



focus on sunday

TWENTY - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th October 2024

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
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.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you,
And with your spirit.

Go in peace,
glorifying the Lord
by your life.

Thanks be to God.



Prisoners' Sunday

The rich man kept his wealth, but he was sad. The gospel reminds us that full and true happiness is found, not in possessions and reputation, but in the way we share our lives in love with God and others.

"everything is possible for God"



Many people have little understanding of our prisons and of those incarcerated there. The media highlights major crimes such as murder, assault, and drug dealing which can give the impression that our prisons are full of dangerous people. However, 70% of those who are imprisoned are serving less than 12 months for less serious offences, many of whom could be dealt with by non-custodial penalties. Our prisons are overcrowded, full of drugs and increasingly violent places. 70% of those sent to prison have an addiction, serve their sentence in a drug-filled environment, and are released again with an addiction. 70% have a mental health problem, which usually gets worse during their sentence. The majority of those in prison come from seriously deprived areas. Many are homeless coming into prison and are released again into homelessness. Most prisoners have issues that were never adequately addressed by society. Indeed, the Irish Prison Service is the only public service available to the poor for which there is no waiting list. And it costs €84,000 to keep someone in prison for a year! The overcrowding in our prisons means that opportunities for rehabilitation are not possible for most prisoners and many come out worse than they came in. We often neglect to consider the impact of imprisonment on the families of prisoners. Imprisonment does not just affect the person sent to prison, but also damages, and sometimes destroys, family relationships. Perhaps it is society, even more than prisoners, that needs rehabilitation.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Once there was a Prince, riding on a horse. The Prince saw a poor man who was cold, and begging on the roadside. The Prince stopped, took off his cloak, and wrapped it around the man. That night the Prince had a dream. He saw Jesus in Heaven, wearing the poor man's gift cloak. We are blessed with all kinds of food and clothes. There are many people in the world who are hungry and cold. When we share our gifts and blessings, we are blessed in return.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 7. 7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom.
I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing,
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.89:12-17

R. Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **[R]**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **[R]**
3. Show forth your work to your servants; Let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 4.12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely; it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him, everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-30
(*shorter form 10:17-27)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

"Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier

for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God!' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'Who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'"

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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,
All bow for following three lines:
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.