

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father: 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, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

**A reading from the book of Samuel.**  
 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people, Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord and they anointed David king of Israel.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121: 1-5**

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say "Let us go to God's house."**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house,' and now our feet are standing

- within your gates, O Jerusalem. [R]  
 2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. [R]  
 3. For Israel's law it is there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. [R]

**SECOND READING Colossians 1:11 - 20**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.**  
 We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way: because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 23. 35 - 43**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.**

The people stayed there before the Cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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



**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**

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

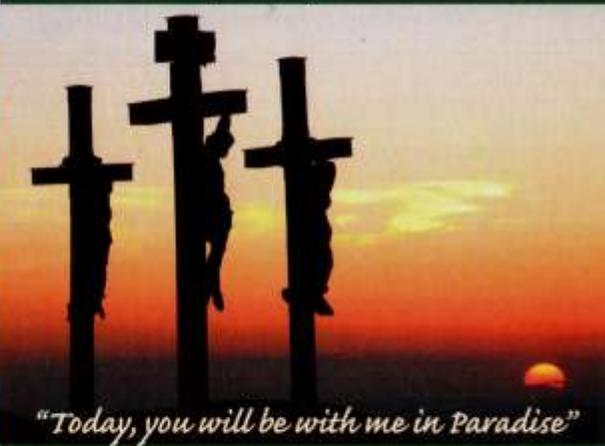
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Cross is a Throne and the Man hanging there is a King! That is the Christ who turns all earthly values upside down. He is a king, not through wealth or reputation, but because he is a Man of compassion and of mercy, of justice brought to death.



The companions on the cross watched. Three men on death row, about to expire. The unrepentant thief, the repentant and the God-man. One wanted to go back, the other to go forward. Jesus offers new life, not the old life again.

**SOMEONE HEARD HIS WORDS**

Someone heard his words, ('Today you will be with me in Paradise') maybe Mary at the cross and the women, and the soldiers amazed by what they heard. To the end Jesus offers his life for God's kingdom.

Two arms of the cross. Still reaching out in forgiveness, in an eternal promise.

Messages of mercy to the end. Mercy for people nobody wanted except on death row, in court, in jail and condemned, ones nobody liked.

Regardless of their crimes Jesus offered them forgiveness, mercy and new life.

**REMEMBERED EVER SINCE**

Strange how they have been remembered ever since. Consoling many a sinner. There was a story that one of them welcomed people into paradise, as Jesus promised them, sort of gatekeeper, and that Jesus looked out for the unrepentant one. Mercy in God is incomprehensible! Referring to this gospel, Pope Francis says, "God's grace is always greater than the prayer which sought it. The Lord always grants more than what he has been asked. You ask him to remember you, and he brings you into his Kingdom!" (November 2013). An encouraging thought for the ending of the Year of Mercy.

*Father, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.*

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**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**Universal King**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November 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 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**

**Deceased members of the Leitrim Peoples Association**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 10 :30am**

**Mary & John O'Sullivan**  
Anniversaries

**Jim Daly**  
Birthday Remembrance

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm**

**Aidan Brodigan**  
Anniversary

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am**

**Kathleen Walsh**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00pm**

**Peter Delaney**  
Birthday Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** is the memorial of **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the memorial of **St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the memorial of **St. Columban, abbot and missionary**

**Thought for the day:**  
*"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

Jesus Is the King on the Cross.  
 The thief asked to be remembered and was granted paradise.  
 How could a king end up on a cross, the fate of criminals?  
 In Israel the king was regarded as the shepherd of the people.  
 "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want, fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit"  
 Where the Lord, Christ our king, Christ the good shepherd, Christ the way the truth and the life leads *we gladly follow, lead me Lord.*

**Do This In Memory Programme**  
 At 12 o'clock Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion. During the month of November we have been remembering those who have gone before us. The leaves that the children will bring with them to this Mass serve to remind us of death and more importantly, of the promise of new life.



**Learning About The Mass With Kath And Qumen**

**WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS?**  
 At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs 'ministries'. Let's look at some more of them:

**MINISTER OF THE WORD:** Even though we sometimes call this person the reader, the proper name is 'Minister of the Word'. The readings of Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.

**THE COLLECTORS:** The people who collect our gift of money during Mass.

**THE MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:** The person who helps to give out communion at Mass. They sometimes bring communion to those who are unable to come to Mass because they are sick.

**MUSIC:** Many parishes have choirs – groups of people who sing at Mass. Their singing helps the whole assembly to pray and we are all encouraged to join with the choir.

**ARRIVING IN THE CHURCH**  
 Usually when we come into God's house we bow our heads or go down on one knee. This is called '**genuflection**'. It shows respect and love for Jesus. We genuflect or bow in front of the tabernacle, the special place where Jesus is present at all times. There will be a red light near the tabernacle, called the Sanctuary Lamp. This light tells us that Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is present inside. The Blessed Sacrament is another name for Jesus.



Prayer: **Lord, teach me to know you, To love you and to serve you.**

**Liturgy Team**  
 There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Team on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. at 6pm.**

**Parish Finance Meeting**  
 The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place at **10:30am, next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, in the Pastoral Centre.

**Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group**  
 Meeting will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** of November at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary mass for **Jim Murphy** former President of O'Tooles GAC will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**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.*