

fully at its next meeting.

The Treasurer outlined the financial situation to the PCC. Funds were sufficient for him to be able to pay a further £2,500 of the Parish Share and he hopes to be able to do the same at the end of this month too. The matter of a Cashless Donation Card Reading Machine is being looked into, as is the question of the PCC being advised to register as a charity in its own right.

The Rector reported on the projected method for the apportionment of the Parish Share in the Deanery next year. If the proposals are accepted by the Deanery Synod a number of parishes would see increases in the amount requested and others, like ours, would see a modest reduction. The amount requested would still be some considerable way off what we are paying now.

The Rector reported on the links with the school, and how they are anticipated to develop over the next few months.

The Safeguarding Officer reported on the need for everyone to be vigilant and caring to those still worrying about the potential risk with the easing of restrictions. She also reported on the growing number of referrals of a safeguarding nature to the relevant authorities during the period of the three lockdowns.

The matter of the need for more volunteers to be involved in cleaning our churches and in maintaining the grounds was discussed. There had been an offer made by the Chairman of the 'Stony in Bloom Group' to get involved at St Mary & St Giles with the maintenance of the gardens. The PCC agreed that as need arose this should be explored.

Now that the Parish Office no longer has the altar frontal chest stored within it, the PCC discussed the matter of making the Parish Office into a working, rather than occasional office. This would involve the provision of shelving for paper storage above the photocopier, which in due course would be moved from the Rectory to the Parish Office; a space for the filing cabinet and then an extension to the desk to create space for two people to work in the office. The PCC Secretary's laptop would be used for Parish admin as well and stored in the office. A Broadband connection could be installed, which would be needed for a cashless donation card reader. In any case. Alongside this would be the need for the Rector to train volunteers to compile the Parish Mass Sheet, to take initial enquiries regarding Banns, Marriages and Baptisms, as well as allowing for the Treasurer to work from there as well.

The Rector and the PCC agreed that, whilst we do not know exactly what restrictions may remain in place after the 21st June, we should prepare for the return of communal singing and for full teams of Altar Servers again from Sunday 27th June.

The Rector outlined developments regarding a particular local charity which supports four Parishes (Stony Stratford being one) with grants to the poor, as well as educational grants to the Parish Church, School and individuals. Within a few weeks he hopes to be able to communicate this more fully to the congregation at some point in the next few weeks.

The Rector outlined the changes to marriage registration as outlined above.

The PCC agreed the dates for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Parochial Council Meetings for 2022.

Celebrants at Mass: A number of people have asked why I have not been celebrating at All Saints in the last few months. It is because that it was made quite clear to me that a priest should not go from one church to another immediately to help prevent any potential cross-infection. Once I have passed the two week point after my second vaccination, I would be able to. However, I now have to quarantine and look after Sister Janet from the 4th June, as she has her second hip replacement surgery. My first Sunday back at All Saints, will therefore be the 20th June.

Omnia Christus est nobis!

To us Christ is all!



**St Mary & St Giles with All Saints,
Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton**

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

23rd May AD 2021



Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first Pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

We may wonder, why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating one family of nations again. It is to this that the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even as individuals we have a gift of tongues which all can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.



INFORMATION



Safeguarding: Our Parish Churches have adopted and follow the Diocese of Oxford's recommended policies for the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Details of these policies and of our Safeguarding Officers are available on the noticeboards inside each Parish Church. Should you have any safeguarding concerns then please see one of them.

Restrictions During the Current Pandemic:

Unfortunately, we are required to observe the following restrictions:

