11]This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. [12]For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13]The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. [14]This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 11 verses 23 to 26.

[23]For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24]and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25]In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel: John 13. 1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper [3]Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, [4]got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. [5]Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. [6]He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7]Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8]Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." [11]For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." [12]After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? [13]You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. [14]So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15]For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

10th April Good Friday in the Lord's Passion: 3pm *Solemn Liturgy*

inc. Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

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The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 13 to 53.

13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human
semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their
mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not
heard they shall contemplate.
53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he
grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire
him. 3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one
from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4 Surely he has borne
our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that
made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the
slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion
of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and
there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you
make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of
the LORD shall prosper.11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge.The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because
he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 verses 14 to 16, and chapter 5 verses 7 to 9.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been
made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: The Passion Narrative. (John 18.1 to 19.end)

Dramatis personæ:

- John: *the narrator*
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- Soldiers
- the Chief Priests *:*
- Peter
- Pontius Pilate
- a Woman
- a Soldier
- a Slave

John: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
(John 18.1 – 19.end)

John: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: They answered,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus replied,

Jesus: I am he.

John: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: And they said,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

John: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

John: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

a Woman: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

John: Peter said,

Peter: I am not.

John: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming

himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

John: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

a Soldier: Is that how you answer the high priest?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

John: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Soldiers and Slaves: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

John: Peter denied it and said,

Peter: I am not.

John: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

a Slave: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

John: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

John: They answered,

Chief Priests: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

John: The Jews replied,

Chief Priests: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

John: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

John: Pilate replied,

Pilate: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: So you are a king?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: What is truth?

John: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate: I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

John: They shouted in reply,

Chief Priests: Not this man, but Barabbas!

John: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

John: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

John: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Here is the man!

John: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Chief Priests and Soldiers: Crucify him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

John: The Jews answered him,

Chief Priests: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

John: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

John: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

John: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

John: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Chief Priests: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

John: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

Pilate: Here is your King!

John: They cried out,

Chief Priests: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

John: The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests: We have no king but the emperor.

John: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called

Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

John: Pilate answered,

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

John: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

John: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

John: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

John: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

John: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: It is finished.

John: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.'

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

12th April Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 43.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to
testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify
about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 1 to 4.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right
hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary
Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been
removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and
the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,
'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know
where they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set
out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together,
but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5
He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there,
but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and
went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and
the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen
wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other
disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and
believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the
disciples returned to their homes.
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she
saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at
the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw
Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you
weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have
carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She
turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on
to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am
ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 18 Mary Magdalene went and
announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

19th April Easter 2

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 42 to 47.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the
prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.
44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and
goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together
in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God
and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were
being saved.

The second reading is taken from St Peter's first letter Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of
God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the
genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be
found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen
him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an
indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day
of the week, and the doors of the house where
the disciples had met were locked for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and
said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the
disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
22 When he had said this, he breathed on them
and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If
you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they are
retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the
Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them
when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told
him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to
them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his
hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails
and my hand in his side, I will not believe."
26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were
shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put
your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."
28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have
seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other
signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you
may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life
in his name.

26th April Easter 3

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 14a & 36 to 41.

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 36"Therefore let the entire
house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you
crucified." 37Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other
apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy
Spirit. 39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the
Lord our God calls to him." 40And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying,
"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and
that day about three thousand persons were added.

The second reading is taken from St Peter's first letter Chapter 1 verses 17 to 23.

17If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent
fear during the time of your exile. 18You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from
your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like
that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was
revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised
him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22Now that you have
purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another
deeply from the heart. 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the
living and enduring word of God.

Luke 24.13-35

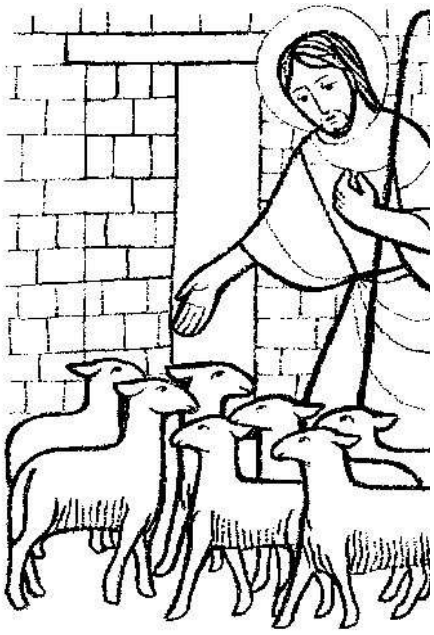
13Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called
Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other
about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and
discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes
were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What are you
discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking
sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are
you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that
have taken place there in these days?" 19He asked them, "What things?"
They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our
chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had
hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these
things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this
morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed
seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and
found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish
you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that
the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27Then beginning with Moses and all
the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28As they came near the
village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly,
saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay
with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to
each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was
opening the scriptures to us?" 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the
eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he
has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made
known to them in the breaking of the bread.

3rd May Easter 4

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 42 to 47.

42 The Church devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the
prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.
44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and
goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together
in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God
and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were
being saved. This is the word of the Lord.



John 10.1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold
by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.
2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.
3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his
voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When
he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the
sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not
follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not
know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with
them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.
7 So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate
for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits;
but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever
enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find
pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I
came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

10th May Easter 5

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 7 verses 55 to 60.

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the
right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right
hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then
they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a
young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had
said this, he died. This is the word of the Lord.

John 14.1-12

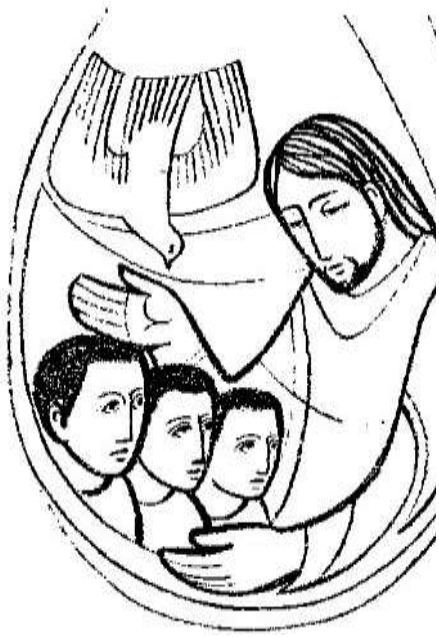
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in
God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house
there are many dwelling places. If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a
place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again and will take you to
myself, so that where I am, there you may be
also.
4 And you know the way to the place where I am
going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not
know where you are going. How can we know
the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and
the truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you
will know my Father also. From now on you do
know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to
him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be
satisfied." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with
you all this time, Philip, and you still do not
know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the
Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me? The words that I say to you
I do not speak on my own; but the Father who
dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not,
then believe me because of the works themselves.
12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do
greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

17th May Easter 6

2020

The first reading is taken from the first letter of Saint Peter Chapter 3 verses 15 to 18.

15 Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always be ready to make your defence to anyone who
demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep
your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in
Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will,
than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the
unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
This is the word of the Lord.



John 14.15-21

15"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask
the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you
forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know
him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18"I will not
leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the
world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live,
you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my
Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They who have my
commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those
who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and
reveal myself to them."

21st May Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 6 to 11.

6When the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the
kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by
his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this,
as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and
they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." This is the word of the Lord.

Matthew 28.16-20

16Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to
which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they
worshiped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to
them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and
teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

24th May Sunday after Ascension (Easter 7)

2020

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 6 verses 6 to 10.

6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 The word of
God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of
the priests became obedient to the faith.
8 Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then some of those
who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of
those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. 10 But they could not withstand the wisdom
and the Spirit with which he spoke. This is the word of the Lord.

John 17.1-4 & 10-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify
you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life
to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may
know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I
glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I
am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have
given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

31st May Pentecost

2020

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.[2]And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting.[3]Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.[4]All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.[6]And at this sound the
crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
each.[7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?[8]And how is it that
we hear, each of us, in our own native language?[9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,[11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." This is the word of the Lord.

John 20.19-23

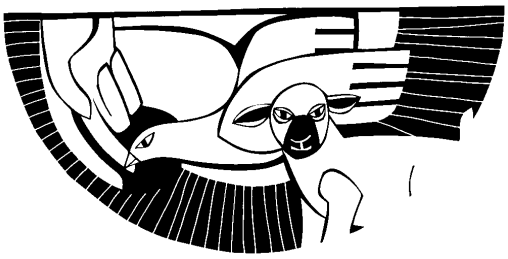
[19]When it was evening on that day, the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house where the disciples
had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came
and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
[20]After he said this, he showed them his hands and his
side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the
Lord. [21]Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22]When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins of any,
they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they
are retained."

7th June Trinity Sunday

2020

The first reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 13 verses 11 to 13.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live
in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the
saints greet you. 13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with all of you. This is the word of the Lord.



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baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you
always, to the end of the age."

14th June Votive for Corpus Christi

2020

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 8 verses 2 to 3 and 14 to16

[2]Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. [3]He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.
[14]Do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, [15]who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, [16]and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. This is the word of the Lord.

John 6.51-58

[51]I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." [52]The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" [53]So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. [54]Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; [55]for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. [56]Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. [57]Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. [58]This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

21st June Trinity 2

2020

The first reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 6 verses 1b to 11.
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? [2]By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? [3]Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4]Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6]We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For whoever has died is freed from sin. [8]But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9]We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10]The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. [11]So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10. 24-33
[24]"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; [25]it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! [26]"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. [27]What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. [28]Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29]Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30]And even the hairs of your head are all counted. [31]So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. [32]"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; [33]but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

28th June Ss. Peter & Paul

2020

The first reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to Timothy chapter 4 verses 6 to 8 and17 to 18.

6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 16.13-19

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

5th July St Thomas (Patronal Festival Mass)

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Habakkuk Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. [2]Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. [3] For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. [4] Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20]built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

John 20.24-29

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." [26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

12th July Trinity 5

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 10 to 13

10For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered
the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11so shall my
word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I
purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their
hands. 13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it
shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 1 to 6 &11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of
life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with
sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who
walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set
their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the
things of the Spirit. 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will
give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2
Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat
there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them
many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And
as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate
them up. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have
much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
6But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no
root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the
thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and
brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let
anyone with ears listen!"

19th July Trinity 6

2020

The first reading is from the Book of Wisdom Chapter 12 verses 13 and 16 to 19

13 For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that
you have not judged unjustly. 16 For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over
all causes you to spare all. 17 For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your
power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. 18 Although you are sovereign in strength,
you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever
you choose. 19 Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you
have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 18 to 23

18I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be
revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory
of the children of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;
23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while
we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Matthew 13.24-30

24He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may
be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25but
while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among
the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and
bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the
householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good
seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28He
answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do
you want us to go and gather them?' 29But he replied, 'No; for in
gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.
30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest
time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in
bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

26th July St James

2020

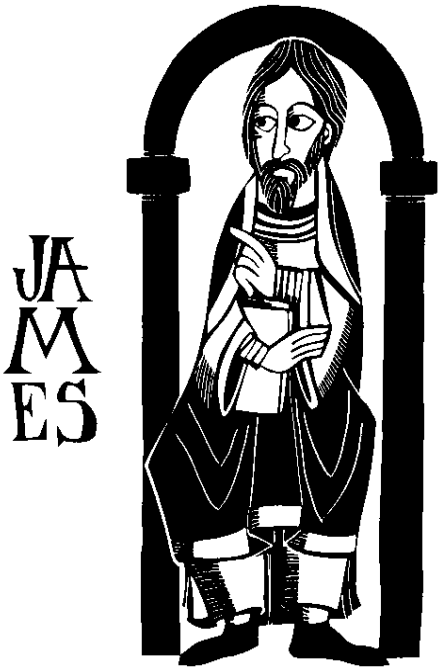
The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 45 verses 1 to 5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a
scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: [2] Thus says
the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: [3] You said, "Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my
pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." [4] Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: I
am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. [5] And
you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all
flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go."

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 11 verse 27 to chapter 12 verse 2

[27] At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. [28] One of them named Agabus stood up
and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place
during the reign of Claudius. [29] The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send
relief to the believers[a] living in Judea; [30] this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.
12.1 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. [2] He had James,
the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Matthew 20.20-28



[20] Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him
with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour
of him. [21] And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said
to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one
at your right hand and one at your left, in your
kingdom." [22] But Jesus answered, "You do not know what
you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am
about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." [23] He said
to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my
right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is
for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."
[24] When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two
brothers. [25] But Jesus called them to him and said, "You
know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and
their great ones are tyrants over them. [26] It will not be so
among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you
must be your servant, [27] and whoever wishes to be first
among you must be your slave; [28] just as the Son of Man
came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a
ransom for many."

