

All Saints' Masses during the coming week

Wednesday 26th February - 10.00am Mass
Friday 28th February - 10.00 Mass (at high altar)
Saturday 1st March - 10.00am Mass
Sunday 2nd March - 10.00am Mass

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Please note that this year, the All Saints' Church Electoral Roll needs to be revised. This means creating a new roll and therefore everybody who wishes to be entered onto it is required to complete an application form. This applies to both new applicants and those who have completed forms in the past. Please see Churchwarden Sue for a form.

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All Saints' Church, Sidley



Jesus said 'Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.'

Luke 6.37

Sunday 23rd February 2025 - 10.00am

Parish Mass

WELCOME TO THE PARISH MASS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Collect for this week, sung at the beginning of the Sunday Mass, “collects” up all the prayers of God’s people assembled to offer Him worship - the Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we call the Mass.

This week the prayer asks that we might carry out in word and deed that which is pleasing to God. However, just before, the prayer states that we do this “always pondering spiritual things”.

This is a good prayer for us, as we draw closer to Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for the Paschal celebration (what English speaking people call Easter), the most important celebration of the year.

It is so important that it we need to prepare to prepare!

As we draw closer to Lent, may we give time to think about the disciplines we might undertake, so as to be more regularly “pondering spiritual things” and so grow in the joyful hope we have received in Christ’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Fr Ian



Prayer for the Faithful

The Sick: Michael and Diane; Bill; Sharon; Pat; Wendy; David; Sheila; Michael; Nina; Rob; Dee; Glyn; Margaret; Stewart; Ian; Ron; Fran; Sam; Tessy, Shana; Jean; Andrew; Sam; Teresa; Pauline; Edward; Kathleen; Stewart; Val; Ann; Shirley and children Sebastian; Pryia and Vinnie and babies Maxwell; Lily and Ivy-Mae.

The Recently Departed

William Holden and Sally Hancock.

Anniversaries of Death

23rd William Jones; Frances Murrell; Jack Jones; Tracey Graham;

24th Edward Hill;

26th Daisy Jones; David Pemble; Dorris Reeves; Derek Isted;

27th Albert Wilson; Albert Coster; Todd Smith;

March

1st John Jones.

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

Hymns

(Celebration Hymnal for Everyone)

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| Processional Hymn | - 303 | in Christ there is no east or west |
| Gloria | - 460 | (Murray) |
| Offertory | - 182 | Forgive our sins as we forgive |
| Post Communion | - 478 | Make me a channel of your peace |
| Recessional Hymn | - 74 | Be thou my vision |

First Reading - 1st Book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?'

So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them. **(Continued)**

1st Book of Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
(Continuation)

Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them.

David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Psalm 103.1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R 8a

Response (R) The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R**
(Continued)

Psalm 103.1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R 8a
(Continuation)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him. but
the way of the wicked will perish. **R**

St Paul's First letter to the Corinthians 15.45-49

Brothers and Sisters:
'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last
Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the
spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the
spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the
second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so
also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of
heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we
shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.