

St Leo's Bulletin August 18th 2024 19th Sunday of the Year
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stleothegreat.org.uk stleothegreatfacebook Mass Sunday vigil:
Saturday at 6.00p.m. Sunday 10.30 a.m. Weekday Mass 10.00
Confessions on Saturday at 5.30 p.m. and on request.



As we eat this bread and drink this cup, though many we are one;
One bread, one cup, one faith, one church, one Lord for evermore.
As we eat this bread and drink this cup, though many we are one;
One bread, one cup, one faith, one church, one Lord for evermore.
Glory be to the Father, glory to the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit both now and evermore.
As we eat this bread and drink this cup, though many we are one;
One bread, one cup, one faith, one church, one Lord for evermore.

Act of Penance

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to his people,
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 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom builds her house and invites all to eat her bread there

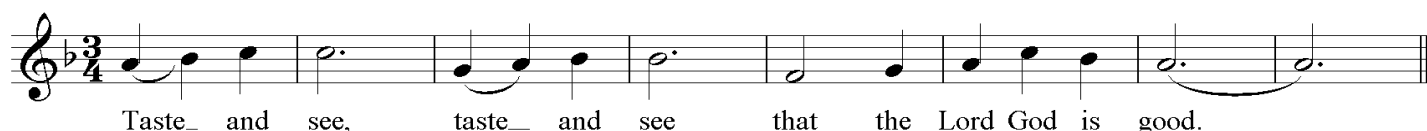
Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33



Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips,
In the Lord my heart will make its boast.
The humble shall see and be glad.

Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good

Glorify the Lord with me, together let us praise His name;
I sought the Lord, he answered me, from all my terrors set me free.

Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good

Look towards him and be radiant. Let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him
And rescued him from all his distress.
Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be filled not with wine, but with the Spirit

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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9 I give you a new - com - mand - ment:

15 love one a - no - ther as I love you; love one a - no - ther as

I love you. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6: 51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Jesus said to the crowd:
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Homily

Nicene Creed

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, we bow.

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
& his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 & I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
 & the life of the world to come. Amen

During the Preparation of the Gifts

I am the vine

I am the vine you are the branches, live in me, live in me.
 I am the vine, you are the branches, abide in me.

If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever
 you wish and it shall be yours.

I am the vine you are the branches, live in me, live in me.
 I am the vine, you are the branches, abide in me.

Schubert Sanctus and Memorial and Old St Andrew Agnus Dei

Communion

Whoever eats my flesh



Who - ev - er eats__ my flesh and drinks my blood, says the Lord,
 will live in me and I__ in him, says the Lord,____ says the Lord.

This is my will, my one command, that love should dwell among
 you all.

This is my will that you should love as I have shown that I love you.

No greater love a man can have than that he die to save his
 friends.

You are my friends if you obey all I command that you should do.

You chose not me, but I chose you, that you should go and bear much fruit.
I called you out that you in me should bear much fruit that will abide.

After Mass: May the Lord bless us

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The Morning Hour - repeated hourly from 7.00 - 11.00

7.00: Morning Prayer

7.15: Morning Prayer with the Young today led by Gisella with music by Magdalen

7.20 Canon Bob Hill reflects on the diverse reactions of the disciples to the teaching on the bread of life.

Margaret Chapman with introductions to the daily readings.

7.25 Let's pray for Peace led by Noel and Donald

7.30: In our Magazine Fr Tom Magill links the food which sustained Elijah with Jesus as the Bread of Life;; Release International, Voice of Persecuted Christians, details some of the crimes being perpetrated by the Russia state against people of faith who oppose the war on Ukraine. A Message from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem for the Feast of the Assumption; and Donal Dorr speaks of the Beatitudes in Africa Magazine. Let it be known.

12.00/6.00: Our Glasgow Churches Together service is led this week by Robin Green and Christine Johnston - on the Book of Proverbs.

12.15/6.15: the Office of Readings includes a passage from Isaiah 6: 1-13 and a homily on Matthew by St John Chrysostom - on 'you are the salt.'

