

SUNDAY MASS

26 JULY 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:

I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

SECOND READING

We know that by turning everything to their good
God co-operates with all those who love him, with all
those that he has called according to his purpose.

They are the ones he chose specially long ago and
intended to become true images of his Son, so that
his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He
called those he intended for this; those he called he
justified, and with those he justified he shared his
glory. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is
like treasure hidden in a field which someone has
found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells
everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great
value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys
it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

Today's first reading (1 Kings 3:5,7-12) picks up a theme from last Sunday. Solomon asks for understanding to discern good from evil. His name became a byword for wisdom and shrewd judging, yet he did not always act rightly, nor live up to the love of God's Law sung of in the psalm. During his reign were sown the seeds that led to the division of Israel from Judah, yet it is looked upon as Israel's golden age of prosperity and peace.

Key words and phrases

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in
a field which someone has found; he hides it
again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns
and buys the field.

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
looking for fine pearls.

The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into
the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. Every
scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of
heaven is like a householder who brings out from
his storeroom things both new and old.

Give your servant a heart to understand how to
discern between good and evil.

We know that by turning everything to their
good God co-operates with all those who love
him to the point

This gospel about 'the kingdom of heaven'
presents us with three parables of discovery.
What is the 'kingdom of heaven'? Jesus does not
really say. Then how will we recognise it when
we find it? Jesus does tell us: we'll know the
kingdom when we see it.

WELCOME

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th Sunday

ST. BRENDAN'S: Sun 2nd August, 2020 @ 9.30am.

Commentator: C. Finlay
Reader: E. McGuane
Communion: D. McCarthy
Leaders: L. McGuane/A. Ruddell.

ST. JOSEPH'S: Sun 2nd August @ 10.30am.

Family: T & D Ryan
Comm Minister: D> Ryan
Lay Leaders:

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

July 26th/2nd August: J Demasi & D Sutherland

9th/16th August: J. O'Dowd/H. Holland.

St. Joseph's:

July: Mulheron.

August: Roache.

Counters:

2nd August: L. Darcy.

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: July 26th/ August 1st;

Bill Jansen, Brian Leahy.

SICK: Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,
Leah Spokes, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn,
Sue Sherman, Patricia Hickman, June Turner,
Ross Soares, Goldie Elsum.

Dates to Remember:

*Parish Leadership Meeting; 30th July,
2020 @5pm. (Possibly a Zoom meeting).*

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

*Access to St Brendan's School. If you need Church Key or anything else from the school we ask Parishioners to ring first or knock on front door. **DO NOT ENTER SCHOOL, PLEASE.** This is for your safety and the safety of the students and staff. Thank you.*

*If anybody has a keyboard that they would be willing to lend to the school for 3rd Term please contact Liz.
5233 1222.*



Time for a smile:

Maggie was an infant school teacher. On her first day with the first grade class a little girl gave her a note which said the opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of her parents.

Nathan after his first day of school returned home and told his mother "I am wasting my time at school I can't read and I can't write and they won't let me talk.