2nd August Trinity 8

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 1 to 5

Oh, come to the waters everyone who thirsts, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.[2] Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.[3] Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.[4] See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.[5] See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 9 verses 1 to 5

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - [2] I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. [3] For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. [4] They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; [5] to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14. 13-21

[13] Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14] When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. [15] When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' [16] Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' [17] They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' [18] And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' [19] Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20] And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. [21] And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

13th August Trinity 9

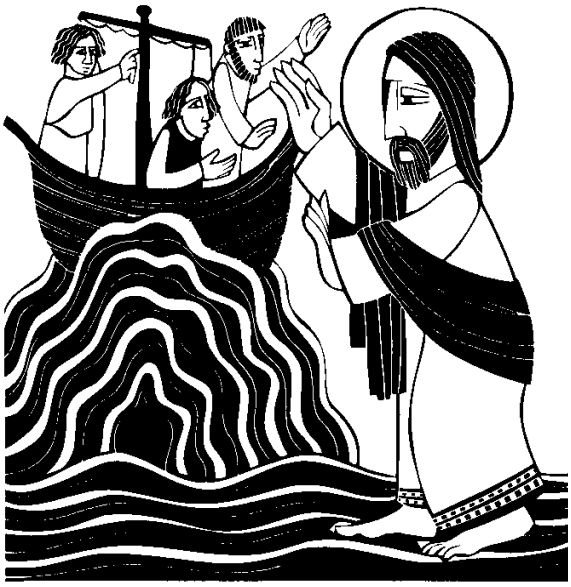
2020

The first reading is from the first Book of Kings Chapter 19 verses 9a and 11 to 13a

[9a]Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah. [11]He then said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; [12]and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. [13]When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 10 verses 5 to 15

[5]Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." [6]But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8]But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); [9] because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. [11]The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." [12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. [13]For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." [14]But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? [15]And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



Matthew 14.22-33

[22]Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [23]And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24]but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. [25]And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. [26]But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. [27]But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." [28]Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." [29]He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. [30]But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" [31]Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" [32]When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33]And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

16th August Trinity 10

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 56 verses 1 & 6 to 8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. [6]And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— [7] these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. [8]Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 11 verses 1 to 2a & 29 to 32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. [2]God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. [29]For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [30]Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, [31]so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. [32]For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.21-28

[21]Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. [22]Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." [23]But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." [24]He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [25]But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." [26]He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." [27]She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." [28]Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

23rd August Trinity 11

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 51 verses 1 to 6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. [2] Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. [3] For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. [4] Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. [5] I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. [6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 12 verses 1 to 8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2]Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. [3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, [5] so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. [6]We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; [7]ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8] the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13-20

[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14]And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15]He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16]Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. [18]And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. [19]I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." [20]Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

30th August The Beheading of John the Baptist

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 1 verses 17 to 19

17 But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down
before them, or I will break you before them. 18 And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an
iron pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and
the people of the land. 19 They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with
you, says the LORD, to deliver you.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 26 to 31

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many
were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the
wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in
the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the
presence of God. 30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and
righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts,
boast in the Lord.'

Mark 6.17-29

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound
him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his
brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For
John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have
your brother's wife.' 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him,
and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared
John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he
protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly
perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an
opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet
for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of
Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced,
she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl,
'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' 23 And he
solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you,
even half of my kingdom.' 24 She went out and said to her
mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of
John the baptizer.' 25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once
the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' 26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and
for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with
orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and
gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and
took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

6th September Trinity 13

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 33 verses 7 to 9

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth,
you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and
you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but
their blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do
not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 13 verses 8 to 12

8Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
9The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall
not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself."
10Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 11Besides this, you know
what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of
darkness and put on the armour of light.

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Matthew 18.15-20

15"If another member of the church sins against you, go and
point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the
member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16But if you
are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so
that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or
three witnesses. 17If the member refuses to listen to them, tell
it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the
church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax
collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be
bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on
earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my
Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my
name, I am there among them."

13th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross

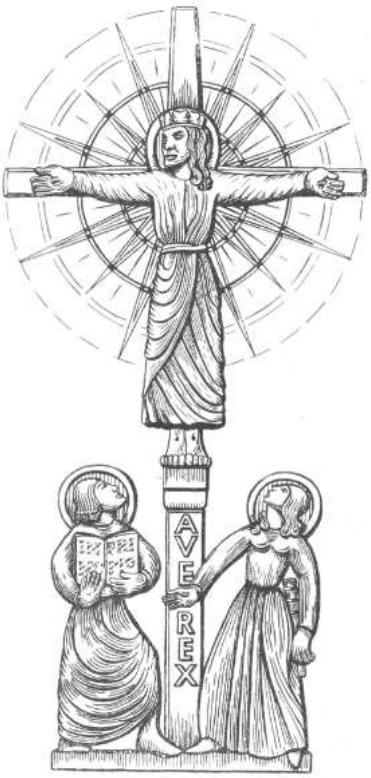
2020

The first reading is from Numbers Chapter 21 verses 4 to 9

4From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people
became impatient on the way. 5The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought
us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this
miserable food." 6Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so
that many Israelites died. 7The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the
LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the
people. 8And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who
is bitten shall look at it and live." 9So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and
whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11

6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9Therefore
God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel John 3.13-17

13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended
from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that
whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16"For God so loved
the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17"Indeed, God did not
send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.

20th September Trinity 15

2020

The first reading is from the book of Jonah Chapter 3 verses 10 to Chapter 4 verse 4 and 11

10When God saw what Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about
the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.
But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is
not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I
knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready
to relent from punishing. 3And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die
than to live." 4And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"
11Should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and
twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 1 verses 21 to 27

21For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me;
and I do not know which I prefer. 23I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better; 24but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25Since I am convinced
of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26so that I
may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.
27Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or
am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with
one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Matthew 20.1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to
hire labourers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily
wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw
others standing idle in the marketplace; 4and he said to them, 'You also go into the
vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again
about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6And about five o'clock he went
out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here
idle all day?' 7They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also
go into the vineyard.' 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his
manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then
going to the first.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received
the usual daily wage. 10Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also
received the usual daily wage. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12saying, 'These last
worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the
scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for
the usual daily wage? 14Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am
I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16So the
last will be first, and the first will be last."

27th September Harvest Thanksgiving

2020

The first reading is from Deuteronomy Chapter 8 verses 7 to 14a

7For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and
underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and
pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where
you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.
10You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. 11Take care
that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his
statutes, which I am commanding you today. 12When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and
live in them, 13and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all
that you have is multiplied, 14then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God.

The second reading is from the St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 6 to 11

6The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully. 7Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to provide you with every blessing in
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
9As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10He who
supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase
the harvest of your righteousness. 11You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will
produce thanksgiving to God through us.

Gospel Luke 17.11-19

11On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region
between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he entered a village, ten lepers
approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying,
"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14When he saw them, he said to
them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went,
they were made clean. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16He prostrated
himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17Then
Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where
are they? 18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God
except this foreigner?" 19Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your
way; your faith has made you well."

4th October S. Francis

2020

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 1 verses 26 to 31a

[26]Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild
animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." [27]So God created
humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. [28]God
blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have
dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon
the earth."
[29]God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every
tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. [30]And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird
of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given
every green plant for food." And it was so.
[31]God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 6 verses 14 to 18.

[14]May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world. [15]For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new
creation is everything! [16]As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon
the Israel of God. [17]From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded
on my body. [18]May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Matthew 11.25-30

[25]At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and
have revealed them to infants; [26]yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
[27]All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the
Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and
anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28]"Come to me, all you that
are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my
yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is
light."

11th October Trinity 18

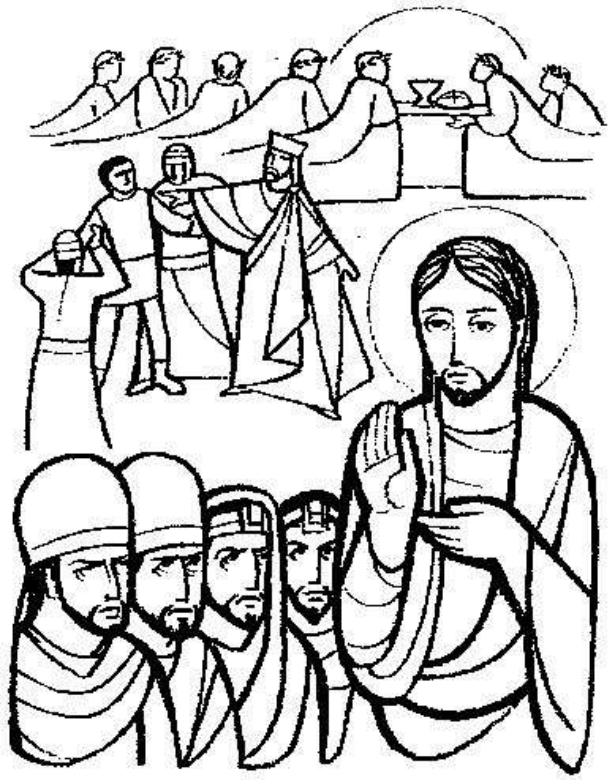
2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 25 verses 6 to 10a

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this
mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow
up death forever. 8 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his
people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the
LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 10 For the hand of the LORD will
rest on this mountain.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verses 12 to 14 and 19 to 20

12 I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have
learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. 13 I can do all
things through him who strengthens me. 14 In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. 19 And my
God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.



Gospel Matthew 22.1-10

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a
king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He
sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to
the wedding banquet, but they would not come.
4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who
have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner,
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,
and everything is ready; come to the wedding
banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the
rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed
them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops,
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready,
but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore
into the main streets, and invite everyone you find
to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out
into the streets and gathered all whom they found,
both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled
with guests.

18th October S. Luke

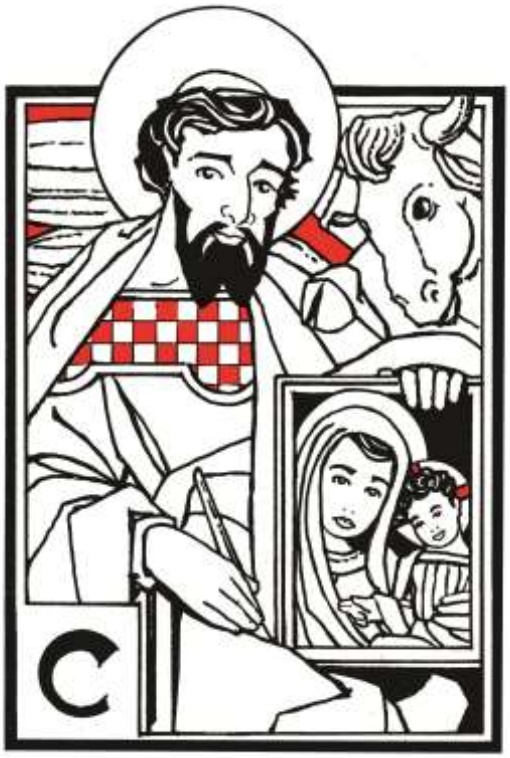
2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 35 verses 3 to 6.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be
strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will
come and save you."
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap
like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

The second reading is from St Paul's second letter to Timothy Chapter 4 verses 11 to 17.

11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. 12 I have sent
Tychicus to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books,
and above all the parchments. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back
for his deeds. 15 You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.
16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully
proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.



Luke 10.1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent
them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place
where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, "The
harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask
the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his
harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like
lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no
sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house
you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' 6 And if anyone is
there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that
person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the
same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for
the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from
house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its
people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the
sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God
has come near to you.'

25th October Last Sunday of Trinity

2020

The first reading is from the book of Exodus Chapter 22 verses 21 to 27

21 You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. 22 You shall not
abuse any widow or orphan. 23 If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry;
24 my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your
children orphans.
25 If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you
shall not exact interest from them. 26 If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before
the sun goes down; 27 for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that
person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

The second reading is from the St Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 2 verses 1 to 8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had
already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to
declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit
or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the
message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.
5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for
greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,
7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse
tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with
you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Matthew 22.34-40

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them,
a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher,
which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He
said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your
mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your
neighbour as yourself.' 40 On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together,
Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What do you think
of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him,
"The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then
that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 'The
Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put
your enemies under your feet'"? 45 If David thus calls
him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able
to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone
dare to ask him any more questions.

1st November All Saints

2020

The first reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 7 verses 9 to 17

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is
seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to
our God forever and ever! Amen."
13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more, and thirst
no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes."

The second reading is from the St John's first letter Chapter 3 verses 1 to 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began
to speak, and taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven. 4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted. 5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled. 7"Blessed are the
merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8"Blessed are the pure
in heart, for they will see God. 9"Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11"Blessed are you
when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1st November – All Souls' Requiem Evensong 6.30pm

2020

The Old Testament Lesson is taken from the 12th Chapter of the book of Daniel beginning to read from verse 1.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
[2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
[3] And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The New Testament Lesson taken from the 4th chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians beginning to read from verse 13

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
[15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
[17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

2nd November All Souls' Day Requiem Mass 7pm

2020

The first reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from the 1st letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4]and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5]who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
[6]In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, [7]so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8]Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, [9]for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel John 6.37-40

[37]Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; [38]for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. [39]And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. [40]This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

8th November Remembrance Sunday

2020

The first reading is from Wisdom Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 to 18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word
of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who
are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and
so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel John 6.37-40

37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my
own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is
the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last
day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who
see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life;
and I will raise them up on the last day."

