

St. Anthony's Parish Words

Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
5th July 2020

Hymns

Entrance: Gathered here

Offertory: Bread, blessed and broken

Communion: Instrumental

Recessional: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalms 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25, 30

Response to Psalm:

I will bless your name forever,
O God my King

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for

revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Communion Reflection

In the opening lines of the Gospel today, Jesus praises God for the grace of openness and humility he sees around him, for revealing 'these things' to infants and hiding them from the 'wise.' I imagine Jesus had had enough of the arrogance and the egos of the elite. The authorities of the time who were so closed to his message of love and compassion. Jesus' disciples were not from the upper echelons of society, but they trusted in Jesus, they wanted to understand, they had an openness to learn. For Jesus, God's grace was found in the humble, in those who were open to new possibilities, in those whose hearts were not hardened or consumed by ego. Over the past number of months, we have all been humbled a little, whether we were open to it or not. The Covid-19 epidemic stopped us in our tracks and suddenly we realised we were not in control. We were humbled by a microscopic invader with macroscopic consequences. While many opportunities lay in our cocooning, I am very aware how many are struggling with our new reality. It has been a traumatic and stressful time for most people. And yet, within it all, our faith asks us to watch out for signs of hope, for stories of resurrection all around us, for good

news. Today, we hear some of the most beautiful lines in the Gospel: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' Reading The Message interpretation of the text reads: 'Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I will not lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.' During days of uncertainty, may we remember and whisper these lines, with open hearts.

Jane Mellett



This Sunday, 5th July is the 50th anniversary of Fr. Pat's Ordination. On behalf of the Parish Councils we would like you to join us in prayerful congratulations.



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MASS TIMES

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

**St Nicholas at the Bourse :
Sunday - 10.00h**

**St Joseph's Community, 203
Chaussée de Wavre 1150 Ixelles
Sunday at 11.30h**

**Rue Le Corregé
Sunday at 19.15h**



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CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Pat was born in Dublin in 1942 and began his studies for the priesthood in Killarney, then moved onto University College, Galway and from there he moved to Leuven where he completed his studies in 1970. Little did he realise that when he left Leuven to be ordained that he would celebrate his Golden Jubilee back in Belgium!!

In the early years of his priesthood, he returned to Leuven to continue his theological studies and it was while there that his love affair with St. Anthony's Parish began.



FR. PAT OFM
GOLDEN JUBILEE – 1970-2020

For many years he spent several weeks of the summer providing cover in the parish, initially to Fr. Michael PP, then Fr. Edmund (Dogan) PP and later Fr. Vincent (PP) while they went off on their summer break. In between he spent 6 years in inner city Dublin as a parish priest followed by 22 years as Chaplain in a secondary level school in Bray, County Wicklow.

IN 2008 he was appointed parish priest to St. Anthony's and continues in that role today.



50 YEARS A FRANCISCAN PRIEST