

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
May almighty God have mercy on us. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other, and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 120

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.



[R]

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers. Israel's guard. [R]
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. [R]
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. [R]



SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the person who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

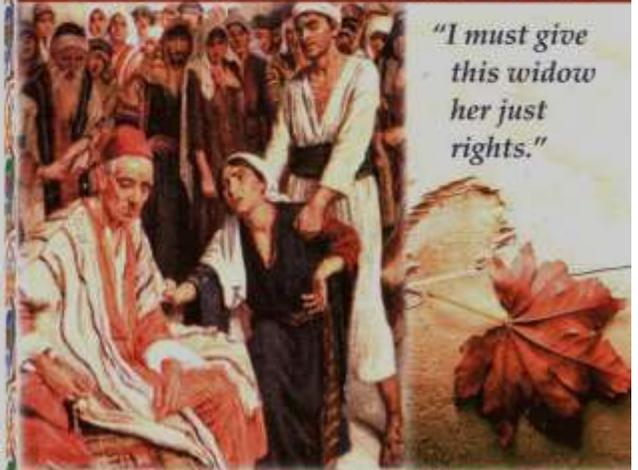
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

focus on sunday

There is no point in pretending before God: he sees us exactly as we are. If we place ourselves honestly and humbly in his presence then our prayer will be heard.



"I must give her just rights."

The widow knows what she wants and what she is entitled to. She comes for justice and the judge has an obligation to her. She knows her rights! Much of what people get upset about in their lives are their rights. When we work for the homeless, we are working for people's rights, as in education, health care, employment and freedom of movement and freedom of religion, freedom from slavery and torture, the right to life at all ages of life, among others. The church promotes these rights and links with movements for such rights. Feeding the hungry is not an act of charity, it is an act of justice.

And the judge. He was meant to be the defender of the widow in his culture. Somehow he had become more concerned with saving his own skin and reputation than with his integrity. Like a judge hearing a case that has gone on for many years to establish compensation, he begins to work on another level – the insistence of the woman, and noticing that maybe she had rights after all.

The delay in helping touched God also, and his wish for justice, then as now, is compromised by human injustice. Maybe this is more a parable about injustice than of prayer. But it is also an encouragement to pray: 'our power is prayer and the prayer of the humble is God's weakness. The Lord is weak only in this: he is weak in the face of the prayer of his people' (Pope Francis, November 2013). In our work for justice, integrity and fairness, let's also pray for it.

Maybe this week read the thirty articles of UN Human rights! See <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/> Lord may your kingdom come, near and far away.

Donal Newry SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit who was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Twenty Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
 16th October 2016



Mass Times
 Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
 Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon
 Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10:00 am
 Mon. 7:30 pm Sat. 11:00 am

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We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us

Saturday 15th 6:00 pm

John Usher
 2nd Anniversary

Sunday 16th 12:00noon

Carmel & Paddy Kirwan
 Anniversaries

Paul Kennedy
 Months Mind

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 Your prayers are requested for  
**Baby Tuiren Rodha O'Toole**  
 recently deceased  
 and

we especially pray for  
**Tuiren's Family** at this time.  
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May they rest in peace

Day for Life 2016
'Faced with the sacredness of life and the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only appropriate attitude.'
Letter of St. John Paul II to Artists, 1999
 Leaflets available in the church stands.

First Holy Communion
 A meeting of all parents of children who are making their First Holy Communion will take place on **Monday, 17th October** in **St. Paul's Church** at **7:30pm**.



Due to this, Evening Mass & Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled for Monday night.

Eucharistic Adoration
 Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled for Monday evening 17th Oct. and Wednesday morning 19th Oct. to allow for children practicing for the First Holy Communion enrolment ceremony.

Mission Sunday
 The Annual Collection in aid of **World Missions** will be taken up at all masses next weekend the **22th & 23rd of October**. This will replace the normal SHARE collection.

Thought for the day:
Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it.

In the Gospel today Jesus is urging us to be persistent in prayer. What is prayer? The old definition is probably the best: "Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God." While it much be grounded in this world and come from our hearts and from our life experience – it is a gift given to us by God himself by which we can reach out to heaven and be touched by the power, the love and the mercy of God himself.

Jesus prayed and prayed often. He reached out to God his father at the most important moments of his life and ministry. We see this most starkly in the garden of Gethsemane when in his hour of need and desperation he cries out, 'My God, my God why have you forsaken me? Jesus also prayed for others, his disciples, those who came to him, those he found in need. He also urged us to pray and to pray often and taught us the most wonderful of all prayers, the Our father.

Prayer: **'when you pray, pray like this, Our father who art in heaven...**



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 19th of October** from **7:30pm to 9:00pm** in **B.A.S.E, Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin**. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Notice to Coeliacs: *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.*