

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Private Intention
Tues 10:00am Annette Bernard RIP
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Responsibility of the baptised
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls
Sat 06:00pm Peace in the World
Sun 08:30am Justice
10:00am Thanksgiving
12:00noon People of the Parish

Fr Jack

Often gifts are given to us to be shared. A blender might be given to a woman for the use of her daily work for her family. People have often given gifts to me for the use of the parish or other people. Money is given to me for other people. They are usually the best gifts because they are "useful." *This is a very useful gift, a gift for handing on. it is a responsibility to hand it on.*

That is what today's feast is all about. Isaiah says the Jews have been gifted with the Good News. But it is for all nations, a gift for the whole world. Paul equally says the gift was given to the Jews but to be handed on. This is where most people disagreed with him and this is where Judaism and Christianity became two different religions. We as Catholics have inherited some of this bad principle. We are not great at handing it on. We like them have made it into a private club. It is not only a sign of being special but a responsibility.

You don't have the gift to any great degree until you are willing to pass it on.

Because I have the responsibility of preaching the Gospel, I really have to check myself out. Do I believe and practice this?

The Gospel is the same, the wise men have to go outside their comfort zone.

There is only one God and only one love. And either we all share it or there is no love at all.

**The time to make sure
every moment counts
is NOW.**

Thank you

Hope you have enjoyed the Christmas and New Year's celebration and now we we're back to normal. Sincere thanks for all the help over Christmas from Ashers, the choirs; the cleaning, the collectors, the counters, the crib the decorating of the church; the flowers; readers and servers. Christmas is about others thank you for the £655 raised for CAFORD Christmas gifts. Also a special thanks from me personally for your cards, your gifts and your very generous Christmas offerings. May we all be blessed.

Parish Council

At the moment many things seem to revolve around me, whether its preaching the Gospel or making new innovations. This is not a good model of church and is not the church envisaged by Vatican II in 1963 or by Pope Francis on his final message on Synodality. The church envisaged is not a hierarchal structure with the Pope on top but a gathering of the people of God. In short YOU/WE are the church. To this end I would like to revamp the Parish Council. If you are interested in being a member, please let me know. Otherwise I will have to pick a few people and I can be accused of cronyism and this is not the model of church either I or anyone else wants to promote.

Happy New Year to one and all

May you have many blessings for you and your family and make sure you show your appreciation through prayer, thanksgiving, involvement/passing on the Gospel in accordance with today's feast.
Giving blesses the giver as much as the receiver.