15th November – 2nd before Advent

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah Chapter 1 verses 7 and 12 to 18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has
consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they
shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior
cries aloud there. 15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day
of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified
cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 5 verses 1 to 11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written
to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour
pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not
of the night or of darkness.
6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep
at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and
put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us
not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether
we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Matthew 25.14-15 & 19-20

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. 19 After a long time the master of
those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received
the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed
over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

22nd November – Solemnity of Christ the King

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 34 verses 11 to 12 and 15 to 17

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds
seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue
them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek
the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but
the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
17 As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and
goats.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians Chapter 15 verses 20 to 26 and 28

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death
came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as
all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at
his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God
the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he
has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 28 When all things are
subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection
under him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Matthew 25.31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the
nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was
sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited
me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave
you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a
stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the
least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand,
'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I
was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just
as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into
eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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29th November Advent 1

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 64 verses 1 and 3 to 9

64.1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence. 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked
at your presence. 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God
besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5 You meet those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we
transgressed. 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on
your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us
into the hand of our iniquity. 8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always
for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have
been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Gospel Mark 13.33-37

33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It
is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves
in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on
the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the
master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

6th December Advent 2

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 40 verses 1 to 6 and 9 to 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. [2]Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. [3]A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. [4]Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. [5]Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." [6]A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

[9]Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" [10]See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. [11]He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The second reading is from St Peter's 2nd letter Chapter 3 verses 8 to 14

[8]But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. [9]The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. [10]But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

[11]Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, [12]waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? [13]But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. [14]Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish.

Gospel Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

[2]As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
[3]the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

[4]John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5]And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. [6]Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. [7]He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. [8]I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

13th December Advent 3

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 61 verses 1 to 2 and 10 to 11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; [2]to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

[10]I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. [11]For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 5 verses 16 to 24

[16]Rejoice always, [17]pray without ceasing, [18]give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. [19]Do not quench the Spirit. [20]Do not despise the words of prophets, [21]but test everything; hold fast to what is good; [22]abstain from every form of evil.

[23]May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24]The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel John 1.6-8 and 19-28

[6]There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
[7]He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. [8]He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

[19]This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" [20]He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." [21]And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." [22]Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" [23]He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. [24]Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. [25]They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" [26]John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, [27]the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." [28]This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

20th December Advent 4

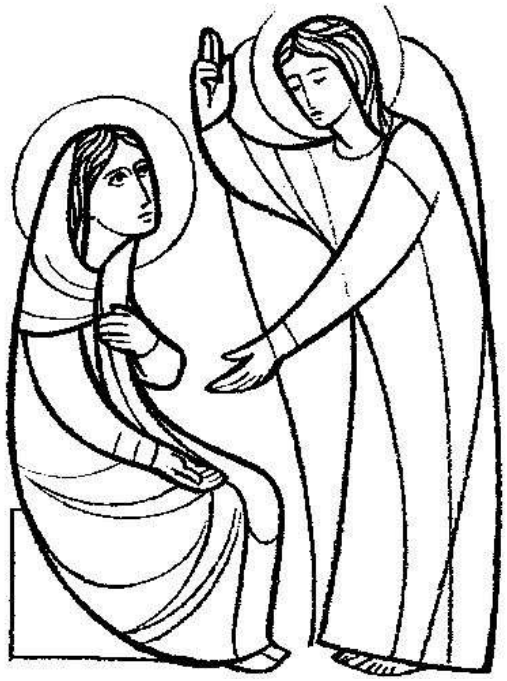
2020

The first reading is from the second book of Samuel Chapter 7 verses 1 to 5 and 8 to 11 and 16.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2the
king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent."
3Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."
4But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: 5Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are
you the one to build me a house to live in?
8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9and I have been with you wherever you went, and
have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones
of the earth. 10And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own
place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11from the time that I
appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares
to you that the LORD will make you a house.
16Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 16 verses 25 to 27

25Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according
to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic
writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the
obedience of faith— 27to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.



Gospel Luke 1.26-38

26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a
town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27to a virgin engaged to a
man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The
virgin's name was Mary. 28And he came to her and said,
"Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." 29But she
was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort
of greeting this might be. 30The angel said to her, "Do not be
afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31And
now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and
you will name him Jesus. 32He will be great, and will be called
the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him
the throne of his ancestor David. 33He will reign over the
house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no
end." 34Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am
a virgin?" 35The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come
upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow
you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be
called Son of God. 36And now, your relative Elizabeth in her
old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month
for her who was said to be barren. 37For nothing will be
impossible with God." 38Then Mary said, "Here am I, the
servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your
word." Then the angel departed from her.

24th December Midnight Mass

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2 to 7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before
you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 6 For a
child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and
uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the
LORD of hosts will do this.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to Titus Chapter 2 verses 11 to 14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly
passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for
the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is
who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own
who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that
all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph
also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to
the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended
from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be
registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for
her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn
son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a
manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an
angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And
suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to
God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

25th December Christmas Day Mass

2020

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 verses 1 to 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

27th December The Holy Family

2020

The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 12 to 14

2 For the Lord honours a father above his children, and he confirms a mother's right over her children.
3 Those who honour their father atone for sins, 4 and those who respect their mother are like those who lay up treasure.5 Those who honour their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they will be heard.6 Those who respect their father will have long life, and those who honour their mother obey the Lord;
12 My child, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives;13 even if his mind fails, be patient with him; because you have all your faculties do not despise him.
14 For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and will be credited to you against your sins

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12 to 21

12As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
18Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. 20Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord.
21Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.

Gospel Luke 2.22-24 and 39-40

22When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), 24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."
39When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
40The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

3rd January The Feast of the Epiphany (Christmas 2)
2021

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 60 verses 1 to 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.[2]For darkness shall
cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear
over you.[3]Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.[4]Lift up your eyes and
look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.[5]Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you.[6]A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba
shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 8 to 12

[2]Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,[3]and how the
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,[4]a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.[5]In former generations this mystery was
not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
[8]Although I, Paul, am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the
news of the boundless riches of Christ,[9]and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden
for ages in God who created all things;[10]so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.[11]This was in accordance
with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,[12]in whom we have access to God
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the
child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at
its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]"And
you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel."' [7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and
learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8]Then
he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the
child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also
go and pay him homage."
[9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
[10]When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their
treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a
dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

10th January The Baptism of the Lord
2021

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 42 verses 1 to 4 and 6 to 7

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations. [2]He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
[3]a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth
justice. [4]He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the
coastlands wait for his teaching. [6]I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the
hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, [7]to open the eyes
that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 38

[34]Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, [35]but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36]You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38]how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Gospel: Mark 1.7-11

7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming
after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his
sandals. **8** I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit."
9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out
of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit
descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

17th January Epiphany 2
2021

The first reading is taken from the first book of Samuel Chapter 3 verses 3 to 10 and 19

3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the
ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and
said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay
down. 6 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you
called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD,
and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time.
And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that
the LORD was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall
say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for
your servant is listening."
19 As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 5 verses 1 to 8

1 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the
back, sealed with seven seals; 2 and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to
open the scroll and break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to
open the scroll or to look into it. 4 And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open
the scroll or to look into it. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe
of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."
6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it
had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into
all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the
throne. 8 When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the
Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Gospel: John 1.35-42

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his
disciples, 36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he
exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The
two disciples heard him say this, and they followed
Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he
said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to
him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where
are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see."
They came and saw where he was staying, and they
remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock
in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John
speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's
brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to
him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated
Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at
him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to
be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

24th January The Conversion of St Paul
2021

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 1 verses 4 to 10

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD!
Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians chapter 1 verses 11 to 16a

11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; 12 for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. 14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. 15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

Gospel: Matthew 19.27-30

27 Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

31st January The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)
2021

The first reading is taken from the prophet Malachi Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts. [2]But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [3]he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. [4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years. [5]Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against
the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired
workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not
fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 14 to 18

[14]Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that
through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15]and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. [16]For it is clear that he did not come to help
angels, but the descendants of Abraham. [17]Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in
every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. [18]Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is
able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-32

[22]When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses, they brought him up
to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord [23](as it is
written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male
shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), [24]and they
offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the
law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young
pigeons." [25]Now there was a man in Jerusalem
whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous
and devout, looking forward to the consolation of
Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. [26]It had
been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he
would not see death before he had seen the Lord's
Messiah. [27]Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into
the temple; and when the parents brought in the
child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under
the law, [28]Simeon took him in his arms and praised
God, saying, [29]"Master, now you are dismissing your
servant in peace, according to your word; [30]for my
eyes have seen your salvation, [31]which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, [32]a light for
revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

7th February 2nd before Lent (Sexagesima)
2021

The first reading is taken from the book of Job Chapter 7 verses 1 to 4 and 6 and 7.

"Do not human beings have a hard service on earth, and are not their days like the days of a labourer?
2 Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like labourers who look for their wages,
3 so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me.
4 When I lie down I say, 'When shall I rise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing until dawn.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope.
7 "Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 9 verses 16 to 19 and 22 and 23

16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left, and she began to serve them.
32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.
35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

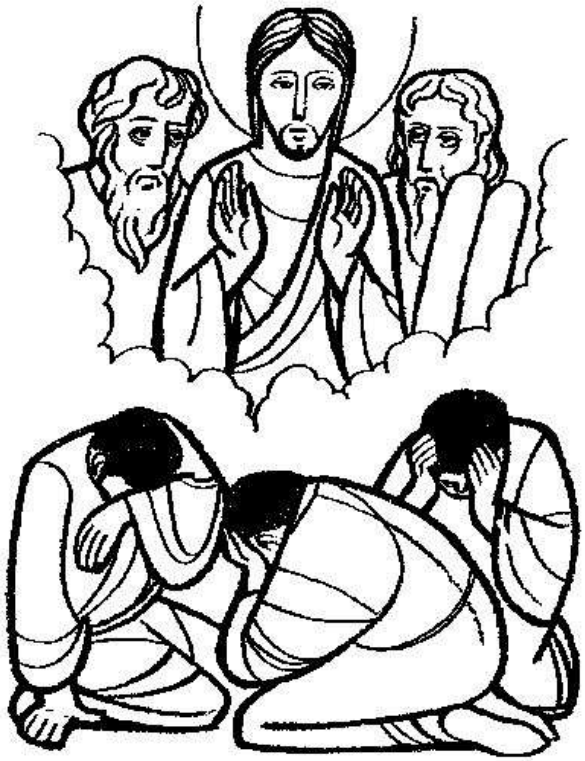
14th February Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)
2021

The first reading is taken from the second book of Kings Chapter 2 verses 1 to 12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their
way from Gilgal. [2]Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said,
"As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3]The
company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today
the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." [4]Elijah said to him,
"Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you
yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. [5]The company of prophets who were at Jericho
drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from
you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." [6]Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has
sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So
the two of them went on. [7]Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance
from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. [8]Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and
struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on
dry ground.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 4 verses 3 to 6

[3]And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4]In their case the god of this world
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of
Christ, who is the image of God. [5]For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and
ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6]For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

[2]Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and
John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by
themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3]and
his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on
earth could bleach them. [4]And there appeared to them
Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. [5]Then
Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here;
let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses,
and one for Elijah." [6]He did not know what to say, for
they were terrified. [7]Then a cloud overshadowed them,
and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son,
the Beloved; listen to him!" [8]Suddenly when they looked
around, they saw no one with them any more, but only
Jesus. [9]As they were coming down the mountain, he
ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen,
until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

17th February Ash Wednesday
2021

The first reading is taken from the prophet Joel Chapter 2 verses 12 to 17

12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 14 Who knows whether
he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the
LORD, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the
bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your
heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is
their God?'"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 20 to Chapter 6 verse 2

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.
6.1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At
an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the
acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6 & 16-18

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order
to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from
your Father in heaven. 2 "So whenever you give alms, do
not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in
the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be
praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received
their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your
left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that
your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And whenever you
pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to
stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street
corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell
you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever
you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray
to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you
16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the
hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show
others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil
on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who
is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

21st February Lent 1
2021

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 9 verses 8 to 17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and
your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic
animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11 I establish my covenant
with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a
flood to destroy the earth."
12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that
is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the
covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the
clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and
the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St Peter Chapter 3 verses 18 to 22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to
God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a
proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the
days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through
water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but
as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into
heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

12 And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the
wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by
Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited
on him.
14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and
believe in the good news."

