

**Resourcing ourselves...** *cont'd from page 1*

brate and the faith we seek to live and to share. The *Directory for Catechesis* that has recently been published in Rome places renewed emphasis on this, exploring what is meant by mystagogy.

That word, mystagogy, may be unfamiliar but it is basically being taught by reflection on the Liturgy. The Church has an expectation that we should continue to learn from our personal encounters with Jesus in the signs, symbols and actions of the Liturgy. These things should not obscure him from us, for they are intended to be the very means by which he manifests his presence and meaning so that we may be helped to mature in our faith, and as human persons. The Church has an expectation that those responsible for the ministering of the Liturgy, especially, should have an understanding of this language so that through their work they may minister the Liturgy in ways that best enable it to speak and to do its work on us, so we may continue Christ's work in our daily lives.

This doesn't 'just happen'. It requires a certain commitment and making the most of opportunities that present themselves to deepen the knowledge we may already have, get help to fill in any gaps, and learn how to make the best use of that knowledge and of our skills.

Although I am wanting especially to strengthen and develop our ministry team, these sort of things are good for us all to have greater familiarity with. Firstly to assist our own personal engagement with the Liturgy so as to better find nourishment and help there. Secondly it is especially helpful for parents who want to help their children to a deeper understanding and participation in the Liturgy, but who may not themselves have moved on from what they had the opportunity to learn in primary school.

Here are some three things you might like to consider

- Come and join in a meeting at church to reflect on how we might best reintroduce song at Mass, and develop music more generally in the parish. If you sing or play an instrument, or want to sing or play, or are just interested. Meeting in Benedict Room after 9am Mass on 4th July.

Secondly there are some opportunities for refreshing knowledge and learning more - or even helping you get your toes wet if you have not been directly involved in such things before.

The Society of St Gregory (SSG) - the national society for music and liturgy - is offering two opportunities for people to refresh their knowledge and learn something more - or even gently get their toes wet if they have never been involved in thinking about liturgy things before.

- The SSG Summer School from 4-6 August (Wednesdays to Friday evenings) to look at Scripture, Liturgy and Music and has a range of interesting speakers. A chance to learn alongside other parish

ministers from our Archdiocese and around the country.

- The SSG is also providing an on-line course - six modules of 3 or 4 one hour sessions, being held over a year called *Taking Liturgy Seriously*. Set at an introductory level it explores the fundamental of Liturgy. Each module will provide a basic theological and historical overview of one area of the Liturgy - for example Celebration of Word and Sacrament, The Paschal Mystery, Healing and Forgiveness, Imitation, Commitment, Prayer. Within each theme there will be a look at how we apply general principles of liturgy, how music and space influence the way we celebrate and above all how to help people to pray together. The intention is to give people more confidence to foster and lead liturgy in their own parish and community - but also to participate more fruitfully.

Help with the costs of taking part in this formation is available from the parish - details from Fr Allen.

All this was in hand before the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter was made available, but his letter is a further pointer to the timeliness of what is being promoted. If you are interested, then do come to the meeting on 4/7 or speak to Fr Allen as soon as possible.

**Children starting school? Questions about how to support their faith development?** Fr Allen has set up a booking system for parents who would like to meet with him either because their children are starting school and they'd like to just say hello, or because they have some particular questions. All are welcome - but meeting can be especially helpful for parents whose children are not in a Catholic school who may otherwise feel less supported. *For the moment appointments are being made using paper diary available from Fr A before or after Sunday Mass.*

**Baptism:** The next baptism preparation course will begin on Saturday with a Zoom meeting at 12noon on 12 July. Any parents who are interested in taking part are asked to see Fr Allen after Mass today to get further details.

**Enrolment for Preparation for Communion and Confirmation.** Application forms to be part of the parish preparation for these Sacraments of Initiation are available for families this week. There is a Zoom meeting for all participating parents at 7.30pm on 6 July. The link will be available at week, along with details of a Zoom meeting for parents to introduce the programmes.

**Gardener** wanted to tidy established local garden: 2hrs/fortnight. Phone Mary 07851 211453



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**I**n the beginning, O God,  
 your word subdued the chaos;  
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus your Son,  
 to rebuke the forces of evil  
 and bring forth a new creation.  
 By that same power, transform all our fear  
 into faith and awe in your saving presence.

