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Gaza And The Plight Of Its People

It's sad to see the ongoing death of so many people in Gaza and the absolute destruction of the territory. In conjunction with Trócaire and through the generous donation of a parishioner, we are raffling a special blanket at our International Day. What we realize from the raffle and from individual donations, is that we wish to offer a practical gesture of solidarity with the people of Gaza. Tickets are on sale for the raffle at weekend Masses and in the Parish Centre during the week. So far, our raffle has raised **€650**. It's shocking to see the death and destruction that is ongoing. While it's good to pray, it's also good that we can make some effort to make a practical commitment to the support of the people in Gaza at this time.

More Good News

Greetings from Wau, South Sudan and happy Sunday. We wish to thank your parishioners for their generous support of €3000 you gave for the purchase of a new-born resuscitator for Kasina Health Centre, Malawi. I would like to thank Ms. Chris Sheehan and Wilton SMA Parish immensely for providing us with the funds that made it possible to purchase this equipment.

You have made the care of the new-born enviable and great as the staff will not be looking for a radiator to keep babies warm especially during the cold season.

Secondly, they have a platform containing everything that is needed to resuscitate new born babies.

Once again we say thank you very very much.

God bless, Victoria.



Liberia and the Catholic Church

Our support for the SMA Fathers in Liberia to date amounts to €1,875.

The QR code is a link to an inspiring video of the parish in Liberia that we are currently supporting. It shows men, women and children coming together to pour concrete for their new church. This country was nearly ruined by civil war only recently and to see the unity of the community working together is inspiring. If we could experience such unity for our International Family Day (8th Sept.) it would be great.



International Day - Sunday 8th September

Our Annual International Day is an opportunity for us to acknowledge that we are a **Family of Nations** as a parish. Already we have various nations committed to supporting the event. Some groups will take to the stage and show us some cultural delights but at least individuals can be part of the day and fly their flag by just cooking some local delight of their country.

So far, we have received commitments from India, Philippines, Ukraine, Brazil, Eritrea, and Ireland. The more the better! Even if it is just to share with some cuisine from your country.

Where can I find Jesus today?

"Your holy hearsay is not evidence.
Give me the good news in the present tense.
What happened nineteen hundred years ago
May not have happened.
How am I to know?
So shut your Bibles and show me how
The Christ you talk about
Is living today".
Sydney Carter

Volunteers Needed For Our International Day

We thank those who have registered to assist in the smooth running of our International Day. This is an opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other. We need volunteers to assist in the following roles: Staff the information desk; Tea and coffee stall; Supervising food and display tables; Supervising games; Supervising the stage area: Supervising toilet area.



In the church on a table, are forms where we ask people to sign up with their names and phone numbers. We will be assigning roles nearer the date. If a person does not wish to leave their phone number they can give their details to Fr. Michael or leave them in the sacristy.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us....

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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

O God, who have prepared for those who
love you good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of
your love, so that, loving you in all things
and above all things, we may attain your
promises, which surpass every human
desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ

FIRST READING Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs.
Wisdom has built herself a house, she has



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In offering his body and blood as the food of our lives, Jesus offers us the
gift of his friendship and an intimacy which he compares to "eating his
body and drinking his blood". 18th. August 2024

erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered
her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her
table. She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly
and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 33:2-3.10-15

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack
nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions
suffer want and go hungry but those who
seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R)
3. Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life and many days,
to enjoy his prosperity? (R)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R)

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians
Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead,
like intelligent and not like senseless people.
This may be a wicked age, but your lives
should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless
but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do
not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply
dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the
words and tunes of the psalms and hymns
when you are together, and go on singing and
chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that
always and everywhere you are giving thanks
to God who is our Father in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among
us; to all who did accept him he gave power
to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down
from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will
live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my
flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they
said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do
not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my
blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up
on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my
blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and
drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As
I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw
life from the Father, so whoever eats me will
draw life from me. This is the bread come down
from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors
ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this
bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

✠ 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

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is
brought about a glorious exchange, that, by
offering what you have given, we may merit to
receive your very self.

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.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these
Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy,
Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in
heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and
ever.