

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael – St Martin of Tours

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

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.

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Wisdom
(2:12,17-20)

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 53:3-6,8. R. v.6)

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

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For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St James (3:16-4:3)

Whenever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate, it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between your-selves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation (Jn 8:12)

R. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. R. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (9:30-37)

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Our Safeguarding Culture of Care

I draw your attention to the new Safeguarding posters in the porch along with a few leaflets on the same topic.

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The 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 and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate (all Bow until man)
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.**



season of creation

A Faith Based Challenge to COP26 with Fr Seán McDonagh

Thursday 23rd September, 7.00-9.00pm on Zoom

Fr Seán, a Columban priest, has a long history of being an eco-activist and has written many books and articles that have all contributed to a deeper understanding of what is happening to our 'common home' and the need to take radical action. He also contributed to the research for 'Laudato Si'.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, as women and men of faith, to discern the action needed at COP26. You can register at:

<https://forms.gle/WVAr5CN362v7VdYJA>

The final section of the evening will be in Breakout Rooms and these will be based on Diocese and if requested parish. We would like to meet as a Parish Group and ask you to indicate that on the Registration Form.

SCIAF Bulletin suggests this reflection:

We are called to experience God through nature. This Season of Creation we can connect with our Creator by simply taking a walk outside and looking around us at the beauty in nature.

It's time for us all to reaffirm our vocation to be stewards of creation and make a personal commitment to caring for our common home.

Action: Individually or joining with others.

1: This is a great time of year to plan ahead. Planting Spring Bulbs between August and December, in Pots or in the Earth, will lift the spirits in the midst of Winter: Snowdrops, Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths & others are on sale now in most Supermarkets. Great fun for the young and not so young! Maybe get together with family or friends to have a planting party!
(YouTube great for planting guides)

2: We thank God for his signs of presence in our world. We ask for courage to respond to his invitation to speak out, and take action, wherever we see injustice happening.

You could contact your MP and MSP about climate change and ask for their views. Read up about East Lothian council's climate change strategy and how you can contribute, as an individual and community
https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/13283/climate_change_strategy_2020-25