28th February Lent 2
2021

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 17 verses 1 to 7 and 15 to 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God
Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will
make you exceedingly numerous." 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,
4"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer
shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a
multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall
come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout
their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.
15God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I
will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations;
kings of peoples shall come from her."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 31 to 34

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not
withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything
else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is
Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel: Mark 8.31-38

31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief
priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise
again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside
and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan!
For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
human things."
34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If
any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to
save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will
it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those
who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and
sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed
when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

7th March Lent 3
2021

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 20 verses 1 to 3 and 7 and 8 and 12 to 17

Then God spoke all these words: [2]I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; [3]you shall have no other gods before me. [7]You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. [8]Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy[12]Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. [13]You shall not murder. [14]You shall not commit adultery. [15]You shall not steal. [16]You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. [17]You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 18 to 25

[18]For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19]For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." [20]Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21]For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. [22]For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, [23]but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, [24]but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25]For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: John 2.13-22

[13]The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14]In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. [15]Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. [16]He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" [17]His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." [18]The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" [19]Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." [20]The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" [21]But he was speaking of the temple of his body. [22]After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

14th March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)
2021

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 2 verses 1 to 10.

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. [2]The woman conceived and bore a
son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. [3]When she could hide him no
longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and
placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. [4]His sister stood at a distance, to see what would
happen to him.
[5]The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river.
She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. [6]When she opened it, she saw the child.
He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. [7]Then his
sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the
child for you?" [8]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.
[9]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So
the woman took the child and nursed it. [10]When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter,
and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 3 to 7.

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all
consolation, [4]who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any
affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. [5]For just as the sufferings of
Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. [6]If we are being afflicted, it
is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you
experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.
[7]Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our
consolation.

Gospel: John 19. 25b-27

[25b]Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his
mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary
Magdalene. [26]When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple
whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,
"Woman, here is your son." [27]Then he said to the disciple,
"Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple
took her into his own home.

21st March Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)
2021

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 31 to 34.

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and
the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by
the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the
LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for
they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 5 verses 7 to 9.

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one
who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he
was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the
source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: John 12. 20-33

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the
festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was
from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to
see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew
and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the
earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it
bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and
those who hate their life in this world will keep it for
eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and
where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves
me, the Father will honour.
27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—
'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason
that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I
will glorify it again." 29 The crowd standing there heard it
and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has
spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come
for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this
world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all
people to myself." 33 He said this to indicate the kind of
death he was to die.

28th March Palm Sunday
2021

Gospel Reading for Palms ceremony outside Church Hall: Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two
of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you
will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are
you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]They went away
and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, [5]some of the bystanders
said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]They told them what Jesus had said; and they
allowed them to take it. [7]Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.
[8]Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the
fields. [9]Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
[11]Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it
was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 50 verses 4 to 7.

[4]The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a
word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. [5]The Lord GOD
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. [6]I gave my back to those who struck
me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. [7]The
Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know
that I shall not be put to shame.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11.

[6]Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
[7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, [8]he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. [9]Therefore
God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, [10]so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion Narrative. (Mark 15.1-39)

Dramatis personæ:

- Mark: *the narrator*
- Pilate
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- the Crowd: *the congregation*
- the Soldiers *x 2*
- Chief Priests *x 2*
- Bystander
- Centurion

Mark: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Mark: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You say so.

Mark: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Mark: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.
Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Mark: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Mark: They shouted back,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Mark: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Mark: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Mark: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Mark: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.
They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with

myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Mark: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Mark: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Mark: which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Mark: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Mark: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Mark: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

1st April Maundy Thursday Evening: *7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper* *inc.*

Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary, procession of the blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose where the Watch takes place.

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The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 12 verses 1 to 4 and 11 to 14.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2]This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. [4]If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [11]This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. [12]For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13]The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. [14]This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 11 verses 23 to 26.

[23]For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24]and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25]In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel: John 13. 1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper [3]Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, [4]got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. [5]Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. [6]He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7]Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8]Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." [11]For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." [12]After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? [13]You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. [14]So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15]For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

2nd April Good Friday in the Lord's Passion: 3pm *Solemn Liturgy*

inc. Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

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The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verse 13 to chapter 53 verse 12

13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human
semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their
mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not
heard they shall contemplate.
53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he
grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire
him. 3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one
from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4 Surely he has borne
our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that
made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the
slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion
of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and
there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you
make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of
the LORD shall prosper.11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because
he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 verses 14 to 16, and chapter 5 verses 7 to 9.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been
made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: The Passion Narrative. (John 18.1 to 19.end)

Dramatis personæ:

N: Narrator
J: Jesus
C: Speaker 1
O: Speaker 2

N: Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,
J: "Whom are you looking for?"
N: They answered,
C: "Jesus of Nazareth."
N: Jesus replied,
J: "I am he."
N: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,
J: "Whom are you looking for?"
N: And they said,
C: "Jesus of Nazareth."
N: Jesus answered,
J: "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."
N: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,
J: "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"
N: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. [13] First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.
Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, O: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"
N: He said,
O: "I am not."
N: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.
Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. [20] Jesus answered,
J: "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."
N: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, O: "Is that how you answer the high priest?"
N: Jesus answered,
J: "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"
N: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,
O: "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"
N: He denied it and said,
O: "I am not."
N: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,
O: "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

N: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.
Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,
O: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"
N: They answered,
C: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."
N: Pilate said to them,
O: "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."
N: The Jews replied,
C: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."
N: This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.
Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
O: "Are you the King of the Jews?"
N: Jesus answered, J: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"
N: Pilate replied,
O: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"
N: Jesus answered,
J: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."
N: Pilate asked him,
O: "So you are a king?"
N: Jesus answered,
J: "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
N: Pilate asked him,
O: "What is truth?"
N: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,
O: "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"
N: They shouted in reply,
C: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"
N: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. [2] And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,
C: "Hail, King of the Jews!"
N: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,
O: "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."
N: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, O: "Here is the man!"
N: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,
C: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"
N: Pilate said to them,
O: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."
N: The Jews answered him,
C: "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."
N: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,
O: "Where are you from?"
N: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
O: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"
N: Jesus answered him,

J: "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."
N: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,
C: "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."
N: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,
O: "Here is your King!"
N: They cried out,
C: "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"
N: Pilate asked them,
O: "Shall I crucify your King?"
N: The chief priests answered,
C: "We have no king but the emperor."
N: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.
So they took Jesus; [17] and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,
C: "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"
N: Pilate answered,
O: "What I have written I have written."
N: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,
C: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."
N: This was to fulfill what the scripture says,
"They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."
And that is what the soldiers did.
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,
J: "Woman, here is your son."
N: Then he said to the disciple,
J: "Here is your mother."
N: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.
After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),
J: "I am thirsty."
N: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,
J: "It is finished."
N: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pause for a moment

N: Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled,

“None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”
After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

4th April Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection
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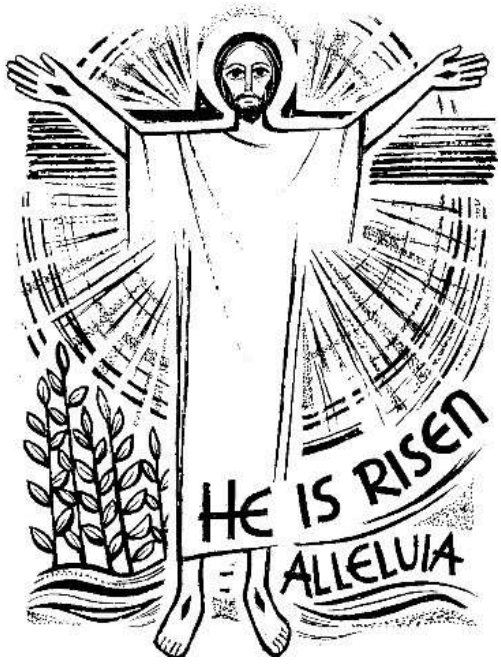
The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 43.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to
testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify
about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 6 to 8.

6Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?
7Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal
lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. 8Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast
of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



Mark 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the
mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might
go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week,
when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been
saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?" 4When they looked up, they
saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been
rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,
dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were
alarmed. 6But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are
looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been
raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.
7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you
to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8So they
went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement
had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were
afraid.

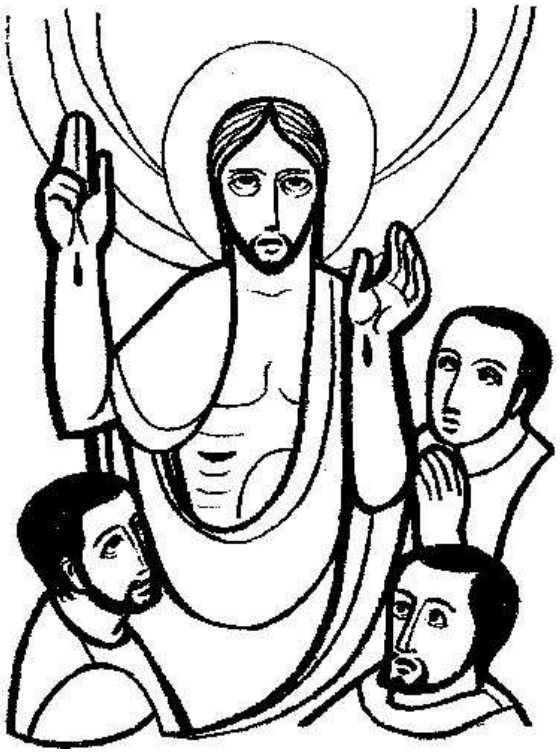
11th April Easter 2
2021

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 4 verses 32 to 35.

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private
ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the
apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.
34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and
brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as
any had need.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 5 verses 1 to 6.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent
loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his
commandments. 3 For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments
are not burdensome, 4 for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that
conquers the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God?
6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water
and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.



John 20.19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had
met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and
stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After
he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then
the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said
to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent
me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed
on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If
you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you
retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas
(who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not
with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told
him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my
finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I
will not believe."
26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and
Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be
with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger
here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in
my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him,
"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to
believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this
book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

18th April Easter 3
2021

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 3 verses 12 to 19.

12When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you
stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God
of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed
over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the
Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life,
whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has
made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this
perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did
also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah
would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 3 verses 1 to 7.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to
take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen
him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous,
just as he is righteous.

Luke 24.36b-48

36bJesus himself stood among them and said to them,
"Peace be with you." 37They were startled and
terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
38He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why
do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and
my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a
ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I
have." 40And when he had said this, he showed them
his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were
disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have
you anything here to eat?" 42They gave him a piece of
broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.
44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I
spoke to you while I was still with you—that
everything written about me in the law of Moses, the
prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he
opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and
he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is
to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.

25th April Easter 4
2021

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 4 verses 5 to 12.

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest,
Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 When they had made the
prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then
Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are questioned today
because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10 let
it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health
by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11 This
Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' 12 There is
salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must
be saved."

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 3 verses 16 to 24.

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one
another. 17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in
need and yet refuses help? 18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him
20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.
21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him
whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.
23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one
another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in
them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10.11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand,
who is not the shepherd and does not own the
sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep
and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and
scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my
own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and
I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the
sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to
this fold. I must bring them also, and they will
listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one
shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me,
because I lay down my life in order to take it up
again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down
of my own accord. I have power to lay it down,
and I have power to take it up again. I have
received this command from my Father."

2nd May Easter 5
2021

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 9 verses 26 to 31.

26When he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, for
they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27But Barnabas took him, brought him to the apostles, and
described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus
he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. 28So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking
boldly in the name of the Lord. 29He spoke and argued with the Hellenists; but they were attempting to kill
him. 30When the believers learned of it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.
31Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the
fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 4 verses 7 to 21.

7Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed
among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10In this is
love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if
we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13By this we know that we abide in
him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15God
abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So we have known and
believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God
abides in them.
17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as
he is, so are we in this world. 18There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do
with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved
us. 20Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a
brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment
we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2He
removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every
branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have
spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the
branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you
are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear
much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch
and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the
fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in
you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and
become my disciples.

9th May Rogation Sunday
2021

The first reading is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 11 verses 10 to 15.

10 For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have
come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. 11 But the land that you are
crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, 12 a land that
the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the
year to the end of the year. 13 If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you
today—loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— 14 then
he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your
grain, your wine, and your oil; 15 and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your
fill.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 18 to 25.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be
revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in
hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the
glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until
now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly
while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is
seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it
with patience.

Mark 4.26-32

26 He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if
someone would scatter seed on the
ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and
day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he
does not know how. 28 The earth produces of
itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full
grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe,
at once he goes in with his sickle, because the
harvest has come.'
30 He also said, 'With what can we compare the
kingdom of God, or what parable will we use
for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when
sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the
seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows
up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and
puts forth large branches, so that the birds of
the air can make nests in its shade.'

13th May Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
2021

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 1 to 11.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning [2]until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3]After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. [4]While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; [5]for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7]He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. [8]But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9]When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10]While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11]They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 1 verses 17 to 23.

