



Ennis Parish News

Confessions in Cathedral Saturday After 10am Mass & before and after 6.30pm Mass

St Joseph's Saturday After 11am Mass

Parish Office open Mon to Fri 9.30-1pm & 2-5pm Sat 10.30-12noon

Mass Times

Sundays:

Cathedral:- Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm; Sunday: 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon

St. Joseph's:- Sat. Vigil: 7pm; Sunday: 8, 10, 11.30am

Cloughleigh Church:- 9.30am, 11am

Friary:- Sat. Vigil: 7.30pm; Sunday: 9.30, 10.30, 12.00 noon

Poor Clare Monastery:- 7.45 a.m.

Weekdays:

Cathedral: Mon. – Fri: 7.45am; 10am & 7.30pm; 10am on Saturday

St. Joseph's:- Monday – Saturday: 11am

Cloughleigh Church:- Monday – Friday: 9.30am

Friary:- Daily: 10am & 1.05pm; 10am on Saturday

Poor Clare Monastery:- Daily at 7.45 am; Daily Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 4-6pm in the Chapel.

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First Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

5th March 2017

Temptations: a twofold struggle towards freedom

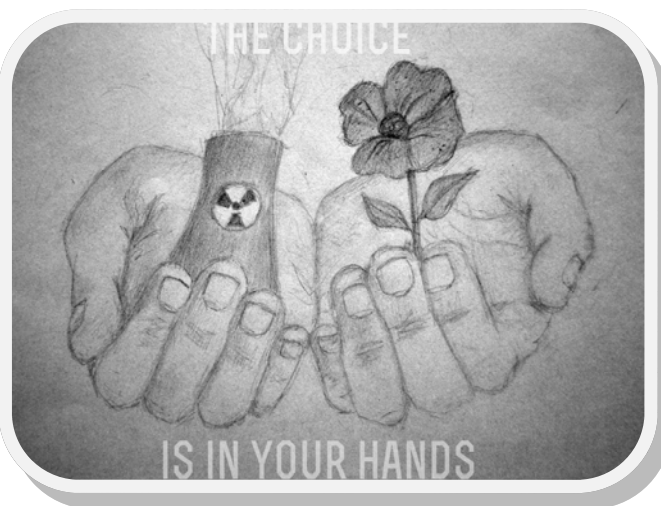
In the Gospel passage today we read the account of the Temptations of Jesus. This is the usual passage chosen for the first Sunday of Lent and sets the theme for the forthcoming season. These temptations, to turn stones to bread, to put the Lord to the test and to worship Satan himself in return for temporal power and glory are deeply theological both in content and meaning. For example, the striking parallel between the faithfulness of Jesus during his 40 day trial as opposed to the grumbling of the Israelites during their 40 years wandering in the desert highlights how in Jesus there is something new and wonderful happening; a new creation is imminent!

However, I often wonder how does this reading truly speak to us? Perhaps it can only speak to us when we begin to internalise the content. This is so because in life, every day, we are exposed to temptation too. These temptations may be so subtle that we may not even realise they are present in our lives. These are the temptations which creep almost unnoticed into our lives.

All too often we hear about the temptations in this day and age that would sway us towards power and greed, modern day temptations of ignorance, cowardice or irresponsibility are cruel and need to be avoided. However, there are other temptations which may be even more deadly. These are temptations to despair, to dreadful feelings of inadequacy, to self-pity, to self-hatred and loathing.

These are the temptations that we struggle with in our lives in this day and age, internally and externally.

A few weeks ago Jesus told us that we are the "Light of the World" and therefore in the face of these temptations that we endure it is worth remembering that as it is on the inside so shall it be on the outside. In other words your outside world is reflecting back to you exactly as you are on the inside.



Your outside world corresponds with the thoughts, beliefs, and feelings you hold on the inside. Your friends, your job, your situation is all a reflection of who you are or what has happened to you on the inside. There is something well worth remembering though... You were made by God, and nobody else is like you in the whole world nor could anyone else do

the great job of being you that you do! God does not labour in vain & therefore you have a purpose and do not be afraid to discover it.

When we remember these things we will see our true value in the eyes of God who loves us as we are, warts and all. It is at this point that the temptations give way to the truth of freedom, the truth that tells us in the words of Brittany Josephina "The most important day is the day you decide you are good enough for you. It is the day you set yourself free."

Cathedral

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sat: 6.30pm: Mary Meaney, Greenpark. 1st Anniv.

Sun 5th: 9am: Paddy Brennan, O'Connell St.

10.30am: Margaret Hayes, Clonroadmore.

Mary Honan, Kilrush Rd.

Ann Barrett, Willow Park.

Carmel Ryan, Collins Park.

Leovigilda Navarrette, Phillippines.

Danute Siltaliene, Woodlands & Lithuania.