12.30/ 6.30: Chatterbox with Liz Adam 01.0/7.00: Our Glasgow Churches Together service is led this week by Robin Green and Christine Johnston based on the Book of Proverbs.

1.15/7.15: the Office of Readings includes a passage from Isaiah 6: 1-13 and a homily on Matthew by St John Chrysostom - on 'you are the salt.'

2.00 – 5.00: Christian music hourly

The Evening Hour - repeated hourly from 8.00 - 10.00

8.00: Evening Prayer of the week and Evening Prayer for the Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle.

8.20: Our Magazine as this morning

8.50: Night Prayer

11.00 - 7.00 a.m. christian music

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has submitted evidence to the Scottish Parliament Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on a proposal to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland.

Responding to the call for views on the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, the bishops said that “assisted suicide attacks human dignity and results in human life being increasingly valued on the basis of its efficiency and utility”, adding that, implicit in legal assisted suicide is the idea that “an individual can lose their value and worth.”

The bishops express grave concerns about the serious consequences of legal assisted suicide for the most vulnerable in society, stating that, “when the elderly and disabled express concerns about being a burden, the appropriate response is not to suggest that they have a duty to die; rather, it is to commit to meeting their needs and providing the care and compassion to help them live. If Scotland establishes the provision of death on demand and this becomes normal practice, how will that not become a cultural expectation for the vulnerable, including the elderly, disabled, and lonely?”

The bishops also quoted *Samaritanus bonus*, a letter by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life, saying that proponents of assisted suicide peddled a “false understanding of compassion”, adding that a correct understanding of compassion “consists not in causing death, but in embracing the sick, in supporting them in their difficulties, in offering them affection, attention, and the means to alleviate their suffering.”

The submission touched on the experience of other countries and states where assisted suicide and/or euthanasia is legal, including Canada, the Netherlands, and Oregon, with the bishops issuing a warning that, “No matter how well intentioned safeguards are, it is impossible for any government to draft assisted suicide laws which include legal protection from future expansion of those laws.”

The bishops said that it was “significant” that the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Association of Palliative Medicine in the UK are both opposed to assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The Bill, introduced by Liam McArthur MSP, has attracted widespread criticism from experts for adopting an extremely broad definition of terminal illness which, in practice, is expected to include diabetes, dementia, and anorexia.

In conclusion, the bishops said that “assisted suicide undermines suicide prevention, the provision of palliative care, trust in doctors and puts pressure on vulnerable people to end their lives prematurely.” The bishops added: “The poor and vulnerable are already struggling to live. Parliamentarians in Scotland ought to offer them care and support to live, not a concoction of drugs to die. Killing is not the solution to ill-health, poverty or any other social challenges. The state ought to support the provision of care, not deliberate killing, for those at the end of life.”

The Committee will now consider all responses and take oral evidence from key experts and stakeholders in the coming months before publishing a report for MSPs.

SEASON OF CREATION CONFERENCE 2024

The Care of Creation Office of the Bishops’ Conference has organised a National Conference for this year’s Season of Creation which runs from 1st September – 4th October 2024. The Conference will take place on **Saturday 7th September 2024**, from 10am – 3pm in St. Margaret’s Parish Hall, Raploch, Stirling. The guest speaker is Ben Wilson, Director of Public Engagement for SCIAF. If interested in attending, please complete a booking form here www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah and more details about this free day will follow.

Psalm 33 Commentary. 20B.

We used Psalm 33 last week and will continue to sing it today and next week as our Gospel moves through the Bread of Life discourse in John chapter 6.

This week it might be useful to focus more on the presumed author, King David. The Bible text that introduces this psalm speaks of the strange trick of David when he pretends to be mad in order to escape from the Philistines. He is said to have scratched strange things on the walls of the cave he is hiding in, while letting his saliva drip down his beard in a sad and humiliating display should any one find him. Commentators say that although he had been at his wits end he eventually comes to his senses and remembers this old song of joy and glory of his earlier composition.

When the psalmist sings, “O magnify the Lord with me, together let us praise his name!” he reminds the congregation and us that the singing *together* of the community can be a huge emotional experience that lifts everyone up, magnifying God together, in a powerfully magnetic way. We don’t make God any bigger by this magnifying, but our perception of the Lord comes into sharper focus and we appreciate more seriously the reality of God’s surrounding and penetrating presence.

