

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING 2:18-24

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,

for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127

**Response: May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our life.**

1.O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

by the labour of your hands you shall  
eat.

You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2.Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)

3.Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! (R)

## SECOND READING 2:9-11

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

*The word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL 10:2-16

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us.

Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



What does commitment mean? Can you be committed to a cause? to people?

*What does it mean to be committed to Jesus Christ? To what does Jesus ask us to commit? How is that commitment carried out?*

How do you show your commitment to another person? Does being committed to another person mean the other person will reciprocate? What does a lack of reciprocation do to our sense of commitment?

*Is love the basis of commitment? How is commitment depicted in the gospels? How did Jesus express commitment?*

What kind of commitment does marriage require? Do both partners in a marriage always express the same level of commitment? What kinds of things interfere with commitment? Can commitment die?

*When your commitment to someone or something is rejected, can trust ever be re-established? How? What must you do in order to accept a renewed commitment?*

## GOSPEL ACTION

*Spend time this week examining your commitments to others and renewing the ones that still have value. How can you strengthen your commitment to your faith community this week?*

## Readings – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

## Homily

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear friends, the week before last we were reflecting on loving service and how we achieve greatness in God's Kingdom by putting others first and being servants of all. Remember how Jesus took a little child and said, '**anyone who welcomes one of these little children welcomes me.**' Welcome means loving service, and the child stands for the weakest and most needy members of society. We remembered the Last Supper when Jesus gave us that great act of service by washing the feet of his disciples and then he asked us to follow his example and do the same.

In the final part of the Gospel today we hear how the disciples are not allowing little children to come to Jesus but he rebukes the disciples and says that the children should come to him because '**it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.**' This proclamation of Jesus should not come as a surprise to us, throughout his ministry Jesus is constantly lifting-up the poor, the weak, the sick, the vulnerable and the marginalised as the most important members of society, and they still are today.

We have a number of ways in which we can help those who are poor and in need in our world today, as in this Season of Creation we have been listening to the cry of the earth we must also listen to the cry of the poor.

On Friday we had our Cafod Family Fast Day when we were invited to go without something in order to help our sisters and brothers throughout our world who are less fortunate than we are. There will be a collection at the end of Mass today for Cafod to help those in the poorest parts of our world who are in need.

Closer to home we have not had an easy week with the change in the weather as we move into Autumn. What I predicted with Brexit is now happening; this week we have had the fuel crisis, because there is a shortage of HGV drivers to get the fuel that is needed to the pumps, and petrol prices are going up.

Some of the shelves in the supermarkets are empty and food prices are going up, last week I went to buy a bottle of fruit juice and the price had gone up from 95p to £1.30, a rise of nearly 40%! I'm sure we are all noticing that our shopping bills are going up. We have seen how gas prices are going up and will be going up even further due to high demand and a reduced supply of gas.

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And of course we know that the £20-per-week increase in Universal Credit that was introduced by the government last year is due to end this month. So particularly for those who are on low incomes we see price rises more or less across the board and a reduction in income. This winter the challenges presented for many people are going to be difficult.

We are all called to help all our sisters and brothers who are in need and next weekend we will be having our annual SVP appeal and collection (last year because of the pandemic we were unable to have it), the SVP do great work supporting those in our local community who are in need. I do urge everyone to help and support the SVP prayerfully, financially and if you have a spare hour or so each week practically if you are able.

Jesus said, **'as long as you did it to one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine you did it to me.'**

Sending my love and prayers, God bless **Fr Phil x**

## **Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion**

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### **Priest:**

Lord of love and mercy we ask that you listen to our prayers that we offer you today.

### **Reader:**

For Christians everywhere: may they always love and serve God's people with humility and joy in their hearts.                      Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: may we be good stewards of Creation as we speak God's Truth and encourage one another in ways of living on Earth wisely, sustainably, justly and reverently.                      Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who are hungry or in need: may we hear and respond generously to the Cry of the Poor among us locally and around the planet.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For unity and peace, we pray particularly for the troubled areas of our world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or who have a heavy cross to carry that they may experience the power of the healing peace, love and grace of Christ.                      Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially all who have died recently: **"Eternal rest grant unto them..."**

We ask Our Lady to join her prayers with ours as we say: **"Hail Mary..."**

For a moment in silence we bring our own private prayers and intentions before the Lord.

### **Priest:**

Loving Father,  
We offer these and all our prayers to you,  
through Jesus your Son,  
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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### **Spiritual Communion**

*Prayer of St Alphonsus*

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and

I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.

### **CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow**

Creator God,

We cry out to you

The earth is damaged and in chaos

People in poverty are suffering the most

Greed and consumerism are a disease

And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,

Protect your people and restore your earth,

Embolden governments to take action,

Awaken Church leaders

Give the youth influence

And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord

May we unite and be bold

Take heart and find hope in you,

Worship you with our lifestyles

Walk in your truth

and see justice and renewal in the earth

**Amen**