

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON

Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

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

O God, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:2-3,17-19, 23

R. This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. [R]
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16 - 18

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear, and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18: 9 - 14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

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



focus on sunday

Theme: 'Every Christian is a Missionary.'

The mission entrusted to each one of us is - to be courageous and generous in spreading the Good News so that Christ's kingdom will extend to the ends of the earth.



NICENE CREED

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our participation at your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church all nations may receive in rejoicing the salvation accomplished on the Cross by your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



A good story gets us thinking and maybe doesn't give an answer. This story gets us both ways. The Pharisee comes across as a boaster; proud; strutting his religion. So we say, thank God I am not like him and I am like the other! Then we are caught.

So easy to judge. We need to get in between both. Mercy is a gift which dignifies us, not keeps us down.

HE KNEW HE NEEDED GOD

The taxman knew he needed God. He brought his need for God to mind, the Pharisee really prayed from his pride.

Jesus was watching these two people. He does not judge them but says which of them was at rights with God? And then he would say to the tax fellow, come higher, come to my table, and join the Pharisee there if he will sit down in humility.

The message to both is 'all is gift' - your faith and the mercy of God. We need both. Mercy is like a cloak, and covers much. So let's be happy with our faith but boast of it in a way that gives thanks to God for it.

This story leaves us with a good question - am I the one or the other, or a bit of both? If I say I am not like the one, then I am judging the other! The only answer is all are in God's mercy, so that it lifts us up, raises us to joy in belonging to God, from whom we come and to whom we go.

Remember a time you felt forgiven, by God or another and give thanks.

Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Donal Neary SJ, (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
23rd 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

Gregory Offiah Anniversary
Tom Collins 5th Anniversary

Sunday 23rd 10:30am

Pat Hennessy 2nd Anniversary
12:00pm

Do This in Memory
 Enrolment for
 First Holy Communion Children

Monday 24th 10:00am

Intentions for Former Ministers of the Eucharist
7:30pm

Deceased members of The Robinson & Maloney Family

Wednesday 26th 10:00am

Josaphine Hughes 1st Anniv.

May they rest in peace

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

Do This In Memory
 At the 12:00 noon Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families. We remember that their journey is our journey too. We are all on a journey of faith, a journey that began at baptism and continues each day as we try to live our lives as Jesus Calls us to.

 **Baptism Preparation**
 Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of November, will take place on **Tuesday 25th at 7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group 13th Anniversary will take place on **Thursday 27th of October at 7.15pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny. Commencing with mass at 7.15pm celebrated by Fr. Brendan Smith, CSSP followed immediately afterwards by our prayer meeting. Marian Carroll will be joining us for our celebration.

St. Paul's Remembrance Mass
 On **Saturday 5th November at 6pm** we will be celebrating our annual Remembrance Mass for all those of our community who have died during the last twelve months. It is good as a community, to gather, to pray and to remember.
 Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after the mass.

The amount raised in the recent **Cake Sale for Cancer Research** amounted to **€850**

Thought for the day: *'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'*
 The prayer of the publican is magnificent in its simplicity and its humility. He and the Pharisee are in the temple the very symbol of the presence of God among his people. The publican knows who he is and where he is coming from. He is under no illusion about himself or his status. He also knows that God is there and that God is real and present and will listen to him and I am quite sure that he appreciates that God, in spite of his failings and his weaknesses, loves him and will be merciful to him. The Pharisee on the other hand speaks to no one but himself, his prayer is not to God but to his own false sense of who he is and how he should be regarded by others. 'His words go up but his thoughts remain below.' True prayer is a wonderful, precious moment of intimacy between God and the human being. It is a supreme moment of truth and wonder, it is the raising up of the mind and the heart to the One who created us in love and in mercy.
 Prayer: *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like onto thine.*

Learning About The Mass With Kath And Qumen

WHY GO TO MASS?
 When you were baptised you became a member of God's family and we call that the Church. You might think the church is just a building but the Church is also the name we give to the people who gather in the building. Without the people, the Church would be just another building. One of the most important things we do as part of God's family is go to Mass.

WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS?
 There is a special name for all the people gathered together for Mass. They are called the Assembly. Everyone in the Assembly helps to make the Mass a celebration of God's love for us by:

- Joining in the prayers
- Standing, kneeling and sitting at the right times
- Singing
- Listening carefully
- Offering our gifts to be shared
- Coming to the table to receive communion or a blessing.

In other words, we are all part of the action!
 In Church language this is called **'full, active and conscious participation'**.



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.*