When verse 8 speaks of the angel being “encamped around those who revere him” it may remind us of the Guardian Angels assigned by God for individual protection.

The psalm with its “Taste and See” theme follows the reading from Proverbs where Wisdom invites the listener saying, “Come and eat my bread and drink the wine I have prepared” The psalm then points forward to Jesus’ Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel.

This lovely Psalm 33 is indeed a great community song, a kind of Grace Before Meals which we use as we journey through the liturgical year, especially when we gather for sacramental food around God’s altar! Us and those surrounding angels!

Prayers for Peace

We grieve with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and with all who live in the Land of the Holy One. Please join us in an outpouring of prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace.

The Women of Gaza Luke 23: 27-29

‘Daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for me, weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when people will say “Happy are the barren, the wombs that never bore a child, the breasts that never fed one”.’

Lord, I never understood those strange and stark words. I simply couldn't make sense of what you were saying. Who would want to be childless?

Children are a gift from God; a woman's greatest joy.

I had always envied my relatives and friends who had children.

I could see the joy their children brought them in their smiling faces; their laughter; their love and a whole life of potential ahead of them.

Now, in this new reality, this hell on earth I fully identify with what you said.

I pity my friends and neighbours who have children, my heart aches for them.

My cousin whose premature baby died in hospital because there was no electricity to power her incubator.

My neighbour whose young baby died because he couldn't access the life- saving medicine he needed.

My friend from two streets back whose toddler was caught in a bombing raid whilst he was playing outside their house, his young life, barely started, snuffed out in an instant.

The thousands who are apprehensive and anxious about what the future holds for their beloved children.

Those who feel so inadequate because they cannot provide or care for them.

Yes, we weep for ourselves, and in our suffering, misery and isolation we cry out to you.

We know you weep with us and for us, the women of Gaza.

Growth in Faith Group

On Thursday 8th August, the group outlined a plan for exploring Christian topics by video talks every second Thursday in autumn and winter 2024. The proposed diary of events is as follows:

22 Aug – Denis MacBride on Discipleship
5 Sept – James Allison on Scripture
19 Sept – Tom McGill on the Synod
3 Oct – Timothy Radcliffe's pre-Synod retreat
17 Oct – Denis MacBride – Women in the Bible
28 Nov – James Allison on Advent Scripture
12 Dec – reflection, review and social

We welcome suggestions for video talks.

The group will have another planning meeting on 9th January 2025 and will consider watching the Jeff Cavins' series on the Bible Timeline during the spring sessions. Cavins' unique approach to studying the Bible in its historical setting offers us new keys to understanding the amazing story of salvation.

Please consider joining us and bring your friends. We welcome especially new members from other churches.

Social Events at St Leo's

Sunday, 18 Aug 2024
 Sunday Mass at 10.30am
 Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm

There'll be a bit of a pause in the social whirl for the next wee while. The Wine Tasting may have to be postponed to a later date as there's a bit of an issue with the availability of some of our wine connoisseurs.

The event that will need some thought is the Auction. So far we've got offers of some hours gardening, a meal for four cooked by one of our very talented parishioners and a handmade baby quilt.

What could you offer?

Here's the rest of the year's diary

- **Sep 13th**, Friday, Wine Tasting.
- **Oct 26th**, Friday, Quiz.
- **Nov 16th**, Saturday, Pot Luck Supper and Auction.
- **Nov 29th**, Friday, Wreath Making



Pope Francis on Twitter

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The Lord made us for the joy of Heaven. Our life is not a meaningless journey, but a project of love.

Sunday	Tea Rota 
18	Margaret, Cathy and Rebecca
25	Maria and Lawrence
Sep 1	Jacqui and Lorraine
8	Catherine and Senga
15	Mary and Paul
22	Thara and Rosemary
29	Aine and Sandra
Oct 6	Anne Marie, Pat and Rosemary
13	Lesley and Eileen

Foodbank

Maybe think of something summery.

