

*St. Anthony's
Roman Catholic
Parish ' - Words'*

3rd Sunday of the Year
24th January 2021

Hymns:

Entrance: Gathered here

Offertory: Only by Grace

Communion: Bread of Life

Recessional: Walk in the light

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
all the earth. In his presence
are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy
place.

Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalms 24:4-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Response to Psalm:

Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Kingdom of God is close at
hand; believe the good news.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Look towards the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



Communion Reflection

Now is the time

More than 50 years ago, in his famous
'I have a dream' speech, Martin
Luther King Jr talked about 'the
fierce urgency of now'. He urged
people to take positive action and to
march forward together to address
inequality and injustice, and his
energy and conviction brought about
massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems
to grab Jesus and the disciples in
today's Gospel. In the opening
chapters of Mark's Gospel everything
happens 'at once' or immediately.
There is a sense of hurry; the time
has come, the kingdom of God is near,
and Jesus needs helpers to work
alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James
and John are certainly ready, so

ready that they are prepared to
leave behind their livelihoods, and
even their families, to attend to
the urgent business of spreading
the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, his
modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'.
We are summoned too. We are
challenged to set aside our
worldly concerns, to see the
world in a new way, and to begin a
new adventure with Jesus. For
every person in our world who is
suffering or oppressed or in
need, there is a 'fierce urgency
of now'. The work of the kingdom
is too immediate to wait.

'This is no time to engage in the
luxury of cooling off or to take
the tranquilising drug of
gradualism. Now is the time to
make justice a reality for all of
God's children... The whirlwinds of
revolt will continue to shake the
foundations of our nation until
the bright day of justice
emerges.'

Martin Luther King Jr

Triona Doherty

ROSARY WEDNESDAYS

In these challenging times, with
limited possibilities to meet our
family and friends in person, a
chance to pray together becomes so
precious. Therefore, responding to
Our Lady's promise to grant her
special protection and numerous
graces to those who will recite the
Holy Rosary, we would like to invite
you to join a group of fellow
parishioners (from The Church of
the Sacred Heart in Rue le Corrège)
every Wednesday at 8:30 PM online,
on Zoom platform, "...to pray the
Rosary and the Litany of St. Joseph,
thus bringing our common and
private intentions to Jesus...".

*How to access the virtual prayer
evenings:*

1) Click:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76390617485?pwd=VDdEZDJaTVZMSnRkRUtIRONQK3ZSZz09>

OR

2) Go to www.zoom.com, "Join a
meeting"

Meeting ID: 763 9061 7485

Passcode: AveMaria

For more information, please contact
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St. Anthony's Parish 2021.

On behalf of Fr. Pat and I, we would like to wish you, our parishioners, present, past, those living in Belgium and further afield a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Needless to say, that the past year 2020 was a difficult year for many. With the beginning of 2021, we set our eyes and hearts on a new beginning and please God with the introduction of vaccines to battle the COVID-19 virus, a new way of life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parishioners for your generous and unselfish support for the running and upkeep of the parish of St. Anthony's. The pandemic has caused many hardships to you all with the separation from meeting up with loved ones and friends, even the loss of a loved one due to the virus. Difficult and hard times indeed. Financial difficulties have had effects on families and individuals, even to the point of losing

your jobs and trying to make ends meet. Even with all these heart wrenching difficulties, I am amazed with the generosity of each of you to the upkeep of your church and parish. Your kind support financially through standing orders is the backbone to the upkeep of the parish, which I cannot emphasise and thank you enough.

The running of your parish is a community collaboration with the different parish groups involved. Fr. Pat and I could not run the parish without the support and challenge of the individual groups, especially the Parish Council and Parish Finance Committee. The members of both groups are dedicated and have the running of the parish dear to their hearts. They continue to be dedicated to their different meetings which we hold in the parish church or, because of the social distance through Zoom meetings. We could not run the parish without their giving of their time and constructive input.

As we are still in the situation where public masses cannot be celebrated with more than 15 people, we continue to have our Sunday masses live streamed, but, this doesn't mean that the

activities of the parish have been cancelled. It is with great delight that our First Communion and Confirmation classes are up and running, albeit within the restrictions that we have to follow. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers who run the classes: Sue, Karen and Alice (First Communion) and Sara (Confirmation) for their dedication and time.

The celebrations of baptisms, funerals and marriages continue even with the restrictions that are imposed on us. Marriage preparations continue as well. The different groups that use the parish are also still active and keeping within the social distance policy. Your parish is still very much alive and active. As the year begins, I felt that it was only right and proper to share with you that your parish, and it is your parish, of St. Anthony's is still vibrant. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can welcome you all back to our Sunday masses and our cup of coffee/tea afterwards.

Just before I conclude, I want to thank all of you who took the time to participate in the

Parish survey concerning the attendance to our Sunday masses. There was a great response to the survey and I would like to assure you that it hasn't been forgotten. Work is going on behind the scenes to try and be prepared for when the restrictions to the limited attendance to our church has been lifted.

May the Blessings of God be with you all and let us pray for one another.

Fr. Michael.

Mass at St. Nicholas

English mass at St. Nicholas has recommenced but it is currently limited to 15 people only. If you would like to attend, please email martinmartnancy211@gmail.com stating which Sunday you would like to attend. A return email will be sent to you confirming your attendance and without it, access to the Church will not be permitted.

MASS TIMES

St Anthony's Parish -
Live Streamed Mass
Every Sunday @ 10.30h