- ◆ **FACE MASKS: MUST BE WORN** by all attending worship as required by Law, apart from the Priest and any Lay Ministers assisting him. **N.B. IF YOU CANNOT WEAR A MASK FOR MEDICAL REASONS YOU MUST WEAR A FACE SHIELD.**
- ◆ Only 3 or 4 **Church Bells** are permitted to be rung, because ringing chambers are not large enough for distancing requirements when a full team is present. The Tower Captain and Assistant must keep a record of who is present to ring on what dates and ensure that distancing is maintained on the staircase. Bell ringing practice is not permitted.
- ◆ **Entry and exit** to our Parish Churches - entry via the West (Tower) Door and exit via the Parish Hall at St Mary & St Giles - entry via the South Porch and exit via the West (Tower) Door at All Saints
- ◆ There cannot be an **social gathering** in either of our Parish Churches before or after Mass - brief social intercourse may take place in the churchyards before or after Mass.
- ◆ 'Shared' **Mass cards** are not permitted. Please do not take a copy for someone else - either retain it for your devotions at home, or place it in the bin provided at the exit points in both churches.
- ◆ Until further notice all **communal singing**, singing rehearsals and concerts are prohibited in all places of worship. It is now possible to have a small choir and Organ Music played - a recessional hymn may be sung within in the churchyard.
- ◆ **Collections:** Cash donations and envelopes must be placed either in the large plinth donations box at St Mary & St Giles, or in the bowl by the south porch door at All Saints. We are not allowed to pass a collection plate/bag to one another.
- ◆ **'The Peace'** may not be shared physically. We may however join our own hands and bow to each other at The Peace, whilst saying the customary greeting.
- ◆ **When going forward to receive Holy Communion** - at St Mary & St Giles please approach centre of the altar rail in single file via the main aisle, observing a two metre distance, and return to your place via the side aisle. At All Saints: again single file two metres apart but keeping to the south porch side of the main aisle on approaching the altar rail and returning to your place on the vestry side. N.B. in both churches Holy Communion must be received whilst standing and please extend your arms as far as you are able. Textile kneelers and cushions have had to be removed.
- ◆ **'Receiving Holy Communion'** is in one kind, i.e. The Host. This must be received in the palms of our hands - not on the tongue.
- ◆ **Please maintain a two metre distance** from each other on approaching the altar rails and on leaving our churches after Mass.
- ◆ **Lavatory Facilities.** Strict hand-hygiene must be observed and hand-dryers only used. In the lavatory at each church there is a spray sanitiser and single use sanitising wipes for each user to wipe the seat, flush-handle, water taps, sink and door handle. Used wipes should be placed in the waste baskets provided.

All of these restrictions, whilst not what we would wish for, do not detract from the fact that we are able to receive the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.

Reflection before Mass: Pentecost (Whitsunday), with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.

(STAND) THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Organ Introit: 'Komm Heiliger Geist' (Come Holy Ghost, Lord God) - J S Bach

As the Sacristy Bell is rung we STAND; and the priest and ministers enter the Sanctuary the Cantor sings the **Antiphon:**

The Spirit of the Lord hath filled all of the earth, alleluia! And this which containeth all things, hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered * let them who hate him flee from his presence.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost * as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Penitential Rite

(STAND)

As from the 4th May this year, the clergy will contact the Register Office after Banns have been read, or a Common Licence issued by a Surrogate (of which Fr Ross is one) with the details required. A Marriage schedule on an A4 sheet of paper will be issued. At the end of the Marriage Rote this will be signed, and subsequently taken to the Register Office. Approximately three weeks later the newly married couple will receive a computer generated Marriage Certificate.

This means that the 'Signing of the Registers' with attendant photography will no longer take place, and the legal responsibility to act as the Registrar will no longer be undertaken by the clergy. Given that the fees for Marriage are laid down by Parliament because they were based upon the legal duties of the clergy with regard to the Registration of Marriages, I do wonder whether this change will affect the income for Parishes and Dioceses derived from what were 'Statutory Fees.'

On Wednesday of last week I had to 'close' the existing Marriage Registers and return them along with spare Certificates and Quarterly Returns to the Registry in Milton Keynes. The Parish will no longer hold Marriage Registers.

The Church of England has, in place of the Registers, required each Parish Church to have a 'Register of Marriage Services.' However, there is no possibility of the couple to sign this Register - it is simply a Register that records that Marriages have taken place and the names of those so married. New Banns Registers for each Church will be used from this point on too.

For many couples looking forward to their 'wedding' this significant change will come as a huge disappointment. It also changes significantly the whole process of the Registration of Marriage. One change is that the mother's names can also now be included along with the father's, and it is something I think we can all see as positive. However, it is sad that legal records will no longer be associated with the place where the Marriage Rite was contracted; and those wishing to research records will have further bureaucratic processes to go through.

In due course, post the lifting of COVID restrictions, I will give everyone an opportunity to see the replacement 'Register of Marriage Services' and the Marriage Schedule.

Parochial Church Council News: At its meeting on the 18th May in All Saints Church the PCC discussed the following matters:

There is a need to appoint a PCC Secretary. As some members could not be present, it was agreed that an appointment be deferred to the next meeting.

The Log Books for both Parish Churches which records the repairs and maintenance are both being brought up to date and put into the format now required by the CofE.

The Local Authority has refused the PCC permission to fell the Wellingtonia. It's grounds for doing so the PCC will contest as they are falsely reported.

