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ENTRANCE HYMN; BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart/Naught be all else to me, save that thou art/Thou my best thought in the day and the night/Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise/Thou mine inheritance through all my days/Thou and Thou only the first in my heart/High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done/Grant heaven's joy to me O bright heaven's sun/Christ of my own Heart, whatever befall/Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*(Irish, ca. 8th century; trans. Mary Byrne - 1880-1931 – versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

COLLECT: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

FIRST READING: *A Reading from the First Book of Samuel (1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13)*
The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING: A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-14)

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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GOSPEL: A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to John (9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So, the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this? And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about

him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him, he said to him, 'Do you believe in the **Son of Man?**'

Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him

The Gospel of the Lord

Oh The Word Of My Lord

Chorus

O the word of my Lord

Deep within my being,

Oh the word of my Lord,

You have filled my mind.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you through and through, I chose you to be mine. Before you left your mother's side I called to you, my child, to be my sign. *Chorus*

I know that you are very young, But I will make you strong I'll fill you with my word. And you will travel through the land, Fulfilling my command Which you have heard. *Chorus*

And everywhere you are to go My hand will follow you. You will not be alone. In all the danger that you fear You'll find me very near, Your words my own. *Chorus*

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw, and I believed in God.

COMMUNION HYMN

BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst
you shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Chorus

*Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come follow me; And I will give you rest*

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames you shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side
know that I am with you through it all

Blessed are your poor for the kingdom shall be theirs

Blest are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me blessed, blessed are you!
(Robert J Dufford)

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

A table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.
(The Scottish Psalter 165)

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

SUN 22 Family Mass

Michael Bernard Rosario (4th ANI RIP)
TERRY GILLS
DANIEL SCALAN

MON 23

FRANCES HAWKES (PRIVATE INTENTIONS)

TUE 24

AGNES GREGORY

WED 25

(THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)
VALARIE WILDE (FOSS MEMBERS & HOLY SOULS)

THU 26

CANON CAFFARATA

FRI 27

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SAT 28

MRS.NORA O'TOOLE (GOOD ESTATE)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers for those who have recently died **Amanda Burrell** and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they rest in perfect peace. Amen

Please remember and pray for the sick, the isolated and their carers, especially those within our own parish Community:
Rosemary Day, David Uzor, Kosenat Tetteh, Susie King, Jackie Van Elswick, Doreen Charlish, Margaret O'Flaherty, Rosaline Jordan, Anne Jagelman, Mary Scott, Brenda Kavanagh, Luke DuCasse', Monir Jacob, Alex Coffey, Eddie Hamilton, Amanda Burrett, Stan Czastka, Guy Saide ,B.Novicki ,Maggie Deleaney , Cynthia Lobendhan ,Theresa Mittcosbe, Frank Kinsella ,Tracy Killick.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

Hoping that the situation will change, here are the dates and times for our **Easter Celebrations:**

5 Sunday (PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD)

9am 1030am 12noon 530pm

6 Monday Holy Week 10am

7 Tuesday Holy Week 10am

8 Wednesday Holy Week 10am

9 Thursday Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) 8pm

- Mass of the Lord's supper
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (from after Mass till Midnight)

10 FRIDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday), a day of fasting and abstinence 11am (stations of the cross)

3pm THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

11 SATURDAY (HOLY SATURDAY) 7PM Vigil of Easter

12 SUNDAY (EASTER SUNDAY OF THE SURRECTION OF THE LORD)

9AM 1030AM 12NOON 530PM