

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Holy Souls
Tues 10:00am Personal Intentions
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Fr John Ryan MBE
Fri 10:00am For those on their own
Sat 6:00pm For Families
Remember starting today
only two Masses every Sunday
Sun 10:00am People of the Parish
12:00noon Neil Dower RIP

Fr Jack

A great selection of parables today. Jesus talking about the Kingdom of God, not as a place in heaven but which is in **our hearts** and **in our midst**.
It is in our hearts when Christ is present, *"I live now, not I but Christ lives in me."*
And it is in our midst when we behave and treat each other with love, real love in action. This brings us back to reading the Word of God and reflecting/contemplating on it. Pondering it in our hearts like Mary. Here we need to be careful. It is not just mindfulness and a feel good factor. I have taken time to be quiet and present to the moment, all of which is important and good. But we need to go further where this space is filled with the presence of Christ and it moves me on to have the Mind of Christ which in turn empowers me to do the will of Christ and put my reflection into action.

PARISH DAY

Sincere thanks to Angie and all those who gathered around her for giving us a great day. Things were very well planned and many, many people responded, too many to mention. But the value of people working together cannot be overstated. Great things can happen.
The food, the music, the planning, the clearing up and all who helped give yourself a big round of applause.

Thank you.

Artificial Intelligence

At a perilous time when we are rushing at dizzying speed into an AI future, Pope Leo XIV has called on the world to slow down long enough to ponder the kinds of questions that Artificial Intelligence is not ultimately designed to answer. In the introduction to Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity"), the first encyclical of his pontificate, the pope asks, "Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?" AI can hand us detailed maps and voluminous data once we know the answers to existential questions like these, but in the end it's up to us fallible and mortal beings to determine the answers. In commenting on the pope's document, the [New York Times](#) surmised that this encyclical "is expected to be at the center of the 70-year-old pontiff's reign." This could be a safe bet, given how Leo has spoken several times on AI since his election last year and has followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pope Francis, who presided over a series of conferences on "the digital age." (Two of which I was able to attend.) The AI juggernaut is sweeping the planet, and as the pope indicates, it is critical that humanity grapple with the weighty philosophical and spiritual—but also geo-political and economic—challenges and opportunities it presents. In this 42,000-word tome, he offers a thoughtful and thorough analysis of Artificial Intelligence and a set of moral and practical prescriptions going forward. It is an historic set of profound reflections for our rapidly changing world. But to assume that AI will be the central preoccupation of this papacy is probably a misreading of this encyclical and also of what Leo has predominantly emphasized over the course of his young pontificate. Stephen,

Pope Leo