

Prayer at Shrine of Sacred Heart of Jesus:

**This week: Divine Office - Psalter Week 3**

- Mon.** 9.30am      Requiem Mass - June Anniversaries  
(Ecc 2 v 1-9; Matt 25 v 14-15,19-23)
- Tues.** 9.30am      (2 Cor 8 v 1-9; Matt 5 v. 43-48)  
Int: All who try to harm us
- Wed.** 8.00am      St. Richard of Chichester  
Mass (2 Cor 9 v 6-11; Matt 6 v. 1-6, 16-18)  
Int: Our Churchwardens
- Thurs.** 9.30am      Mass. (2 Cor 11 v 1-11; Matt 6 v. 7-15)  
Int: Guild of All Souls
- Fri.** 9.30am      Mass (2 Cor 11 v 18, 21-30; Matt.6 v 19-23)  
Int: Our Confirmation candidates
- Sat.** 6.30pm      Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions).  
7.30pm      First Mass of Sunday.  
Int: Future of St Joseph's Centre - Readings as Sunday

**NEXT SUNDAY: 12th Year B**

9.30am .Parish Mass and Address  
(Job 38 v 1,8-11; 2 Cor 5 v 14-17; Mark 4 v 35-41)

1. The Archdeacon's Visitation is on 16th June online, when Andrew and Chris are re-admitted as Churchwardens. Mass will be offered for them on Wed at 8.00am
2. The Guild of All Souls Conference is on 24th June by Zoom. It is entitled "Living with Dementia. See the church website for details.
3. Thank you to Graham Baker and Anita for transporting clothing, bedding etc. to Norwich for the homeless and thank you to Graham and Adrian for work on the churchyard.

**At Shrine of Sacred Heart:**

**Father, we honour the heart of your Son, broken by man's cruelty, yet symbol of love's triumph, pledge of all that man is called to be. Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch, to offer him living worship by love-filled service to our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

- V.**      Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**R.**      **Have mercy on us**

**THEME:** Sometimes we are tempted to think of the Church and God's Kingdom as the total number of subscribers to Christ; yet today, we see the Church is more mysterious. God is in control – he causes it to grow even when we are asleep. He has planted it and is alive in the Church, watering and feeding it until it is time for harvest.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

*Celebrant:* Forgive us, Lord, when we do not show your love. Lord have mercy.

*People:*      **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

*Celebrant:* Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to be your Church. Christ have mercy.

*People:*      **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.**

*Celebrant:* Forgive us, Lord, when we are so full of doubt. Lord have mercy.

*People:*      **LORD HAVE MERCY.**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

**GLORIA:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** *Let us pray for the grace to follow Christ more closely.*

Almighty God, our hope and our strength, without you we falter. Help us to follow Christ and to live according to your will.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17 v 22-24. The message Ezekiel gives is of hope to a people in exile. As the cedar tree grows from a small shoot, so God will make a new people from the remnant of Israel.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 91

Ⓜ **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
To make music to your name, O Most High,  
To proclaim your love in the morning  
And your truth in the watches of the night.      Ⓜ

® **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree And grow like a Lebanon cedar. ®

Planted in the house of the Lord They will flourish in the courts of our God,  
Still bearing fruit when they are old, Still full of sap, still green,  
To proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. ®

**2nd Reading:** Corinthians 5 v. 6 – 10. Convinced he is on a homeward journey to meet the Lord, Paul's unique concern is to please the Lord at all times.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 4 v. 26 – 34. The parables of the Seed Growing and the Mustard Seed emphasise that although there is human co-operation in the growth of the Kingdom of God, yet the power to establish and confirm the Kingdom belongs to God alone.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

Celebrant: The Kingdom of God is like a seed that sprouts and grows; how, we do not know. Together let us pray that the Kingdom may grow and that there will be a rich harvest.

Reader: Father we pray for the tree of your Kingdom on earth: may it truly preach Christ and offer your call to those who shelter in its branches and that each of us may play our part, however small, in making the world a better place to live in.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who plant the seed of your love in the young; for infant teachers, Sunday School teachers, parents and Godparents.

Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, from the cross you forgave your enemies; bring all together in peace, show us how to truly repent and how to reach the Father.

Let us pray for all who are discouraged because of lack of results, and that the Good News of the Kingdom may never be clouded over or warped by cynicism or dissent.

Let us pray for all fathers especially those who are caring for their families on their own, that they may be given strength in the demands of life.

Let us pray for Tom & Rhiannon, Stephen & Jamie whose banns are called today, that their love for each other may be so true and solid that their marriages will stand firm for the whole of their lives.

Let us pray for those whose lifestyle has been threatened or shattered by crippling illness or injury; may they find new doors opening, new hope appearing and new meaning transforming their outlook.

Let us pray for the Church ministering to the sick – for our parishioners in homes; Hazel Lockwood; Billy Carter; Cindie Lind; Trevor Thorpe and Margaret Maundrell, we pray too for Doug Hales, Pris Colchester and Jenny Mayes..

Let us pray for those who have died especially Hugh Cutting; Barbara Pyett; Russell Pipe; Alan Gooderham; Beatrice Stannard; Eileen Wren; Edith Pelham; Kenneth Gray; Peter Williamson; Peter Gowlett; Eva Baker; Cecily Garrard; Margaret Stannard; Katherine Fletcher, Jean Taylor, Jean Davey, Frederick Aldridge, Ernest Abbott and Fr. John Drew, whose anniversaries occur this week. May they experience the joy of their homecoming to their Lord and share in the happiness of the resurrection.

Let us pray with Mary; that the Kingdom of her Son may grow and flourish. **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

**All: God our Father, we praise you for the word you have sown in our hearts. Hear the words that we make to you this day in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory Prayers: Sanctus: