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# ☆ The Gospel of Mark

Mark believes that Jesus is the Son of God, but he also portrays him in such a human light that everyone can identify with him. Mark gives the most moving account of the Lord's commitment to broken and fragile humanity. Once we  $\mathcal{A}$  discover the Gospel of Mark, we rediscover the person of Jesus.

# **LENT 2024**

The Lenten talks that were advertised on the Thursdays of Lent have been cancelled.

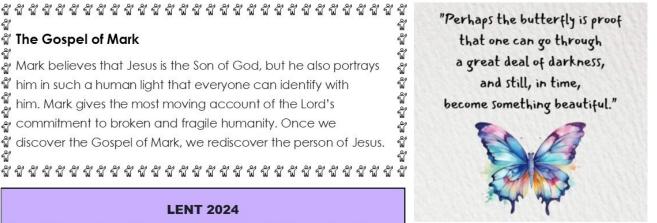
It's hoped that people would use Lent as time of personal reflection and participate in placing a cross of the wooden cross by the altar. Again: the aim of the exercise is to write on the cross a personal addiction as seen on our prayer card or write an issue in your life which you wish to be held in prayer by the community during the period of Lent.

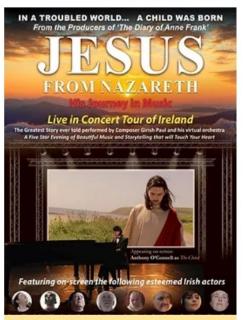
Do not write your name on the cross.

# **Bishopstown Meals on Wheels**

Bishopstown Meals on Wheels is planning on reopening their kitchen for the preparation, cooking and delivery of fresh meals from Monday to Friday. In order for this to happen they need to build a team of drivers urgently. To do this they are appealing to people who have some time to spare to consider volunteering and helping out with the service.

For anyone who may be interested please contact: bishopstownmealsbishopstown@gmail.com Or phone: 021 454 3757 and leave a message with your name and number and they will contact you.





Composer Girish Paul brings his production of "Jesus from Nazareth" to the Parish Centre on Saturday 23rd March. For more information see www.girishpaul.com

# **BLESSING FOR RETIREMENT**

This is where your life has arrived, After all the years of effort and toil: Look back with graciousness and thanks On all your great and quiet achievements. You stand on the shore of a new invitation To open your life to what is left undone: Let your heart enjoy a different rhythm When drawn to the wonder of other horizons. Have the courage for a new approach to time; Allow it to slow you to find new freedom. To draw alongside the mystery you hold And befriend your own beauty of soul. Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire, to live the dream you've waited for, To awaken the depths beyond your work and enter into your infinite source. John O'Donohue.

### **PARISH CHARITY**

We conclude our appeal for **GROW**. An amount of €1,200 Euro was collected. We will be contacting GROW and asking a representative to come and collect the cheque during one of our Masses. Thanks again on behalf of the charity for your support.





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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us...

# THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you. we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us: you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us; For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

# **OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### ₩ LITURGY OF THE WORD ₩

# FIRST READING Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 A reading form the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. The man is leprous, he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head.



Day of Prayer for Temperance

11th February 2024

When Jesus cured the leper he was restored back to health and to his family and friends. By being renewed with the body and blood of Christ at this Mass we are strengthened and restored to God's family.



A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered: he must shield his upper lip and cry," Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean: and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 31)** R. You are my refuge, O Lord;

you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- 1 Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no quilt, in whose spirit is no guile.
- 2. But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide. I said:'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R)
- 3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45

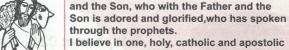
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees:'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him. Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him,'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ. the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father



I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness

of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

## **▼ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ▼**

Pray brothers and sisters.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

### **SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts..... AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights. we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live.

Through Christ our Lord.

# **CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God, the

Father, and the Son, ₩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