[17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Mark 16.15-20

15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and
proclaim the good news to the whole creation. **16** The one
who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one
who does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these
signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name
they will cast out demons; they will speak in new
tongues; **18** they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if
they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will
lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."
19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,
was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand
of God. **20** And they went out and proclaimed the good
news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and
confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

16th May Sunday after the Ascension
2021

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 15 to 17 and 21 to 26.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred
twenty persons) and said, 16 "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David
foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— 17 for he was numbered
among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."
21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out
among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these
must become a witness with us to his resurrection." 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who
was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart.
Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from
which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias;
and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The second reading is taken from the first letter of St John Chapter 5 verses 9 to 13.

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he
has testified to his Son.
10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in
God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And
this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the
name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17.1-19

11 Jesus prayed, "And now I am no longer in the world,
but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.
Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have
given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.
12 While I was with them, I protected them in your
name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not
one of them was lost except the one destined to be
lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I
am coming to you, and I speak these things in the
world so that they may have my joy made complete in
themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the
world has hated them because they do not belong to
the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am
not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask
you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not
belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the
world.
17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them
into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

23rd May Pentecost
2021

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.[2]And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting.[3]Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.[4]All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.[6]And at this sound the
crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
each.[7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?[8]And how is it that
we hear, each of us, in our own native language?[9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,[11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8 verses 22 to 27.

[22]We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; [23]and not only the
creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for
adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very
Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. [27]And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the
mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15.26-27 & 16.4b-15

[26]"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you
from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the
Father, he will testify on my behalf. [27]You also are to
testify because you have been with me from the
beginning.
16[4b] "I did not say these things to you from the
beginning, because I was with you. [5]But now I am going
to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where
are you going?' [6]But because I have said these things to
you, sorrow has filled your hearts.
[7]Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage
that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will
not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [8]And
when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin
and righteousness and judgment: [9]about sin, because they
do not believe in me; [10]about righteousness, because I am
going to the Father and you will see me no longer;
[11]about judgment, because the ruler of this world has
been condemned. [12]"I still have many things to say to
you, but you cannot bear them now. [13]When the Spirit of
truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he
will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are
to come. [14]He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15]All that the Father
has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

30th May Trinity Sunday
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 6 verses 1 to 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. [2]Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. [3]And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." [4]The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.
[5]And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" [6]Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. [7]The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." [8]Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8 verses 12 to 17.

[12]So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— [13]for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. [15]For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16]it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
[17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Matthew 28.16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to
which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they
worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to
them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to
me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have
commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end
of the age."

6th June Votive for Corpus Christi (Trinity 1)
2021

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 14 verses 18 to 20

18 And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. 19 He
blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be
God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of
everything.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 11 verses 23 to 26.

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was
betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is
for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This
cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as
often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 6.51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this
bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is
my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this
man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life
in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I
will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is
true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in
them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so
whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down
from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the
one who eats this bread will live forever."

13th June Trinity 2
2021

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Ezekiel Chapter 17 verses 22 to 24

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will
break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty
mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear
fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind. 24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the
high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have
spoken; I will accomplish it.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 5 verses 6 to 8 and 14 to 17.

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away
from the Lord - 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be
away from the body and at home with the Lord.
14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have
died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died
and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if
anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become
new!

Mark 4.26-34

26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter
seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and
the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The
earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full
grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in
with his sickle, because the harvest has come."
30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or
what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which,
when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on
earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of
all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air
can make nests in its shade."
33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they
were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables,
but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

20th June Trinity 3

2021

The first reading is from the book of Job Chapter 38 verses 1 to 11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: [2] "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? [3] Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. [4] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. [5] Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? [6] On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone [7] when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? [8] "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— [9] when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, [10] and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, [11] and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 5 verses 14 to 17.

[14]For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. [15]And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. [16]From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. [17]So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4.35-41

[35] On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." [36] And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. [37] A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. [38] But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" [39] He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. [40] He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" [41] And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

26th June Ss. Peter and Paul

2021

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 12 verses 1 to 11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. [2]He had James, the
brother of John, killed with the sword. [3]After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter
also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) [4]When he had seized him, he put him in prison and
handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the
Passover. [5]While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. [6]The very night
before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers,
while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. [7]Suddenly an angel of the Lord
appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly."
And the chains fell off his wrists. [8]The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did
so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." [9]Peter went out and followed him;
he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.
[10]After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city.
It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the
angel left him. [11]Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and
rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to Timothy chapter 4 verses 6 to 8 and 17 to 18.

[6]As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7]I have fought
the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8]From now on there is reserved for me the
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me
but also to all who have longed for his appearing. [17]But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that
through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from
the lion's mouth. [18]The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To
him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 16.13-19

[13]Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,
he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of
Man is?" [14]And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but
others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets." [15]He said to them, "But who do you say that I
am?" [16]Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son
of the living God." [17]And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. [18]And I tell
you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. [19]I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

8th July Votive for St Thomas (Patronal Festival Mass)

2021

The first reading is from the prophet Habakkuk Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. [2]Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. [3]For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. [4]Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22.

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20]built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

John20.24-29

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

17th October S. Luke
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 35 verses 3 to 6.

3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.

The second reading is from St Paul's Second letter to Timothy Chapter 4 verses 5 to 17.

5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 9Do your best to come to me soon, 10for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia,* Titus to Dalmatia. 11Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. 12I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 14Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. 15You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. 16At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! 17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

St Luke 10. 1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

24th October Trinity 21
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 31 verses 7 to 9.

7 For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' 8 See, I am going to bring
them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the
blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.
9 With weeping they shall come, and with consolations[a] I will lead them back, I will let them walk by
brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and
Ephraim is my firstborn.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 7 verses 23 to 28.

23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from
continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for
ever. 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always
lives to make intercession for them.
26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from
sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices
day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he
offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of
the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Mark 10.46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of
Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the
roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of
Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of
David, have mercy on me!' 48 Many sternly ordered him
to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of
David, have mercy on me!' 49 Jesus stood still and said,
'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to
him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' 50 So throwing
off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then
Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'
The blind man said to him, 'My teacher,[a] let me see
again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you
well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed
him on the way.

31st October All Saints' Parish Mass 10am

2021

The first reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3 verses 1 to 9.

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.
They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 21 verses 1 to 6a.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.[2]And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.[3]And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;[4]he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."[5]And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."[6]Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

John 11.32-44

[32]When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
[33]When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.[34]He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."[35]Jesus began to weep.[36]So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"[37]But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"[38]Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.[39]Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."[40]Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"[41]So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.[42]I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."[43]When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"[44]The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

31st October – All Souls' Requiem Evensong 6.30pm

2021

The Old Testament Lesson is taken from the 12th Chapter of the book of Daniel beginning to read from verse 1.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
[2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
[3] And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The New Testament Lesson taken from the 4th chapter of St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians beginning to read from verse 13

[13] But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
[14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
[15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
[16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
[17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

2nd November All Souls' Day Requiem Mass 7pm

2021

The first reading is from the book of Lamentations Chapter 3 verses 17 to 26 & 31 to 33.

17 My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; 18 so I say, "Gone is my glory, and all that I
had hoped for from the Lord." 19 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
20 My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I
have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." 25 The Lord is good to those who
wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. 26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the
Lord.
31 For the Lord will not reject forever. 32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the
abundance of his steadfast love; 33 for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

The second reading is from the first letter of St Peter Chapter 1 verses 3 to 9.

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5who are being protected by the power of
God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7so that the
genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be
found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you have not seen
him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an
indescribable and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 5.19-25

19Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the
Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20The Father loves the Son and shows
him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be
astonished. 21Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to
whomever he wishes. 22The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, 23so that all may
honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour
the Father who sent him. 24Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me
has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. 25"Very truly, I tell
you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those
who hear will live.

7th November – Trinity 23

2021

The first reading is from the prophet Jonah Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, [2] 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' [3] So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. [4] Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' [5] And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

[10] When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 9 verses 24 to 28

[24] For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. [25] Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; [26] for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. [27] And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, [28] so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 1.14-20

[14] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God [15] and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

[16] As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. [17] And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19] As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. [20] Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

14th November – Remembrance Sunday All Age Eucharist: Requiem for the Fallen

2021

The first reading is from Wisdom Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5 and 9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 to 18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel John 6.37-40

37Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away;
38for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

21st November – Feast of Christ the King
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Daniel Chapter 7 verses 9 to 10 & 13-14

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as
snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning
fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten
thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he
came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and
kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 1 verses 4b to 8

4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits
who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the
ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us
to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his
account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the
Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel John 18.33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters
again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
"Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus
answered, "Do you ask this on your
own, or did others tell you about
me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am
I? Your own nation and the chief priests
have handed you over to me. What have
you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My
kingdom is not from this world. If my
kingdom were from this world, my
followers would be fighting to keep me
from being handed over to the Jews. But
as it is, my kingdom is not from
here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a
king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I
am a king. For this I was born, and for
this I came into the world, to testify to
the truth. Everyone who belongs to the
truth listens to my voice."

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28th November Advent 1
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah chapter 33 verses 14 to16

14 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and
the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem
will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The second reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians chapter 3 verses 9 to 13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of
you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is
lacking in your faith.
11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord
make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the
coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on the earth distress among nations confused by the
roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from
fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for
the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will
see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and
great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place,
stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is
drawing near."
29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all
the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for
yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also,
when you see these things taking place, you know that the
kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation
will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass
away. 34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed
down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of
this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap.
For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole
earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the
strength to escape all these things that will take place, and
to stand before the Son of Man."

5th December Advent 2
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Malachi chapter 3 verses 1 to 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts.[2]But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;[3]he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness.[4]Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 1 verses 3 & 9 to 11

[3]I thank my God every time I remember you,[4]constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all
of you.
[9]And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight[10]to
help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,[11]having
produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of
Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and
Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,[2]during the high
priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.[3]He went into all the
region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins,[4]as it is written in the book of the
words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the
wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight.[5]Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and
the rough ways made smooth;[6]and all flesh shall see the salvation
of God.'"

12th December Advent 3

2021

The first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah chapter 3 verses 14 to 17

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter
Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The
king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16 On that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 4 verses 4 to 7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord
is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3.7-8a & 15-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be
baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who
warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance.
15 As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts
concerning John, whether he might be the
Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying,
"I baptize you with water; but one who is
more powerful than I is coming; I am not
worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He
will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to
clear his threshing floor and to gather the
wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So, with many
other exhortations, he proclaimed the good
news to the people.

19th December Advent 4

2021

The first reading is from the prophet Micah chapter 5 verses 2 to 5a

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for
me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give
them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall
return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the
majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends
of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 10 verses 5 to 10

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
7 Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of
me)." 8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and
burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, "See, I have
come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God's will that
we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1.39-45

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a
Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered
the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in
her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are
you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the
mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I
heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my
womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who
believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord."

24th December Midnight Mass
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2 to 7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before
you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 6 For a
child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow
continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and
uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the
LORD of hosts will do this.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to Titus Chapter 2 verses 11 to 14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12 training us to renounce impiety and worldly
passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13 while we wait for
the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 14 He it is
who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own
who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel Luke 2.1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that
all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph
also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to
the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended
from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be
registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was
expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for
her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn
son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a
manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.
8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 Then an
angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were
terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy
for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And
suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to
God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

25th December Christmas Day Mass
2021

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good
news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their
voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth
together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed
Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the
earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 verses 1 to 4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he
has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the
worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all
things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty on high,
4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning
with God. 3All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has
come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light
of all people.
5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose
name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the
light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was
not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true
light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came
into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own
people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to
become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man,
but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a
father's only son, full of grace and truth.

26th December St Stephen (Christmas 1)
2021

The first reading is from the second book of Chronicles Chapter 24 verses 20 to 22

20 Then the spirit of God took possession of[a] Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada; he stood above the
people and said to them, 'Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the LORD, so that
you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the LORD, he has also forsaken you.' 21 But they conspired
against him, and by command of the king they stoned him to death in the court of the house of
the LORD. 22 King Joash did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him,
but killed his son. As he was dying, he said, 'May the LORD see and avenge!'

The second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 7 verses 51 to 59

51 [Stephen said,] 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the
Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. 52 Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute?
They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers
and murderers. 53 You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept
it.'
54 When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen.[a] 55 But filled
with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of
God. 56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of
God!' 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they
dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young
man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'

Matthew 10.17-22

17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog
you in their synagogues; 18 and you will be dragged before
governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and
the Gentiles. 19 When they hand you over, do not worry about
how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to
say will be given to you at that time; 20 for it is not you who speak,
but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Brother will
betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will
rise against parents and have them put to death; 22 and you will be
hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the
end will be saved.

