

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin. He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king, he said, these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39

R: Lord, come to my aid.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
And he stooped down to me;
He heard my cry. **R**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
From the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
And made my footsteps firm. **R**

He put a new song into my mouth,
Praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
And shall trust in the Lord. **R**

As for me, wretched and poor,
The Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer over the Gifts

At this holy table, O God, you share your life with us. Make us, we pray, worthy of this inexpressible blessing, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy, through this holy eucharist you make us one body with Christ. Create us in his likeness here on earth that we may share his fellowship in heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Celebrating Our Lady, Patron of our church: Sun. 8th Sept. at 10am Patronal Festival Mass with Confirmation by Bp Martin, followed by a shared lunch at noon. This is when we celebrate the birthday of Our Lady and honour her as the patron of our parish. Please also pray for those adults and children in our church family who will be confirmed, and please be here to support them on the day. After the 10am Mass there will be coffee as usual, followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch to which everyone is invited. Please sign up on the sheet now at the back of church. NB: There will be NO Said Mass at 8am.

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS

We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other congregations of our town:

St John's Church, Felbridge and Fr Mark Francis

In our parish we pray for:

All who live in Blount Ave, St Edward's Clo, Lodge Clo, Crescent Rd, Grosvenor Rd

Please pray for those in need of healing: Jane, Phillippe, Robert Hadfield, Eve Bush, Kathryn, Brenda, Marion Baker, Val Russell, Nigel Saunders, Nina Berry, Sylvia Mackenzie

For continuing prayer:

Tony Baker, Jean Feachem, Sarah Spurdle

Please pray for all the departed

Recently: Alan Teague, Jean Somerville-Browne

Anniversary: Ron Relf



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