

Evening Prayer Wednesday 7th February, 2024
St Mel Bishop, Wednesday Week 5 in Ordinary Time
 At 5.00 pm in Church and online www.donnybrook.parish.ie

Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Invitatory Psalm

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Leader: Let us adore the Lord for it is He who made us.

ALL: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the God who saves us.
 Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord, a great king above all gods.
 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his.
 To him belongs the sea, for he made it and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
 for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people and I said: “Their hearts are astray, these people do not know my ways.”

Then I took an oath in my anger: “Never shall they enter my rest.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us adore the Lord for it is He who made us.

Psalm 26 (27):1-6

Leader: The Lord is my light and my help: whom shall I fear?

ALL: The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

When evil-doers draw near to devour my flesh, it is they,
my enemies and foes, who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent, on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised above my foes who surround me and I
shall offer within his tent a sacrifice of joy. I will sing and make music for the
Lord.

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beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord is my light and my help: whom shall I fear?

Psalm 26 (27): 7-14

Leader: It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide not your face.

ALL: O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'seek his face'.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my help!
Though father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.

Instruct me Lord in your way; on an even path lead me.

When they lie in ambush protect me from the enemy's greed.
False witnesses rise against me, breathing out fury.

I am sure I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living,
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide not your face.

Reader reads Psalm-Prayer

Father, you protect and strengthen those who hope in you; you heard
the cry of your Son and kept him safe in your tent in the day of evil.
Grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may
see your goodness in the land of the living.

Canticle (Colossians 1)

Leader: He is the first-born of all creation, he is supreme over all creatures.

Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Scripture Reading

James 1:22,25

You must do what the word tells you and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. The one who looks steadily at the perfect law of freedom and makes this a habit – not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting in into practice – will be happy in all that they do.

Reader Leads Short Responsory

- Redeem me Lord and show me your mercy.
 - *Redeem me Lord and show me your mercy.*
 - Do not cast me away with sinners.
 - *Redeem me Lord and show me your mercy.*
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- *Redeem me Lord and show me your mercy.*



Our Lady of Kyiv

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Lord our God, you sent your only Son
to bring peace to our world.*

*Through the intercession
of Blessed Mary, Ever-Virgin,
hear our earnest prayer;*

*Grant that our times may be tranquil,
so that we may live in peace, as one family,
united in love for one another.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Time for Reflection, personal prayer and hymns before Our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Hymns:

- 1. Be Still My Soul**
- 2. In Bread We Bring You, Lord**
- 3. You Are Mine**
- 4. Sweet Heart of Jesus**
- 5. Immaculate Mary**

ALL: Prayer to St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favoured by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in his absolute power and goodness, look upon us. Please take our needs into your heart and present them to your Son. Help us then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise and to act with love. We praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, we love you. **Amen**

CANTICLE OF MARY Magnificat.

Leader: The Almighty has done great things for me; holy is his name.

ALL: My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness,
henceforth all ages will call be blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
On those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
He sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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Reader Leads**INTERCESSIONS**

With confidence ask the God of Peace to hear our prayers.

R: Lord, show us your love.

We pray that we will always protect and cherish all of God's creation.

R: Lord, show us your love.

We pray for all our Priests and Religious and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

R: Lord, show us your love.

Lord, grant us your Peace. Guide all in the way of peace.

R: Lord, show us your love.

Lord grant eternal rest to all our faithful departed. May they rest in Peace.

R: Lord, show us your love.

We pray together Our Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ...

To Our Lady Queen of Peace we pray:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace ...

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to you.

READER LEADS The Divine Praises

Blessed be God
 Blessed be His Holy Name
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man
 Blessed be the name of Jesus
 Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart
 Blessed be his Most Precious Blood
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit the Paraclete
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception
 Blessed be her Glorious Assumption
 Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother
 Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse
 Blessed be God in his Angels and in His Saints. Amen

Luna is reposed in the Tabernacle. O Sacrament Most Holy ...

ALL: Concluding Prayer: Lord, support us as we pray, protect us day and night, so that under your guiding hand we may always draw strength from you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, *Pray for us.*

St. Joseph, *Pray for us.*

St. Michael the Archangel, *Pray for us.*

St. Mel, Pray for us.

ALL: Lord bless us and keep us close to You and grant us Your everlasting Peace. Amen.

Final Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth (The Choirboys)