**Open Parish meeting postponed...**  
 With the delay in 'final' end of lockdown and with the recent letter from Archbishop Bernard, and the promise of more information from the Archdiocese to follow shortly, the meeting scheduled for Weds 23 June has been postponed until 7 July at 7.30pm  
 It was hoped this could be a face to face meeting in the Newman Centre. However as safeguarding restrictions are likely to be in place until after 19 July, this would mean we could not meet until schools break up. That would be a pity. The things that we will reflect on will likely have the greater impact on are going to be reflecting are especially important for families and young people. If the safeguarding measures are relaxed earlier to allow a face to face meeting we will of course make the most of that opportunity.  
 Whatever form it takes, the meeting offers an opportunity to discuss the life of our parish going forward including first thoughts about the priority areas identified in the Archbishop's pastoral letter; our better support for the Housebound; and the use of the Newman Community Centre. *More details of the meeting will be given nearer the time.*

**Retiring Collection** today to support the Church's work in defending the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. This year the particular focus is on end-of-life care. More details can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/>

**Please pray** for Gary O'Brien who will be instituted as an Acolyte at the 7pm Mass on Friday, 16th July.

**Keeping Safe at Mass**  
**Face coverings:** Regulations require members of the congregation, aged 5 and over, to wear face-coverings over their nose and mouth when in church. **Social distancing:** Please keep a social distance of 1m from anyone not of your household.  
*Please do not stay in benches for conversation after Mass has ended. Instead leave the church promptly and keep 'safe distance'.*  
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Resourcing ourselves for the future**  
 Looking forward we can never be too sure what the future will hold. However, hopefully soon we can return to having song at all our Masses, as the Church expects. And the time after the worst of the pandemic also gives us an opportunity to look again at how we celebrate the Church's Liturgy - both the regular celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments and liturgies.  
 Recently a good deal of work has been done in the Archdiocese on helping people to see the essential connection between what and how we pray and cele- *continued on page 4*

PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK				
<b>Sa</b>	<b>19</b>	4pm	<b>12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	For the parish
		6pm		Ints Margaret Marsland & family (W)
<b>Su</b>	<b>20</b>	9am		Fr Joyce (Byrne)
		11am		Chris Hickey RIP (Hickey)
<b>M</b>	<b>21</b>	10am	St Aloysius Gonzaga	Jack, Esther and Richard Burke RIP
<b>T</b>	<b>22</b>	10am	<b>Ss Jn Fister and T More</b>	Ints: Brenda and Tim Davies (Kelly)
<b>W</b>	<b>23</b>	10am		Thanksgiving (Leo)
<b>Th</b>	<b>24</b>			
<b>F</b>	<b>25</b>	7pm	<b>Birth John the Baptist</b>	Ints Patrick Gahan
<b>Sa</b>	<b>26</b>	4pm	<b>13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	For the parish
		6pm		Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
<b>Su</b>	<b>27</b>	9am		D'd of Fitzpatrick & O'Gorman fmlies
		11am		Bridie Grealish RIP

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Hugh Middleton and Brigid Pryor and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

**The Introductory Rites** help us come together as one, establish communion and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

### The Penitential Act

#### 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.

### The Collect

**The Liturgy of the Word:** *The word of God invites us into the unending dialogue between God and his people, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. A brief quiet after the readings helps us to take the word of God to heart and begin a prayerful response to what we have heard.*

#### Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: 'Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.'

#### Psalms 106(107):23-26,28-32

Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their souls melted away in their distress.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
for the wonders he does for men.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

#### 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!*

#### Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow,  
up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;



he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Prayer of the Faithful

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist** is the re-presentation of the Sacrifice of Christ to the Father, and his gift of life renewed to the Church, for the service of his mission.

**The Offertory:** *There is no collection during Mass. Instead, please put your offerings in the basket at the entrance to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.*

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Eucharistic Prayer is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father*

#### The Preface Dialogue

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

#### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### The mystery of faith.

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

**THE COMMUNION RITE:** *The Lord offers reconciliation in and with the invitation to share in the food and drink that is his Body and Blood. Love and mercy are the condition and the fruit of communion in the Lord.*

#### The Lord's Prayer

##### Invitation to Communion

*Please observe the regulations on social distancing when processing to receive Holy Communion.*

#### Prayer after Communion

**The Concluding Rites** send us out live in our daily lives the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ we have celebrated. Our mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

#### Blessing and Dismissal

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### Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

Last weekend we heard the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard, introducing the Archdiocese's Vision: *Unfolding God's Plan*.

Do please read more about this work, which will impact significantly on the life of this parish and all parishes.

Further details at <https://bit.ly/3xds8nh>

And please pray for this work, and especially your and our proper part in it.

**Spirit of God,  
descend on me this day.  
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,  
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,  
the Spirit of love to surround me and  
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.**

**Holy Spirit,  
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,  
so that I may grow in worship of your name  
in love of you in my prayer  
and in my actions towards others.**

**Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.  
Strengthen and defend me,  
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.  
Help me this day and always  
to be a channel of grace  
in all I say and do  
and invite others into relationship with you.  
Amen**

### Food for Daily Prayer

We will be praying the following psalm at all weekday Masses during the coming week. If you are not able to join us, you might like to use the prayer in your own time at home.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

*Psalms 18:8-11*