

St. Anthony's Parish Words'

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2020

Hymns

Entrance: Speak Lord

Offertory: My soul gives thanks

Communion: Jesus Christ once again

Recessional: Come let us go

Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28.7

Psalms 102:1-4.9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Response to Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and Love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Communion Reflection

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful - but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others. We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural

resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel - taking, but giving nothing in return. Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others. 'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')

Triona Doherty

If you have some news you would like to share with the rest of the community through the newsletter, please get in touch with us on stanthonyparish@telenet.be

First Holy Communions and Confirmations Update

It is with a great pleasure that we can finally announce that our First Holy Communion Children and Confirmation Candidates will be able to celebrate and receive their Sacrament in September and October.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

First Holy Communions will be celebrated over the weekends of: 26th & 27th September and the 3rd & 4th October at Midday
Due to Covid-19 the Celebration will only be open to the Communion Children and their Families.

We would ask people to respect that this is not a public mass

CONFIRMATIONS

There will be a combined prayer service and mass for the **candidates only**. This will take place in the Church on Wednesday 23rd September and Wednesday 30th September at 19h30

We would ask people to respect that this is not a public mass

Confirmations will take place on the 26th September and 3rd October at 18h

Standing orders -
A huge thank you

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to parishioners for their continued financial support of the parish through their monthly standing orders particularly during this period of Covid-19 when you are faced with anxieties relating to your loved ones both here and 'back home' and also in relation to your employment situation. The standing order contributions allow us to continue to meet all our expenditure relating to the running of the parish from the payment of staff salaries (part-time office staff, housekeeper and part-time gardener) to the bills for heating, lighting, insurance, food.
A huge thank you to one and all.

We will continue to remember you all in our prayers and Masses,

Fr. Pat and Fr. Michael

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 Correge
Sunday at 19.15h



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