2nd January The Feast of the Epiphany
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 60 verses 1 to 6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.[2]For darkness shall
cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear
over you.[3]Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.[4]Lift up your eyes and
look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your
daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.[5]Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill
and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you.[6]A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba
shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 2 to 6 and 8 to 12

[2]Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,[3]and how the
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,[4]a reading of which will
enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.[5]In former generations this mystery was
not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
[8]Although I, Paul, am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the
news of the boundless riches of Christ,[9]and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden
for ages in God who created all things;[10]so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety
might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.[11]This was in accordance
with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,[12]in whom we have access to God
in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the
child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at
its rising, and have come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod
heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling
together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of
them where the Messiah was to be born. [5]They told him, "In
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: [6]'And
you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel.'" [7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and
learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. [8]Then
he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the
child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also
go and pay him homage."
[9]When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
[10]When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their
treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. [12]And having been warned in a
dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

9th January The Baptism of the Lord
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 1 to 3a & 5

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. [2]When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. [3]For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. [5]Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 8 verses 14 to 17

[14]Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. [15]The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit [16](for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). [17]Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

[15]As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, [16]John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [17]His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

[21]Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, [22]and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

16th January Plough Sunday
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 6 to 11

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 3 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 9 verses 6 to 15

[6] The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. [9] As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

[10] He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; [12] for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. [13] Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. [15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Matthew 6.25-end

Jesus said, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? 4 Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today'.

23rd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Nehemiah chapter 8 verses 2 to 10

2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could
hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square
before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and
those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 4 The
scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; 5 And Ezra opened the book
in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the
people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen,"
lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the
people understood the reading.
9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the
people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the
people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and
drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to
our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 verses 12 to 14 & 27 to 31a

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are
one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one
member but of many.
27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church
first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of
assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all
teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
31a But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit,
returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread
through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to
teach in their synagogues and was praised by
everyone. 16 When he came to Nazareth, where he
had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on
the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to
read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given
to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place
where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is
upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good
news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives and recovery of sight to the
blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the
year of the Lord's favour." 20 And he rolled up the
scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this
scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

30th January- The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass)
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Malachi Chapter 3 verses 1 to 5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the
LORD of hosts. 2But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is
like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the
descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in
righteousness. 4Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old
and as in former years. 5Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against
the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired
workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not
fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 2 verses 14 to 18

14Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that
through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15and free those
who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16For it is clear that he did not come to help
angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in
every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a
sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is
able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2.22-32

22When the time came for their purification
according to the law of Moses, they brought him
up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23(as it
is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn
male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),
24and they offered a sacrifice according to what is
stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of
turtledoves or two young pigeons."
25Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name
was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout,
looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and
the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would
not see death before he had seen the Lord's
Messiah. 27Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into
the temple; and when the parents brought in the
child Jesus, to do for him what was customary
under the law, 28Simeon took him in his arms and
praised God, saying, 29"Master, now you are
dismissing your servant in peace, according to
your word; 30for my eyes have seen your salvation,
31which you have prepared in the presence of all
peoples, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles and
for glory to your people Israel."

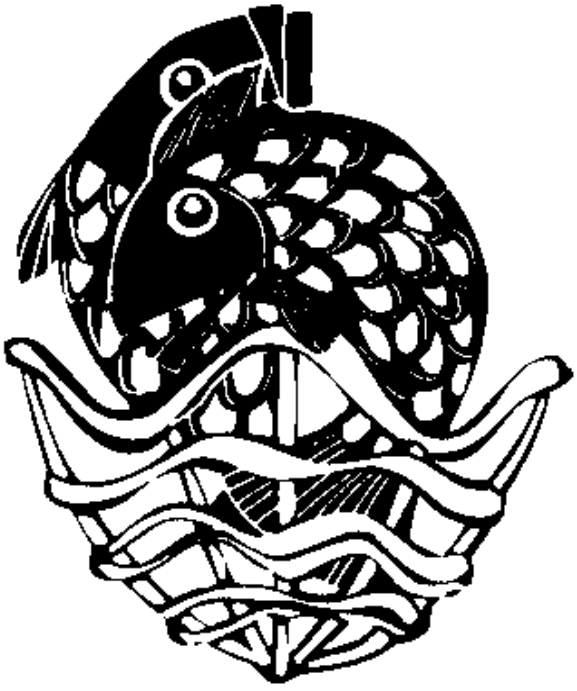
6th February Epiphany 5
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah chapter 6 verses 1 to 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe
filled the temple. [2] Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their
faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. [3] And one called to another and said:
'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'
[4] The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with
smoke. [5] And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of
unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'
[6] Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. [7] The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has
departed and your sin is blotted out.' [8] Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and
who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 15 verses 1 to 8

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I, Paul, proclaimed to you, which
you in turn received, in which also you stand, [2] through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to
the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
[3] For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in
accordance with the scriptures, [4] and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in
accordance with the scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared
to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some
have died. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, he appeared also to me.



Gospel: Luke 5.3-10

[3] Jesus got into a boat belonging to Simon Peter,
and asked him to put out a little way from the
shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds
from the boat. [4] When he had finished speaking, he
said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let
down your nets for a catch.' [5] Simon answered,
'Master, we have worked all night long but have
caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the
nets.' [6] When they had done this, they caught so
many fish that their nets were beginning to
break. [7] So they signalled to their partners in the
other boat to come and help them. And they came
and filled both boats, so that they began to
sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at
Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I
am a sinful man!' [9] For he and all who were with
him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had
taken; [10] and so also were James and John, sons of
Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then
Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now
on you will be catching people.'

13th February 3rd Epiphany 6
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Jeremiah chapter 17 verses 7 to 10

7 Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 They shall be like a tree planted by
water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay
green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.
9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? 10 I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 15 verses 12 to 14 & 16 to 20

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of
the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not
been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 16 For if the dead are
not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are
still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have
hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: Luke 6.17-23

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a
great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from
all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had
come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those
who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in
the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from
him and healed all of them.
20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.'
'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 'Blessed are
you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile
you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in
heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

20th February 2nd Epiphany 7
2022

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis chapter 2 verses 4b to 9 and 15 to 17

4b In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, 5 when no plant of the field was yet in
the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the
earth, and there was no one to till the ground; 6 but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the
whole face of the ground— 7 then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed
into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden
in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the LORD God
made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of
the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And
the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 4 verses 1 and 6 to 11

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open!
Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and
behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature
with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living
creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing
they sing,
'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'
9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the
throne, who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the
throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,
11 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel: Luke 8.22-25

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them,
'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, 23 and
while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake,
and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. 24 They
went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are
perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging
waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, 'Where
is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another,
'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water,
and they obey him?'

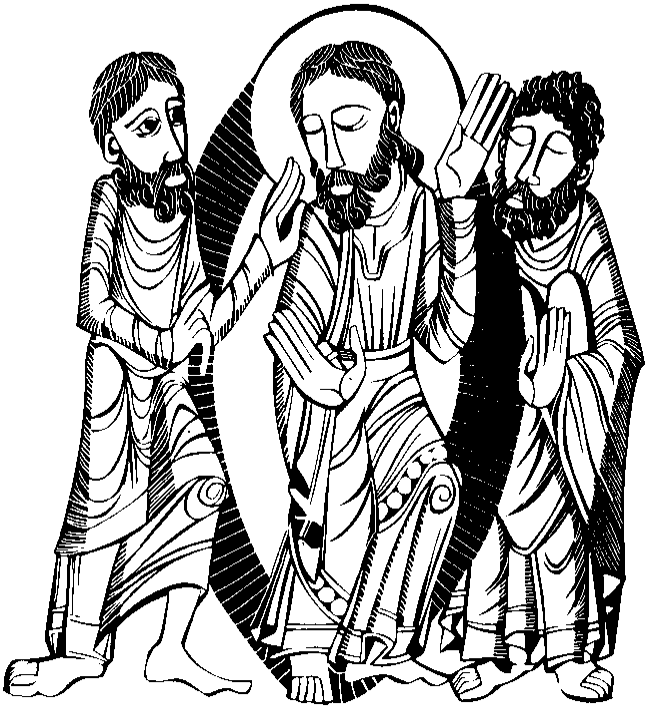
27th February Sunday before Lent
2022

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 34 verses 29 to 33

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the
covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with
God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid
to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned
to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in
commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking
with them, he put a veil on his face.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 3 verses 12 to 18

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face
to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds
were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is
still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies
over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the
Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory
to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.



Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus
took with him Peter and John and James, and went
up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was
praying, the appearance of his face changed, and
his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they
saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.
31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his
departure, which he was about to accomplish at
Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were
weighed down with sleep; but since they had
stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men
who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving
him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us
to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for
you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not
knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a
cloud came and overshadowed them; and they
were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then
from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my
Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice
had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept
silent and in those days told no one any of the
things they had seen.

2nd March Ash Wednesday
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Joel Chapter 2 verses 12 to 17

12 Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning; 13 rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 14 Who knows whether
he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the
LORD, your God? 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the
bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your
heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is
their God?'"

The second reading is taken from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 5 verses 20 to Chapter 6 verse 2

20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we
might become the righteousness of God.
6.1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At
an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the
acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6 & 16-18

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order
to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from
your Father in heaven. 2 "So whenever you give alms, do
not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in
the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be
praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received
their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your
left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that
your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And whenever you
pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to
stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street
corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell
you, they have received their reward. 6 But whenever
you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray
to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you
16 "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the
hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show
others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, put oil
on your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who
is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

6th March Lent 1
2022

The first reading is taken from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 26 verses 4 to 10

4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your
God,5you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;
he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation,
mighty and populous.6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on
us,7we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our
toil, and our oppression.8The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,
with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;9and he brought us into this place and gave
us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.10So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,
O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD
your God.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 10 verses 8b to 13

8But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that
we proclaim);9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will be saved.10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one
confesses with the mouth and so is saved.11The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to
shame."
12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all
who call on him.13For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and
was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2where for forty days
he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during
those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3The
devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this
stone to become a loaf of bread." 4Jesus answered him, "It is
written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5Then the devil
led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of
the world. 6And the devil said to him, "To you I will give
their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to
me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship
me, it will all be yours." 8Jesus answered him, "It is written,
'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9Then
the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the
pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of
God, throw yourself down from here, 10for it is written, 'He
will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
11and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will
not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12Jesus answered him,
"It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13When the devil had finished every test, he
departed from him until an opportune time.

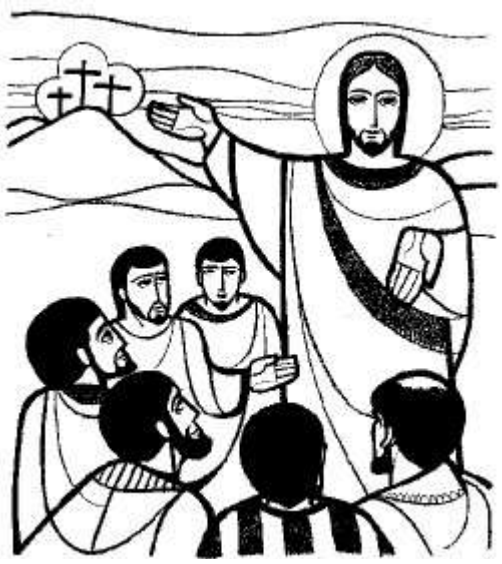
13th March Lent 2
2022

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 15 verses 5 to 12 and 17 to 18

5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count
them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD
reckoned it to him as righteousness.
7 Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to
possess."8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"9 He said to him, "Bring me a
heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young
pigeon."10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did
not cut the birds in two.11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended
upon him.
17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between
these pieces.18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this
land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 3 verses 20 to chapter 4 verse 1

20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus
Christ.21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,
by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in
this way, my beloved.



Gospel: Luke 13. 31-35

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get
away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32 He said to
them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out
demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the
third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next
day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet
to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the
city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!
How often have I desired to gather your children together as a
hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not
willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will
not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

20th March Lent 3
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 55 verses 1 to 9

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come,
buy wine and milk without money and without price.[2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and
delight yourselves in rich food.[3]Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make
with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.[4]See, I made him a witness to the
peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.[5]See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and
nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for
he has glorified you.
[6]Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;[7]let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to
our God, for he will abundantly pardon.[8]For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my
ways, says the LORD.[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 10 verses 1 to 6 and 10 to 12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all
passed through the sea,[2]and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,[3]and all ate the same
spiritual food,[4]and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed
them, and the rock was Christ.[5]Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were
struck down in the wilderness.
[6]Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. [10]And do not
complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.[11]These things happened to them to
serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have
come.[12]So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

Gospel: Luke 13. 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told
him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled
with their sacrifices. [2]He asked them, "Do you think that
because these Galileans suffered in this way they were
worse sinners than all other Galileans? [3]No, I tell you;
but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. [4]Or
those eighteen who were killed when the tower of
Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse
offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5]No, I
tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as
they did."
[6]Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted
in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and
found none. [7]So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For
three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree,
and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be
wasting the soil?' [8]He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one
more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. [9]If
it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you
can cut it down.'"

27th February Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)
2022

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 2 verses 5 to 6 and 9 to 10

5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him… 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her servant, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Colossians Chapter 3 verses 12 to 14

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Gospel: John 19.25a-27

25 And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

3rd April Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)
2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 16 to 21

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot
and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The
wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the
desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might
declare my praise.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 3 verses 8 to 14

8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my
Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may
gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one
that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and
the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if
somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but
this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on
towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: **John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany,
the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the
dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha
served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with
him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of
pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with
her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the
perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the
one who was about to betray him), said, 5 'Why was
this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and
the money given to the poor?' 6 (He said this not
because he cared about the poor, but because he was
a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal
what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She
bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my
burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you
do not always have me.'

