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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

R: *The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 25/09/21	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM†	26 th Sunday in OT	Carol & Eddie McKeown (50th Wedd Anni.) Marie Fitzgerald (RIP)
Sun 26/09/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM		Les Brookes (RIP) Bob Thompson (Anni.)
Mon 27/09/21	08:00 Con 09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK†		Mary Cassidy (RIP) Sara, Joan & Michael Hopkins Gerry Gorman (RIP)
Tue 28/09/21	09:30 Mon† 12:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 26	Fr Kacki (RIP) Patricia O'Byrne (RIP)
Wed 29/09/21	08:00 Con† 09:30 Mon 11:30 CTK		Paddy Foy (RIP) PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES Requiem mass - Patrick Foy
Thu 30/09/21	09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK†	St Jerome, Mem	Janina Mikula Margaret James
Fri 01/10/21	09:00 CTK 10:30 Mon 12:00 CTK†	St Therese of Lisieux, Mem	Vanda Strlkovska-Czeczko Geoffrey Thomas Garner (RIP)
			Carmel Brown (RIP)
Sat 02/10/21	10:00 Mon 12:30 CTK† 18:00 OLAM	Guardian Angels, Mem	Krystyna's Intention Kathleen Eustace (RIP)
Sun 03/10/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM	27 th Sunday in OT	Lesley Heaney (RIP) James Ormsby (RIP)
			Josie Deasy (RIP)

Holy Hour: In preparation for the feast of St Francis on the 4th Oct, the day of his 'Transitus' on which he embraced sister Death, the Franciscan Sisters hold a vigil with Holy Hour in Christ the King Church on Sun 3rd Oct at 6pm. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Vanda Strlkovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

RIP: Please pray for Leo O'Reilly, Dwayne Jones, Janet Clements and Carmen Beeke who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Deaconate Ordination: of Br Joseph Carson at Pluskaden Abbey on Sat 25/09/21 is going to be live streamed at <https://www.pluscardenabbey.org/live>. Please keep Br Joseph in your prayers.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

"Our social fabric militates against relation," wrote G.W. Morgan in *Prophetic Voices*. "Competitiveness pervades everything we do and is taught from the time we are small children.... Our fundamental stance is not to respond to others, but to outdo them, vie with them, beat them."

This seems to be true of every business; and when we make a business of religion it is true in that field too. The scurrilous polemics between Christian Churches in the past seem scandalous now, but they probably seemed normal in their time.

In the first reading at today's Mass we see how Moses regarded the 'opposition', and in the gospel reading we see Jesus. A young man ran to delate some unofficial prophets. "The young man ran to tell Moses: 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.'" Moses' response showed a wonderful generosity of spirit: "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!" The situation in the gospel reading is an exact parallel, and Jesus' response is just like that of Moses. "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

The lesson is that the Holy Spirit is nobody's property, and blows wherever it wills (John 3:8). The Holy Spirit is God's gift to the Church, but the Holy Spirit is not restricted to acting in ways that we alone can recognise. No created reality can fully embody or express the freedom of God. The Church is always in danger of hardening into a sect, just as every believer is in danger of hardening into a self-righteous reactionary. But the very qualities that are considered vices in an individual can sometimes be made to appear virtues in an organisation. Today's readings are like a road-sign that says No Entry on that road.

In the document *Nostra Aetate*, the Second Vatican Council stated: "The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these [non-Christian] religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that Truth which enlightens all people." This is not a sell-out, as some have claimed; it is in the spirit of Christ, who praised the "faith" even of a pagan Roman centurion (Matthew 8:10). Only a truth that is very unsure of itself feels always compelled to make an enemy of the other.

This has relevance for us at the individual level too. As Raniero Cantalamessa put it, "We are to watch with joy, not with jealousy, the many who prophesy and cast out demons, thus contributing to authentic human development." And C.S. Lewis remarked that it would be very surprising if the Light of the World, Christ, were not reflected in some way in every part of the world. When we see good being done by anyone, Christian or not, we see the grace of Christ's face, in full light or in shadow.

Last Week's Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£ 93.60
Loose	£ 159.38
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 459.67

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 102.50
Loose	£ 163.22
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 299.18

Thank you for your generosity

This weekend: Second Collection: Father Hudson's

Community Meal at St John's Centre on Sunday 26th Sep 2021 at 4.00pm

To secure a place you must book in with Sandra on 07985607091

RCIA - A course for those who would like to discern the Catholic faith so as to have a better understanding of the Church's teaching that would lead them to seek Baptism and/or full Communion with the Catholic Church – First meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 7:00pm in Christ the King Church.

Sacramental Preparation for young people who go to non-Catholic schools: Meeting for parents on Saturday 2nd October at 10:00am in Christ the King Church.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th Sep 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

People with special needs and learning disabilities can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect. To try and see how we might do better in our deanery, a meeting has been planned for Sat 16th Oct at 3pm, at St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road, B73 5US. The meeting is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in this area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come. It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). If you would like to learn more and maybe take part, please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk or ring 0121 354 1763 .

Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sat 9th Oct – Day for Readers; Sat 6th Nov – Day for Ministers of Holy Communion; Sat 4th Dec – Day for Leaders of Prayer. The days take place at St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US, 10:00am till 4:00pm. Further details and booking forms are available at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers