

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Enrolment Mass

### 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 prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have you not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors? **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 130)**

**R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

O Lord, my heart is not proud  
nor haughty my eyes.

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I have not gone after things too great  
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul  
in silence and peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast,  
even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord  
both now and for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (2:7-9,13)

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it. **The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (23:1-12)

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all

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brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

## RITE OF ENROLMENT



*For children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion*

I have called you by your name.

This is what the Lord says. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. You are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you. Reading: Isaiah 43: 1 – 2; 4

### The Homily

*After the homily the children come forward with a sponsor (i.e., Parent, God Parent, Carer)*

### The Profession of Faith at Baptism

Do you reject Satan? **I do**  
And all his works? **I do**  
And all his empty show? **I do**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **I do**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**I do**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of

sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**I do**

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to confess it, in Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Dear parents, you have asked to have your children enrolled for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation or continue on their journey to First Holy Communion. In doing so you are (once more) accepting the responsibility of helping them to grow in the practice and understanding of the faith.

Do you understand what you are undertaking?  
**Parents: We do.**

Are you prepared to help your children to practice their faith by ensuring that they attend Holy Mass every Sunday? **Parents: We are.**

*Fr Basil now addresses the children.*

**Priest:** Boys and Girls do you wish to enter more fully into the life of the Church through your preparing to receive the Lord Jesus. Life, love and forgiveness through these Sacraments

**Children: We do.**

Let us now turn to the Lord in prayer for these Children, for the Church and for the World.

### The Bidding Prayers

*After the Bidding prayers the offertory if taken and the Bread and Wine for Holy Communion are brought forward.*

**Please join the congregation after Mass for Teas and Coffees in the parish hall**

Each child (each person) here today is being invited by the Lord Jesus to Follow him. To follow means to be a disciple, to be with and learn from him. To walk with the Lord on the pathways of Life is to walk at times on a hard and bumpy road but was anything truly worthwhile every easy?