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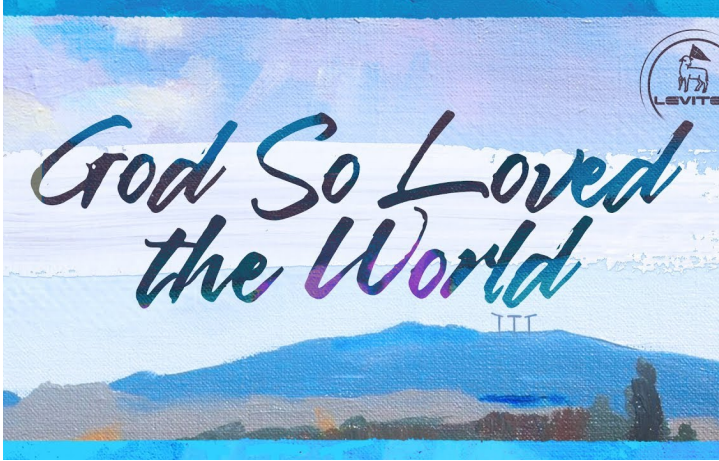
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Fouth Sunday of Lent March 10th 2024

GOSPEL : John 3: 14-21



Gospel exegesis: The context: Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. But Jesus interrupts him, stating that rebirth by water and the Spirit is an essential condition for entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Him ---the Son of God. Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent. He also reveals the Good News that God will show His love for mankind by subjecting His own Son to suffering and death.

The Gospel of the Gospels: John 3:16 is probably the best loved verse in the Bible and it has been called "everybody's text" and the "Gospel of the Gospels." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ Jesus. This text is the very essence of the Gospel. It tells us that the God takes the initiative in all salvation because of His love for man. As St. Augustine puts it: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." It is our God who brings us to greater belief in our daily struggles and temptations, and leads us to eternal life, thus demonstrating the depth of His love for us.

There will be second collections for CAFOD this Sunday--10/03/24

LIFE MESSAGE

1) We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: The crucifix - the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus - holds a central place in our Churches because it is a reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear it, and carry our own daily cross with joy.

2.) Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. As Christians, we are meant to lead a life of repentance and on-going conversion, bringing us to a renewal of life with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us. The renewal of the Spirit comes when we work with Him to be liberated from the bondage of evil habits by using the Divine strength we receive from Him through prayer, Adoration, Bible reading and frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.



Prayer to St Joseph

St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires . O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

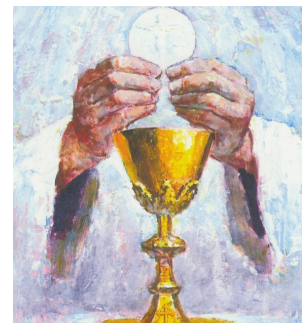


HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO OUR MOTHERS

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.
 Water from the side of Christ, Wash me.
 Passion of Christ, Strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.
 From the wicked foe, defend me.
 At the hour of my death, call me and bid
 me come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 For ever and ever.
 Amen



Mass Times

Saturday 09 March	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 10 March	9:30 am 11:00pm	Tony Jones J. C. Opara
Monday 11 March St. Casimir	10:00am	Joseph Reynolds.
Tuesday 12 March	10:00am	For the Sick
Wednesday 13 March	Sacristy	private
Thursday 14 March	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests
Friday 15 March	6:00pm	Vocations
Saturday 16 March	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 17 March	9:30am 11am	Parishoners Parishioners

Readers

Sat 6:30pm	Sun. 9:30am	Sun. 11:00am
Roland Young	Eileen Livesey	Ann Carr

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This is a further assault on the sanctity of human life in our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth (Insert name and e-mail or postal address of your local Member of Parliament). The Right to Lifewebsite has details under 'Take Action' which enables you to find and contact your MP directly and the website of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has helpful information under 'Resources.' The Right to Life website also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. We cannot doubt the impact which your e-mail or letter will have in making known opposition to decriminalizing abortion up to birth and in support of the value of every human life.

PILGRIMAGE

We are planning to go on pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 8 - 15 October 2024, flying from Manchester. The cost is £790 (single room supplement £150) which includes flight, transfers to and from Split to Medjugorje and half board accommodation. There is a lot of interest in this trip so if you would like to come you should call or text Mary Pettifor on 07581 496961

Mass Offering for 18th Feb—£415.25

Standing orders-----£118.25

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke

Say your daily rosary for peace in the world