The recent inclement weather has caused a delay in the Parish Office and Sacristy repairs. The Rector has made it clear to the Architect and Contractors that both rooms have to be brought back into use by the 20th June.

Sanctuary Chairs in memory of the late Larry Francis and his mother have been ordered and it is anticipated that they will be ready for delivery in September.

The Quinquennial Inspection Report for St Mary & St Giles arrived 30 minutes before the PCC Meeting. The matters identified for repair are much as verbally reported by our Architect at the time of inspection. There are serious matters to be addressed which, in the opinion of the Archdeacon, make this a ten year project, as significant funds will need to be raised. The Report has been now circulated in full to the PCC Members, and will be discussed more

We look forward to seeing you.

Coffee Morning - We are delighted to be able to hold our first Coffee Morning for many months on Saturday, 3rd July. Come and join us in The Parish Hall from 10am - 12noon for a hot drink and delicious home-made cake and great company. Do also stop off at the High Street door to see what's on offer on our stall full of interesting items. We hope to make the first Saturday of the month coffee morning a tradition once again.

Classic Car Festival - Sunday, 4th July. As part of *StonyLive!* week, Stony Stratford will be full of classic cars on this day. We are planning to serve refreshments in The Parish Hall to the many visitors this event will bring. If you can make small cakes for this event or help serve on the day, please let Lesley Salter know as soon as possible (07789 898847).

From the Rector: During Stony Live Week we have always take the opportunity to raise money for the Restoration Fund. However, the PCC has agreed that we will now have a separate fund for Specific Projects such as the 'Greater Access Project' as well as a Fabric Fund for each of our Parish Churches. As we will have emptied the Fabric Fund to cover the cost of essential repairs to the Parish Office and Sacristy, this year monies raised in Stony Live Week will go to the Fabric Fund. It is always a good thing for such a fund to have a healthy balance in case of emergencies, and so we need to build this fund up again.

Music - Lunchtime Organ Recitals and Third Thursday @ Twelve-Thirty concerts will resume very soon. They will be advertised in the weekly sheet and on posters in and outside the church.

From the Director of Music: St Mary & St Giles, Stony Stratford, has enjoyed a rich and varied musical tradition for many years and is now seeking additional Sopranos/Altos/Tenors and Basses for the soon to be re-established Parish Church Choir in September 2021. It is hoped that this will be a group of significant musical standing in the area, and it will be affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM).

Varied Motets, Anthems and full choral settings of the Eucharist will feature, with rehearsals held on Wednesday evenings during term time, from 7:00-8:30pm. Jonathan Kingston is the Director of Music (himself a professional musician) and aims to ensure that all singers enjoy exploring a rich variety of repertoire in a wholly positive atmosphere, while striving for high musical standards. The choir will aim to sing on the first and third Sundays at the 9:30am Choral Eucharist and in due course, concert opportunities will follow.

As the ranks are swelled, an exciting programme of choral music awaits in one of the best acoustics in the area! With new opportunities now being present, please consider coming and being a part of Stony's choral expansion - we would be delighted to see you.

Interested singers should contact Jonathan Kingston directly at: jonkingston@hotmail.co.uk

Changes to the Registration of Marriages: as from the 4th May this year the Registration of Marriages is very different to how it has been completed heretofore. Up to the 4th May in the Church of England the Clergy were the Registrars and the 'Marriage Registers' were in their custody, rather than the Parish Churches. The Clergy were, therefore, responsible for all the legal formalities of the Calling of Banns of Holy Matrimony, the completion of the Marriage Registers including ensuring that they were duly signed by the Bride & Groom and two 'of age' witnesses who were UK Citizens, and they issued the Marriage Certificate. Following the Marriage Rite at the end of each quarter year the clergy then sent to the local Register Office a 'Quarterly Return' - a landscape A3 document containing copies of the entries of the Marriages solemnised within the quarter year just ended.

The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins and repent of them.

Seeing we have a Great High Priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the general absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Mass Setting this morning is the 'Missa de Angelis' (Mass of the Angels) and is sung by the choir.

The Kyries:

Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison.

Christe, eléison.
Christe, eléison.
Christe, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison.

