

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 010821

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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Entrance Antiphon: O God come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading; A reading from the book of Exodus.

I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

Response: Psalm 77 The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:24-35.

Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never thirst.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

PARISHES' MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS LS = Live Stream

Saturday 31st 5pm at SH Reggie Crawford RIP LS

Sunday 1st 9.30am at SH People of the Parishes LS

Sunday 1st 11 am at EM Bruce Howie RIP LS

Monday 2nd at SH O'Dwyer Family LS

Tuesday 3rd at SH Fr Gerry Ordination 47th Anniversary LS

Wednesday 4th SH 7pm **Public Mass** Holy Souls LS

Thursday 5th EM at 11 am Private Intention No LS

Friday 6th at **7pm Public Mass** Family and Friends LS

Saturday 7th 5pm at SH The sick and suffering LS

Sunday 8th 9.30am at SH People of the Parishes LS

Sunday 8th 11 am at Peace and justice in the world LS

LIVE STREAM OF MASSES – has resumed for Masses as indicated.

COVID -19 RESPONSE LEVEL 4

The Bishops have said that the obligation of Sunday Mass remains suspended until the First Sunday in Advent . It is important not to get out of practice of Mass so you are welcome to attend the weekday public Masses at Sh and EM where there is plenty of space in Church. You can view the live streamed Masses from EM and SH.

For the moment the current precautions will continue in Church. Track and Trace, Masks, Sanitising, Social Distancing in the seating and moving about the Building. The changes in the celebration of Mass will stay too eg no physical sign of peace and practice of Holy Communion at the end of Mass.

The Pandemic is far from over and we need to take care to protect the members of our community and especially those who are vulnerable and anxious.

Thank you for your great cooperation with the measures we have taken. We are deeply indebted to those who have helped with the stewarding and sanitising and thank them for their dedication to making the system work so well and smoothly.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PRESBYTERY: Since there is no possibility of a resident priest and we have not developed another use for the building we are preparing to rent it out to suitable tenants in the near future. This will secure some income and provide a presence which will help ensure the security of the site. Please return any keys you may have.

THE DIOCESAN VISION; Unfolding God's Plan

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESAN VISION (abbreviated and altered)

Spirit of God,

Descend on us this day.

Grant us the Spirit of joy, to lift us,

The Spirit of hope to inspire us,

The Spirit of love to surround us and the

Spirit of truth to enlighten our path.

Holy Spirit

We pray for a new outpouring of your grace,

So that we may grow in worship of your name

In love of you in our prayer

And in our actions towards others. Amen

A prayer for our earth

All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.

A prayer for our earth was published in Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'. It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.

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PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress
since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having
blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for
the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still
ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.
Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to

embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen. (PopeFrancis).

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