10th April Palm Sunday
2022

Gospel Reading for Palms ceremony at the Bandstand: John 12.12-16

12 The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it
is written: 15 "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"
16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered
that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 50 verses 4 to 7

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a
word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD
has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards. 6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7 The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not
been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11

6 Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even
death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

The Passion Narrative. (Luke 23.1-49)

Dramatis personæ:

- Luke: *the narrator*
- Priests x 2
- Pilate
- Crowd: *the congregation*
- Jesus: *Fr. Ro*
- *bert*
- the Soldiers *x 2*
- Criminal 1
- Criminal 2
- Centurion

Luke: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Luke: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Luke: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Luke: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Luke: But they were insistent and said,

Priests: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Luke: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Luke: Then they all shouted out together,

Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Luke: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)
Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!

Luke: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Luke: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Luke: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Luke: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Luke: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Luke: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Luke: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Luke: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Luke: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Luke: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Luke: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

14th April Maundy Thursday
2022

The first reading is taken from the book of Exodus Chapter 12 verses 1 to 4 and 11 to 14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2] This month shall mark for you the beginning of
months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3] Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the
tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. [4] If a household is
too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in
proportion to the number of people who eat of it.
[11] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and
you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. [12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt that
night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the
gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13] The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses
where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike
the land of Egypt. [14] This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to
the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 23 to 26

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was
betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is
for[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me.' [25] In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' [26] For
as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Gospel: John 13. 1-15

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus
knew that his hour had come to depart from this
world and go to the Father. Having loved his own
who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
[2] The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas
son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during
supper [3] Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all
things into his hands, and that he had come from
God and was going to God, [4] got up from the table,
took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around
himself. [5] Then he poured water into a basin and
began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them
with the towel that was tied around him. [6] He came
to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7] Jesus answered, "You do not
know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." [8] Peter said to him, "You will never wash my
feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9] Simon Peter said to him, "Lord,
not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10] Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need
to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." [11] For he knew
who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." [12] After he had washed their feet,
had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to
you? [13] You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. [14] So if I, your Lord and
Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have set you an
example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

15th April Good Friday in the Lord's Passion: 3pm *Solemn Liturgy*

inc. Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion

2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 13 to 53 verse 12

13 See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human
semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—15 so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their
mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not
heard they shall contemplate.
53:1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he
grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire
him. 3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one
from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. 4 Surely he has borne
our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that
made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the
slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By a perversion
of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
9 They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and
there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you
make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of
the LORD shall prosper.11 Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because
he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 verses 14 to 16, and chapter 5 verses 7 to 9.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and
tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent
submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been
made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel: The Passion Narrative. (John 18.1 to 19.end)

Dramatis personæ:

- John: *the narrator*
- Jesus: *Fr. Robert*
- Soldiers
- the Chief Priests *:*
- Peter
- Pontius Pilate
- a Woman
- a Soldier (Police)
- a Slave/s

John: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
(John 18.1 – 19.end)

John: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: They answered,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus replied,

Jesus: I am he.

John: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, 'I am he,' they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

John: And they said,

Soldiers: Jesus of Nazareth.

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.

John: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, 'I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.' Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?

John: So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter,

a Woman: You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?

John: Peter said,

Peter: I am not.

John: Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and

warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.

John: When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying,

a Soldier (Police): Is that how you answer the high priest?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

John: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

Soldiers and Slaves: You are not also one of his disciples, are you?

John: Peter denied it and said,

Peter: I am not.

John: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

a Slave: Did I not see you in the garden with him?

John: Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

John: They answered,

Chief Priests: If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.

John: The Jews replied,

Chief Priests: We are not permitted to put anyone to death.

John: (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

John: Pilate replied,

Pilate: I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: So you are a king?

John: Jesus answered,

Jesus: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

John: Pilate asked him,

Pilate: What is truth?

John: After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,

Pilate: I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

John: They shouted in reply,

Chief Priests: Not this man, but Barabbas!

John: Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

John: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.

John: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Here is the man!

John: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

Chief Priests and Soldiers: Crucify him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.

John: The Jews answered him,

Chief Priests: We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.

John: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Where are you from?

John: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

Pilate: Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?

John: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.

John: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Chief Priests: If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.

John: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the Jews,

Pilate: Here is your King!

John: They cried out,

Chief Priests: Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!

John: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Shall I crucify your King?

John: The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests: We have no king but the emperor.

John: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'

John: Pilate answered,

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

John: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

John: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

John: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

John: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

John: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: It is finished.

John: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'None of his bones shall be broken.' And again another passage of scripture says, 'They will look on the one whom they have pierced.' After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

17th April Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection

2022

The first reading is taken from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 65 verses 17 to 20 and 24 to 25.

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall
not be remembered or come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I
am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of
weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. 20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few
days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed 24 Before they call I
will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion
shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my
holy mountain, says the LORD.

The second reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 10 verses 34 to 43.

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and
allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to
testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify
about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel: **John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that
the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not
know where they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4
The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent
down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came,
following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had
been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other
disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not
understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb; 12 and she
saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at
the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw
Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you
weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have
carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She
turned and said to him in Hebrew,[b] 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold
on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am
ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 18 Mary Magdalene went and
announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

24th April Easter 2
2022

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 5 verses 27 to 32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,
28 saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your
teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' 29 But Peter and the apostles answered,
'We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom
you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that
he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is
the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

The second reading is taken from the Revelation of St John the Divine chapter 1 verses 4 to 8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us
from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be
glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the
Almighty.

Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day
of the week, and the doors of the house where
the disciples had met were locked for fear of the
Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and
said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the
disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21
Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When
he had said this, he breathed on them and said to
them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive
the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you
retain the sins of any, they are retained.'
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of
the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen
the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the
mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger
in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I
will not believe.'
26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were
shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your
finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28
Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have
seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But
these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that
through believing you may have life in his name.

1st May Easter 3

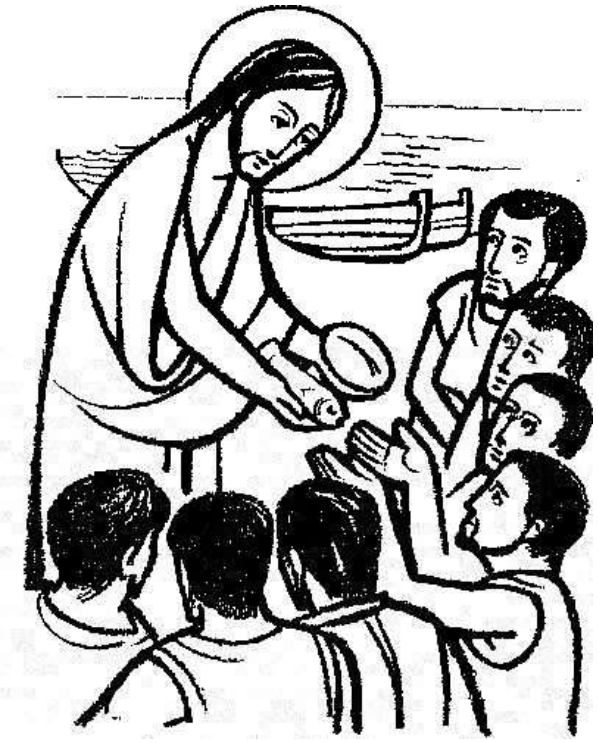
2022

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 9 verses 1 to 6

[1]Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest [2]and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. [3]Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [4]He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' [5]He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. [6]But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 5 verses 11 to 14

[11]Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12]singing with full voice,
'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'
[13]Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!'
[14]And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.



Gospel: **John 21:1-14**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. [2]Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. [3]Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. [4]Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5]Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." [6]He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. [7]That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. [8]But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. [9]When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. [10]Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11]So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. [12]Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. [13]Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. [14]This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

8th May Easter 4
2022

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 9 verses 36 to 42

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted
to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they
laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there,
sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with
them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping
and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of
them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then
she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling
the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many
believed in the Lord.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 7 verses 9 to 12

9 After this I [John] looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around
the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to
our God forever and ever! Amen."

Gospel: **John 10.22-30**

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It
was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of
Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How
long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works
that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe,
because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I
know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will
never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my
Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out
of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

15th May Easter 5
2022

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 14 verses 21 to 27

21 After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to
Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. 22 There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and
encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the
kingdom of God." 23 And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting
they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. 24 Then they passed through Pisidia
and came to Pamphylia. 25 When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From
there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that
they had completed. 27 When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had
done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 21 verses 1 to 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the
sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the
home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God
himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and
crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 5 And the one who was seated on
the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are
trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and
the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel: **John 13.31-35**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man
has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If
God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in
himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am
with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I
said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going,
you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that
you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also
should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

22nd May Rogation Sunday – Family Mass
2022

The first reading is taken from the first book of Kings chapter 8 verses 37 to 39a

37 "If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blight, mildew, locust, or caterpillar; if their enemy
besieges them in any of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there is; 38 whatever prayer,
whatever plea there is from any individual or from all your people Israel, all knowing the afflictions of their
own hearts so that they stretch out their hands toward this house; 39 then hear in heaven your dwelling
place, forgive, act, and render to all whose hearts you know.

The second reading is from the first letter of St John Chapter 5 verses 12 to 15

12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.
13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you
have eternal life.14 And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he
hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the
requests made of him.

Gospel: **Mark 11.22-24**

22 Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly I tell you,
if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the
sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that
what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. 24 So I
tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have
received it, and it will be yours.

26th May Ascension Day
2022

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1 verses 4 to 11.

4While staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of
the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the
kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by
his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be
my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this,
as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and
they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of
Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into
heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians chapter 1 verses 17 to 23.

17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working
of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and
above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things
under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of
him who fills all in all.

Luke 24.44-53

44Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke
to you while I was still with you—that everything written
about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the
psalms must be fulfilled." 45Then he opened their minds to
understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, "Thus it
is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from
the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of
these things. 49And see, I am sending upon you what my
Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have
been clothed with power from on high."
50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his
hands, he blessed them. 51While he was blessing them, he
withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
52And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with
great joy; 53and they were continually in the temple
blessing God.

29th May Easter 7 (Sunday after the Ascension)
2022

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 7 verses 55 to 60.

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the
right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right
hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then
they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a
young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had
said this, he died.

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 22 verses 12 to 14, 16 to 17 and 20

12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha
and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14 Blessed are those who wash their
robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. 16 "It is I, Jesus,
who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David,
the bright morning star." 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
20 The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

John 17.20-26

20 Jesus prayed: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also
on behalf of those who will believe in me through their
word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me
and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world
may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you
have given me I have given them, so that they may be one,
as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may
become completely one, so that the world may know that
you have sent me and have loved them even as you have
loved me.
24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given
me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which
you have given me because you loved me before the
foundation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, the world
does not know you, but I know you; and these know that
you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them,
and I will make it known, so that the love with which you
have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

5th June Pentecost
2022

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 to 11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.[2]And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting.[3]Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.[4]All of them
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
[5]Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.[6]And at this sound the
crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
each.[7]Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?[8]And how is it that
we hear, each of us, in our own native language?[9]Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[10]Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,[11]Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we
hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 14 to 17

[14]For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.[15]For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to
fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"[16]it is that very
Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,[17]and if children, then heirs, heirs of God
and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 14.8-17

[8]Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will
be satisfied." [9]Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all
this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever
has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show
us the Father'? [10]Do you not believe that I am in the
Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to
you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells
in me does his works. [11]Believe me that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me
because of the works themselves.
[12]Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will
also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater
works than these, because I am going to the Father. [13]I will
do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may
be glorified in the Son. [14]If in my name you ask me for
anything, I will do it.
[15]"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16]And
I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Advocate, to be with you forever. [17]This is the Spirit of
truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither
sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he
abides with you, and he will be in you.

12th June The Most Holy Trinity
2022

The first reading is from Proverbs Chapter 8 verses 22 to 31

22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 5 verses 1 to 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16.12-15

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

19th June Votive for Corpus Christi – Family Mass
2022

The first reading is from Genesis Chapter 14 verses 18 to 20

18 And King Melchizedek brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. 19 He blessed him and said,
"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has
delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.

The second reading is from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 11 verses 23 to 26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed
took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in
remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in
my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the
cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 6.51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread
will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his
flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;
55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh
and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me,
and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This
is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate,
and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

26th June Trinity 2
2022

The first reading is from the first book of Kings Chapter 19 verses 19 to 21

19 Elijah set out from Damascus, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve
yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over
him. 20 He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will
follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21 He returned from
following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled
their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his
servant.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 5 verses 1 and 16 to 18 and 22 to 25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed
to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to
prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the
law. 22 For, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness,
and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified
the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Luke 9.57-62

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to
him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 And Jesus
said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air
have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his
head." 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said,
"Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 But
Jesus[m] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own
dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of
God." 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let
me first say farewell to those at my home." 62 Jesus
said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow
and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

3rd July St Thomas (Patronal Festival Mass)
2022

The first reading is from the prophet Habakkuk Chapter 2 verses 1 to 4

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. [2]Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. [3]For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. [4]Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 19 to 22.