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

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

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

The Gloria in excelsis is said:

Glória in excelsis Déo.
Et in terra
pax hominibus bonæ voluntátis.
Laudámus te.
Benedicimus te.
Adorámus te.
Glorificámus te.
Grátias ágimus tibi propter
mágnam glóriam túam.
Dómine Dóus, Rex cœléstis,
Dóus Pater omnipotens.
Dómine, Fili unigénite,
Jésu Christe.
Dómine Dóus, Agnus Déi,
Filius Pátris.
Qui tollis peccáta mún-di,
miserére nóbis.
Qui tollis peccáta mún-di,
súscipe deprecationem nóstram.
Qui sédes ad dexteram Pátris,
miserére nóbis.
Quóniam tu sólus sánctus.
Tu sólus Dóminus.
Tu sólus Altíssimus, Jésu Christe.
Cum Sáncto Spíritu,
in glória Déi Pátris.
Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth
peace to men of good will.
We praise You,
we bless You,
we adore You,
we glorify You,
we thank You
for Your great glory:
O Lord God, King of heaven,
God the FATHER almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten SON.
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.
You, who take away the sins of
the world, have mercy upon us;
You who take away the sins of
the world, give ear to our prayer;
You who sit at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.
For You only are holy,
You only are the Lord,
You alone are high above all:
Jesus Christ,
with the HOLY SPIRIT
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

(New Testament Page 100 in the Bibles) tells of the coming of the Spirit upon the disciples assembled in Jerusalem after the Ascension. This event may be called the birth of the Church.

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 104)

**R/. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. ®

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. ®

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. ®

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

(New Testament Page 145 in the Bibles) speaks of the gifts of the Spirit in the Church. Though varied, they all serve one end in the Church which is the one body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

John 20: 19-23

(New Testament Page 98 in the Bibles) tells us that the risen Christ breathes the new Spirit of life into his disciples and sends them out to bring life to the world.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As the Gospel is announced the people respond:

✠ ✠ ✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel Reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed

(STAND)

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

THIS WEEK'S PARISH DIARY

TODAY:

9:30am

11:15am

Intention:

Tuesday

10:30am

Intention:

Wednesday

6:00pm

6:45pm

Intention:

Friday

12:00noon

Intention:

Next Sunday:

9:30am

11:15am

Intention:

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

PARISH MASS

Family Mass

The Parish

at St Mary & St Giles *

at All Saints *

Feria

Mass

at All Saints

For all who serve us in Public Life

Feria

Mass

Rector available in the Parish Hall for the

arrangement of the Occasional Offices

and other Parish Business

Her Majesty the Queen & the Royal Family

St Lanfranc, Bishop

The Regina Caeli & Mass at St Mary & St Giles

The Poor & Destitute

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

PARISH MASS

Family Mass

The Parish

at St Mary & St Giles

at All Saints *

PARISH NOTICES

This Morning's Mass Setting: The Gregorian Mass known as the Missa de Angelis is believed to date from as early as the 9th century. It is a plainsong mass, designed to be sung in unison and a cappella. It is also known as Mass VIII.

The Sick List & Anniversaries of Death: I would be grateful if I could have an update on the condition of all those we are praying for on the Sick List, so that I am able to keep it as accurate as possible.

I shall be updating the Memorial Registers in both churches at the end of this month. If you desire that names be added, so that loved ones can be prayed for on the Anniversary of their Deaths do please let me know their full name and the date of their deaths. Thank you. *Fr Ross*

During the Current Works at St Mary & St Giles: On Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm the Rector is available for Parish Business in the Parish Hall. The PCC, when funds permit, wishes to complete the desk work to the east wall of the Parish Office; comprising two taller units for the parish photocopier - with paper kept above it - and the handbells trolley to be stored. The Parish Office will then gradually become the office from which Parish Administration takes place.

Lent Boxes: If you haven't returned yours yet please do so by the end of this month. Thank you.

Post June 21st: If, as anticipated, the restrictions are eased fully on this date then from the Sunday following I hope that we can return to a full celebration as is our custom. I also hope that, subject to the works to the Parish Office & Sacristy being completed sufficiently, the Parish Hall may be brought back into full use.

With regard to the Liturgy, at present we have little indication of what, if any, stipulations will remain in place, and some of our regular worshippers will, understandably wish to remain cautious for a while after that date. I would, therefore, be interested to hear from those who might like an area of seating to be retained so that they can be seated safely distanced.

Squeals on Wheels - our weekly Toddler Group will resume on Monday 5th July in The Parish Hall from 9:30 - 11am. Parents/Grandparents/Carers are welcome to bring their children from birth to preschool age (and their siblings in the school holidays) to stay and play. We are a small informal group that encourages children and adults to play together and share support and friendship. Hot and cold drinks and biscuits will be served and there is no charge. We are open every Monday, except Bank Holidays.

