

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady of the Annunciation
King's Lynn
Norfolk**

Mass Readings for
Saturday, 18th July 2020

Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings
From the Office of Readings

Liturgical Colour: White

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First reading - Micah 2:1-5

The plotters of evil will not escape

Woe to those who plot evil,
who lie in bed planning mischief!
No sooner is it dawn than they do it
– their hands have the strength for it.
Seizing the fields that they covet,
they take over houses as well,
owner and house they confiscate together,
taking both man and inheritance.
So the Lord says this:
Now it is I who plot
such mischief against this breed
as your necks will not escape;
nor will you be able to walk proudly,
so evil will the time be.
On that day they will make a satire on you,
sing a dirge and say,
'We are stripped of everything;
my people's portion is measured out and shared,
no one will give it back to them,
our fields are awarded to our despoiler.'
Therefore you will have no one
to measure out a share
in the community of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 9B(10):1-4, 7-8, 14

Lord, do not forget the poor.

Lord, why do you stand afar off
and hide yourself in times of distress?
The poor man is devoured by the pride of the wicked:
he is caught in the schemes that others have made.

Lord, do not forget the poor.

For the wicked man boasts of his heart's desires;
the covetous blasphemes and spurns the Lord.
In his pride the wicked says: 'He will not punish.
There is no God.' Such are his thoughts.

Lord, do not forget the poor.

His mouth is full of cursing, guile, oppression,
mischief and deceit under his tongue.
He lies in wait among the reeds;
the innocent he murders in secret.

Lord, do not forget the poor.

His eyes are on the watch for the helpless man.
But you have seen the trouble and sorrow,
you note it, you take it in hand.
The helpless trusts himself to you;
for you are the helper of the orphan.

Lord, do not forget the poor.

Gospel Acclamation - Psalm 118:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make me grasp the way of your precepts,
and I will muse on your wonders.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 12:14-21

He cured them all but warned them not to make him known

The Pharisees went out and began to plot against Jesus, discussing how to destroy him.

Jesus knew this and withdrew from the district. Many followed him and he cured them all, but warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfil the prophecy of Isaiah:

Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved, the favourite of my soul.
I will endow him with my spirit,
and he will proclaim the true faith to the nations.

He will not brawl or shout,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

He will not break the crushed reed,
nor put out the smouldering wick
till he has led the truth to victory:
in his name the nations will put their hope.

The Gospel of the Lord.

From the Office of Readings for
Saturday of Week 15
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
From <https://universalis.com/20200718/readings.1.htm>

First reading - 2 Kings 2:1-15

Elijah is taken up to heaven

This is what happened when the Lord took Elijah up to heaven in the whirlwind: Elijah and Elisha set out from Gilgal, and Elijah said to Elisha, 'Please stay here, for the Lord is only sending me to Bethel'. But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you!' and they went down to Bethel. The brotherhood of prophets who live at Bethel came out to meet Elisha and said, 'Do you know that the Lord is going to carry your lord and master away today?' 'Yes, I know,' he said 'be quiet.'

Then Elijah said, 'Elisha, please stay here, the Lord is only sending me to Jericho'. But he replied, 'As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you!' and they went on to Jericho. The brotherhood of prophets who live at Jericho went up to Elisha and said, 'Do you know that the Lord is going to carry your lord and master away today?' 'Yes, I know,' he said 'be quiet.'

Elijah said, 'Elisha, please stay here, the Lord is only sending me to the Jordan'. But he replied, 'As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you!' And they went on together. Fifty of the brotherhood of prophets followed them, halting some distance away as the two of them stood beside the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water; and the water divided to left and right, and the two of them crossed over dry-shod.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Make your request. What can I do for you before I am taken from you?' Elisha answered, 'Let me inherit a double share of your spirit'. 'Your request is a difficult one' Elijah said. 'If you see me while I am being taken from you, it shall be as you ask; if not, it will not be so.' Now as they walked on, talking as they went, a chariot of fire appeared and horses of fire, coming between the two of them; and Elijah went up to heaven in the whirlwind. Elisha saw it, and shouted, 'My father! My father! Chariot of Israel and its chargers!' Then he lost sight of him, and taking hold of his clothes he tore them in half.

He picked up the cloak of Elijah which had fallen, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the cloak of Elijah and struck the water. 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' he cried. He struck the water, and it divided to right and left, and Elisha crossed over. The brotherhood of prophets saw him in the distance, and said, 'The spirit of Elijah has come to rest on Elisha.' They went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

Responsory - 2 Kings 2:12, 15 ; 2 Kings 2:9

R. Elisha saw it and he cried out, "My father! my father! Israel's chariot and driver!" * And the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha.

✠. Elisha said: “May I receive a double portion of your spirit.” * And the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha.

Second reading - From a sermon by Saint Sophronius, bishop

Through Mary, the Father's blessing has shone forth on mankind

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. What joy could surpass this, O Virgin Mother? What grace can excel that which God has granted to you alone? What could be imagined more dazzling or more delightful? Before the miracle we witness in you, all else pales; all else is inferior when compared with the grace you have been given. All else, even what is most desirable, must take second place and enjoy a lesser importance.

The Lord is with you. Who would dare challenge you? You are God's mother; who would not immediately defer to you and be glad to accord you a greater primacy and honour? For this reason, when I look upon the privilege you have above all creatures, I extol you with the highest praise: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you. On your account joy has not only graced men, but is also granted to the powers of heaven.

Truly, you are blessed among women. For you have changed Eve's curse into a blessing; and Adam, who hitherto lay under a curse, has been blessed because of you.

Truly, you are blessed among women. Through you the Father's blessing has shone forth on mankind, setting them free of their ancient curse.

Truly, you are blessed among women, because through you your forebears have found salvation. For you were to give birth to the Saviour who was to win them salvation.

Truly, you are blessed among women, for without seed you have borne, as your fruit, him who bestows blessings on the whole world and redeems it from that curse that made it sprout thorns.

Truly, you are blessed among women, because, though a woman by nature, you will become, in reality, God's mother. If he whom you are to bear is truly God made flesh, then rightly do we call you God's mother. For you have truly given birth to God.

Enclosed within your womb is God himself. He makes his abode in you and comes forth from you like a bridegroom, winning joy for all and bestowing God's light on all.

You, O Virgin, are like a clear and shining sky, in which God has set his tent. From you he comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber. Like a giant running his course, he will run the course of his life which will bring salvation for all who will ever live, and extending from the highest heavens to the end of them, it will fill all things with divine warmth and with life-giving brightness.

Responsory

✠. You are truly blessed among women, for you have changed Eve's condemnation into a blessing; * through you the Father's favour was bestowed on all mankind.

✠. Through you your ancestors find salvation; * through you the Father's favour was

bestowed on all mankind.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, we pray,

the joy of continued health of mind and body:

and through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-virgin,

free us of this present sadness

and fill us with eternal joy.

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.

Let us praise the Lord.

- Thanks be to God.

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Mass at 10.00am
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