[19]So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20]built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21]In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

John20.24-29

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

10th July Trinity 4
2022

The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 30 verses 10 to14

10 When you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in
this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
11 Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far
away. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that
we may hear it and observe it?" 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the
other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 14 No, the word is very
near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The second reading is from Colossians Chapter 1 verses 15 to 20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all
things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things
hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so
that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to
dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love
the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your
mind; and your neighbour as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and
you will live."

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who
is my neighbour?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down
from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of
robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away,
leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going
down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on
the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to
the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But
a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he
saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and
bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on
them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to
an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out
two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take
care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you
whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of these three, do
you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the
hands of the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed
him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

17th July Trinity 5
2022

The first reading is from Genesis Chapter 18 verses 1 to 10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham[a] by the oaks[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat
of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent
entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not
pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the
tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since
you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham hastened into the
tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make
cakes." 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who
hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before
them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." 10 Then one said, "I will
surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Colossians chapter 1 verses 15 to 20.

15 Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth
were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been
created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in[b] him all things hold together. 18 He is the
head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first
place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 10.38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain
village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into
her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the
Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But
Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to
him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has
left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help
me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you
are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need
of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which
will not be taken away from her."

24th July Trinity 6
2022

The first reading is from the prophet Hosea Chapter 11 verses 1 to 4 and verse 11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.[2] The more I called them, the more
they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.[3] Yet it was I who taught
Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.[4] I led them with
cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I
bent down to them and fed them.[11] They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from
the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The second reading is from Colossians Chapter 2 verses 12 to 14

[12] when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of
God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of
your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, [14] erasing the
record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-4 & 10-12

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as
John taught his disciples." [2] He said to them, "When you
pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom
come.[3]Give us each day our daily bread. [4] And forgive us our
sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And
do not bring us to the time of trial."
[10] For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who
searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will
be opened. [11] Is there anyone among you who, if your child
asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? [12] Or if the
child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? [13] If you then, who
are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to
those who ask him!"

31st July Trinity 7
2022

The first reading is from the Book of Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 verses 2, 12 to 14 and Chapter 2 verses 18 to 23

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom
all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy
with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.
2.18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after
me 19 -and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled
and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair
concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom
and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity
and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For
all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is
vanity.

The second reading is from Colossians Chapter 3 verses 1 to 11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right
hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be
revealed with him in glory.
5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed
(which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These
are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your
mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and
have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of
its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian,
Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel: Luke 12.13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to
him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or
arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them,
"Take care! Be on your guard against all
kinds of greed; for one's life does not
consist in the abundance of possessions."
16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of
a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he
thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I
have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he
said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns
and build larger ones, and there I will store
all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say
to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid
up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is
being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who
store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

7th August Trinity 8
2022

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 15 verses 1 to 6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your
shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I
continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'3 And Abram said, 'You have given me
no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the LORD came to him,
'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 He brought him
outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to
him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as
righteousness.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 11 verses 1 to 3 and 8 to 16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our
ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,
so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an
inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he
had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of
the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is
God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was
barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one
as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of
sand by the seashore.'
13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted
them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this
way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left
behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a
heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for
them.

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions,
and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear
out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes
near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.
35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like
those who are waiting for their master to return from the
wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him
as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves
whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell
you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat,
and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the
middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so,
blessed are those slaves.
39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at
what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

14th August Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2022

The first reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 11 verses 19 to Chapter 12 verse 6 and 10

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and
there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
12.1 A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and
on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of
giving birth. 3 Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten
horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them
to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might
devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the
nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; 6 and the
woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be
nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his
Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before
our God.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to the Galatians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 7

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— 2 I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to
them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all,
God blessed forever. Amen.

Luke 1.46-55

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my
Saviour, 48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from
now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great
things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from
generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered
the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from
their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and
sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his
mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his
descendants forever."

21st August Vigil for St Bartholomew
2022

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 43 verses 8 to 13

8 Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
9 Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'10 You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.11 I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no saviour. 12 I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.13 I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

The second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 5 verses 12 to 16

12 Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. 13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. 14 Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. 16 A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Gospel: Luke 22.24-30

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
28 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; 29 and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

1st September Trinity 11
2022

The first reading is from prophet Jeremiah Chapter 2 verses 4 to 7 and 11 to 13

4 Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus says
the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless
things, and became worthless themselves? 6 They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from
the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep
darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'
7 I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled
my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
11 Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit. 12 Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD, 13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living
water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

The second reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 13 verses 1 to 8

Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have
entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison
with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be
held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and
adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has
said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' 6 So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will
not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'
7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of
life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the
Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him
closely.
7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he
told them a parable. 8 'When you are invited by someone to a
wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case
someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your
host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to
you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would
start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit
down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say
to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the
presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt
themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be
exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you
give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich
neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay
you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

4th September Trinity 12
2022

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 30 verses 15 to 20

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the
commandments of the LORD your God[b] that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God,
walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and
become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to
possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods
and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you
are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I
have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may
live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and
length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham,
to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The second reading is taken from St Paul's letter to Philemon verses 8 to 16

8 Though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you
on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.[e] 10 I am
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly
he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful[f] both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my
own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your
place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in
order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he
was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as a slave but
more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and
in the Lord.

Luke 14.25-30 and verse 33

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned
and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not
hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and
sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my
disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me
cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a
tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see
whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he
has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it
will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build
and was not able to finish.' 33 So therefore, none of you can
become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

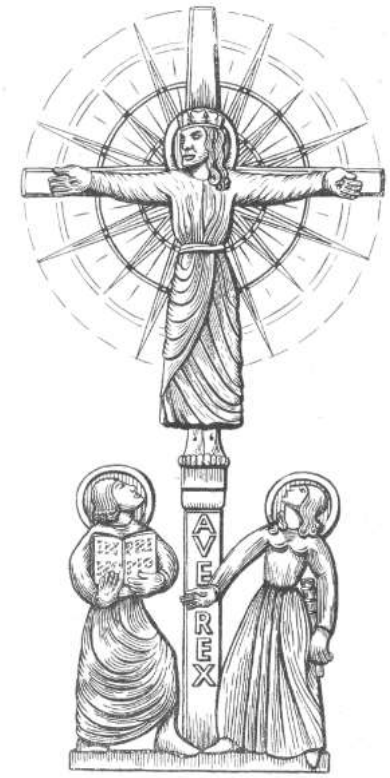
11th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross
2022

The first reading is from Numbers Chapter 21 verses 4 to 9

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people
became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought
us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this
miserable food." 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so
that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the
LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the
people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who
is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and
whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The second reading is from St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 6 to 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not
regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death— even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.



Gospel John 3.13-17

13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended
from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that
whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved
the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in
him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not
send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that
the world might be saved through him.

18th September Harvest Thanksgiving – Family Mass
2022

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 26 verses 1 to 2 and verse 11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, [2]you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. [11]… you, together with the priests and all who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verses 4 to 7

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6]Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel John 6.30-35

[30][Those following Jesus] said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? [31]Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" [32]Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. [33]For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34]They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." [35]Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

25th September St Michael & All Angels
2022

The first reading is from the book of Genesis Chapter 28 verses 10 to 17

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the
night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down
in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to
heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the LORD stood beside him and
said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will
give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall
spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the
earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever
you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised
you.' 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know
it!' 17 And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.'

The second reading is from the Revelation of St John the Divine Chapter 12 verses 7 to 12

7 And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels
fought back, 8 but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 The great
dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the
whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the
kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown
down, who accuses them day and night before our God.11 But they have conquered him by the blood of the
Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.12 Rejoice
then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come
down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Gospel John 1.47-51

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him,
'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' 48 Nathanael
asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw
you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' 49 Nathanael replied,
'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' 50 Jesus
answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under
the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' 51 And he said to
him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels
of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

6th October Trinity 16
2022

The first reading is from the Lamentations of Jeremiah Chapter 1 verses 1 to 6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.[2] She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.[3] Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.[4] The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.[5] Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
[6] From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The second reading is from St Paul's second letter to Timothy Chapter 1 verses 1 to 6 and 12 to 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,
[2] To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.[3] I urge you, as I did when I was on my way to Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach any different doctrine, [4] and not to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies that promote speculations rather than the divine training that is known by faith. [5] But the aim of such instruction is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.
[12] I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, [13] even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, [14] and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Luke 17.5-10

[5] The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' [6] The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.
[7] 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? [8] Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? [9] Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? [10] So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

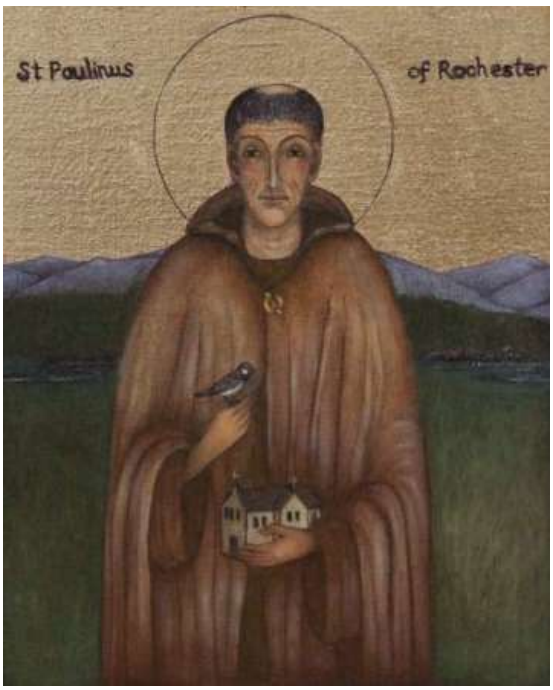
9th October Vigil for S. Paulinus, Bishop of London
2022

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 52 verses 7 to 10

7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The second reading is from the St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 15 verses 17 to 21

17In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. 18For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, 19by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. 20Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, 21but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him shall see, and those who have never heard of him shall understand."



Gospel Matthew 28.16-20

16Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

16th October S. Luke – Family Mass for Healthcare Workers

2022

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah Chapter 35 verses 3 to 6

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you."
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

The second reading is from the St Paul's second letter to Timothy Chapter 4 verses 14 to chapter 4 verse 2

5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.
6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
9 Do your best to come to me soon, 10 for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia,[a] Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me.

Gospel Luke 22.39-43

39 Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. 40 When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." 41 Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."43 Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

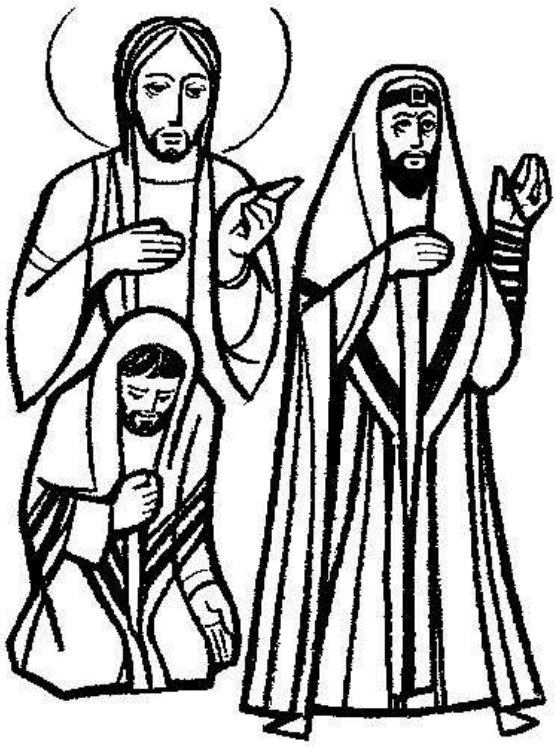
23rd October Last Sunday after Trinity
2022

The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus Chapter 35 verses 12 to 17

12 Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. 13 For the Lord is the
one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. 14 Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;15 and
do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.16 He will
not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.17 He will not ignore
the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The second reading is from St Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy Chapter 4 verses 6 to 8 and 16 to 18

6As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have
fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8From now on there is reserved for me
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to
me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
16At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!
17But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully
proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will
rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.



Gospel Luke 18.9-14

9He also told this parable to some who trusted
in themselves that they were righteous and
regarded others with contempt: 10"Two men
went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee
and the other a tax collector. 11The Pharisee,
standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I
thank you that I am not like other people:
thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax
collector. 12I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of
all my income.' 13But the tax collector, standing
far off, would not even look up to heaven, but
was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be
merciful to me, a sinner!' 14I tell you, this man
went down to his home justified rather than the
other; for all who exalt themselves will be
humbled, but all who humble themselves will be
exalted."