THE REGINA CAELI

Traditionally in the morning, at noon, and in the evening in memory of the Resurrection of the Son of God, the faithful say the following prayers, during Eastertide:

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R/. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God who by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world. Grant that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional: *The Organist improvises a recessional voluntary and the congregation IMMEDIATELY leaves the Parish Church to sing the final hymn in the church yard.*

However, should the weather be inclement, please remain seated until the Recessional Music has ceased. This is integral to the liturgy of the Organ Mass and therefore applause is not appropriate. Once concluded, leave the Parish Church of St Mary & St Giles via the Parish Hall; and at All Saints via the south door.

**Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.**

**Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one,
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:**

**Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Reflection after Mass:

Let us walk in the Spirit. To walk in the Spirit is to walk in the light, and since the light is the light of God we can see however dimly, however vaguely - as God sees. We can see beyond the wall of our own fears and prejudices to the needs and deprivations of those who are outcasts, those who are thrown on the scrap-heap of life. We can see beyond the fragmented living of our cities and industrial wastelands to the secret desires of so many hearts for love, support and fellowship. To walk in the Spirit is to see beyond, to see the truth. And the truth will set us free.



**I 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. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

(STAND)

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, when our risen Saviour ascended into heaven, angels reminded his disciples that he would return. Until he comes, let us pray for all peoples and their needs.

Intercessor: That the Church in earth will ever keep to its evangelical mission of making disciples of all nations...

V/. Lord, in your mercy
R/. **Hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of the nations come to understand that they will have to give an account of their work to the Lord, when he returns as our judge.....

For our Parish and for the strengthening of our common life that, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not hold of things eternal...

That the risen and ascended Lord may strengthen those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit... Malcolm, Shirley, Cecilia, Christel, Joan Carrigan, Margaret DeSousa, Richard DeSousa, Ronnie DeSousa, Rene Hazlewood, Fr Joseph, Lilith, Lorna, Sr Janet, James, Peter, Rosie, Susie, Dee, Stacey, Isa, Wendy, Janet, Adam Viard, Eric, Jasmine, Davida Wiseman...and for all those whom we have come here to pray for...

That the faithful departed may ascend to glory with Christ our Priest and King, particularly we are asked to pray for the repose of the souls of...*all those who have died recently, amongst them...*Margaret Barker, Freda Douglas... and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time...**16th** Patricia Bonham, Laurie Pell; **17th** Lawrence Clarkson; **18th** Gladys Goodger, Stanley Jacques; **19th** Sarah Bennett, Maura Gurney; **20th** Mary Barry; **21st** Janet Padwicke; **22nd** Patrick King, Alan Shaw... *and all* the faithful departed...

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant: God our Father in heaven we beseech you to receive this prayers through your Son who is now seated at your right hand in eternal glory, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are placed upon the altar, as the Cantor sings the **Offertory Antiphon:***

Stablish the thing O God that thou hast wrought in us at thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem. To thee shall come the royal ones with fine gifts, alleluia.

Then priest says the Offertory Prayers to which the people respond:
Blessed be God for ever.

(STAND) Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**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.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The priest sings a Eucharistic Preface appropriate to the celebration, after which all join in the acclamation: (KNEEL)

Sánctus, Sánctus. Sánctus, Dóminus Déus Sábaoth. Pléni sunt coeli et térra glória túa. Hosáanna in excélsis. Benedíctus qui vénit in nómi ne Dómini. Hosáanna in excélsis.	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, recalling the command of Jesus Christ, 'Do this in memory of me.'

Priest: The mystery of faith:

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

The Eucharistic Prayer continues with the priest interceding for the Church, the world, all those present at this celebration, and the Faithful Departed. At the Doxology at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all join in the Great Amen.

Priest:for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer.

(STAND)

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



The Agnus Dei

(KNEEL)

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

The priest shows the consecrated Host to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

**✠ Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Communion Antiphon is sung by the Cantor and the people come forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Yea, suddenly there came from heaven, sounds approaching as a wind so mighty, where they all were sitting, alleluia, and all were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak the wonderful works of God, alleluia. alleluia.

1. Our God is the God of salvation *
and unto him belongs the issues from death
2. They have seen thy goings, O God *
the goings of my King in the sanctuary.

Organ Voluntary during the Distribution of Holy Communion: 'Holy, Holy – God Almighty Lord' - Schubert

It is customary to kneel throughout the distribution of Holy Communion except when going forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament and upon returning to your place.

Prayer after Communion

(STAND)

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while, unless the silence has just been observed.

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then pray:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

(STAND)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bow down for the blessing.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, and the Son ✠, and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ., alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.