

FIRST READING - Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God

SECOND READING –Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

This is the Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING –Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew -

All: Glory to you, O Lord

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

*This is the Gospel of the Lord –
Praise to you, O Christ*

This week, we pray for:

Those who are unwell – for Elizabeth, Jackie, Sally, Patrick, Linda, Susi, Stuart, and Norman.

We pray for the family of Madeleine at this difficult time

For prayer requests during this period of a lockdown, please email Fr Rob on stvincentsalgarve.west@gmail.com

We pray for the families of those who have departed this life:
Edward Cramer Price II (Bud)

Notices

Back to Church!! – On Thursday the 2nd July, we cautiously returned to church, with 18 of us there for a communion service (albeit a shorter than usual one). If you have been missing communion during this time, and are feeling ‘o’ about coming to church (every precaution is taken to make sure we are safe), then please do send me an email to ‘book’ a place. We are limited to 26 people in the church at any one time, so it is essential that you let us know you are coming.

The Mustard Seed – There will be the usual collection of food for the Mustard Seed today (Sunday the 5th July), by way of John Payne waiting in the church car park between the hours of 12 and 1pm for you donations. Thank you in advance for that.

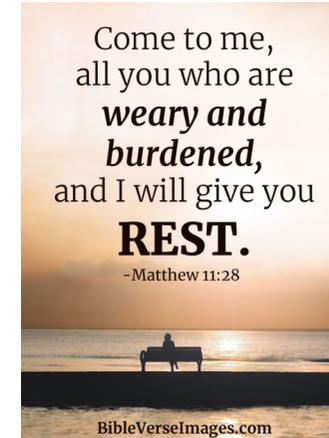


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