12noon: Féile na hInse.

Mon: 7.45am: Brendan Boylan, Dublin.

10am: Barry & Kevin Hinton.

Mary Hanley nee Cropera, England.

7.30pm: Sean Dinan, St. Michael's Villas.

Tues: 7.45am Book of Intentions.

10am: Galvin & Slattery family, Cahercalla.

7.30pm: Tony Coffey, Clancy Park.

Wed: 7.45am: James & Maura Doohan, Lissycasey.

10am: Gerard O'Driscoll, Summerhill.

7.30pm: P.J. Cleary, Gallows Hill, Nora Fogarty, Dublin,

Sr. Lily Cleary, Drogheda. MM

Thurs: 7.45am: Tadhg, Eileen, Noreen, Kathleen &

Sr. Patricia O'Shea, Ard na Greine.

10am: Mary Linnane, Clancy Park.

7.30pm: Tony Kenny, Hermitage.

Fri: 7.45am Mass for the People.

10am: Patsy Quinn & family, Clonroad.

McNamara family, Circular Rd.

7.30pm: Michael Gleeson, Gallows Hill. 1st Anniv

Sat: 10am: John & Brid Walsh, Limerick Rd.

James Ward, Loughrea.

11am: Confirmation Ennis National School.

6.30pm: Kathleen Hogan, Davitt Tce. MM

Sun 9am: James & Mary Teresa Quinlivan, Lissycasey.

10.30am: John Linnane, St. Flannan's Tce.

Richard Crotty, Willow Pk.

Frank Mc Mahon, Loughville.

Hugh Ferrigan, Gallows Hill.

Brassill family, Ennis & Kilrush.

Paddy & Jane Coffey, McNamara Pk.

12noon: John Sullivan, Gallows Hill. 1st Anniv.

Roster for Cathedral:

Sunday 12th March, 2017

Readers: Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers Weekday: Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday: Group 1



Cloughleigh

Remembered in Masses this Week:

Sun 9.30am: Gerard & Evelyn Moloney, Dalcassian Ave

11am: Ann Moloney, Hermitage

Tue 9.30am: Book of Intentions.

Wed 9.30am: Anna Moroney, Cornmarket & USA.

Fri 9.30am: Delia, Mary & Peter Hegarty, Hermitage

Sun 9.30am: Paddy, Kitty & Martin Kennedy, Fountain.

11am: Flanagan family, Loughville.

Live the Word:

Behind my ordinary daily life lies an extraordinary mystery unexplored, extraordinary potential unrealised, extraordinary beauty unknown. Discover the extraordinary.



Hospital & Sick Calls

5th March, 2017

Priest on Duty:

Fr. Dariusz Plasek

Wednesday:

Fr. Tom O'Gorman

Duty Phone: 065 6869098

LENT 2017

Stations of the Cross

will take place in the Cathedral each Friday during Lent before 10am Mass.



Talks for adult and youth during Lent.

Lent is coming and we are offered a way of preparation, to meet the merciful Father and put our hope in Him. A series of talks for adult and young, will be given every Sunday and Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre Hall, starting on the 5th of March, on for 7 weeks. These talks will help us to find an answer to the main questions of our life as: What is the meaning of sufferings? Who is God for me? Where is my life going? What's the meaning of my life? They are free of charge and will be given by a team formed by Fr. Ger and lay people from the Neocatechumenal Way, with the purpose to let us listen again the Good News of the Mercy of God for us. You are welcome to come and listen to all or any.

Sister Eileen Callinan's award-winning book *Seal i Láthair Dé* will be launched in the Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis on 5 March after 12 o'clock Mass, Cathedral, Ennis (approx. 12.45pm). You are all welcome to this event.

Seolfar Seal i Láthair Dé leis an tSiúr Eibhlín Ní Challanáin ar an Domhnach 5 Márta ar 12.45pm i Maria Assumpta Hall, Inis (tar éis Aifrinn 12.00 san Ardeaglais). Bhuaihn an leabhar seo duais i gComórtas Liteartha an Oireachtais 2014. Beidh fáilte roimh chách chuig an seoladh.

St. Joseph's

Mass intentions for scheduled Masses in St. Joseph's Church should be booked through the Parish Office. For all other events call Fr John 0656822166.

Remembered in Masses this Week:

7pm: Teresa Kelly, Fergus Park. MM

Sun 5th 8am: Crowley & Kenny families, Coolmeen.

11.30am: Peadar O'Keefe, Drumcliffe Rd.

Mon 11am: Mary Curtin, Willow Park.

Tues 11am: John Burke, Carlow.

Wed 11am: John Daly, Lifford.

Thu 11am: Jim O'Driscoll, Elm Pk. & Limerick.

Fri 11am: Matt O'Connor, New Rd.

Sat 11am: Mary Mc Govern, Corrovorrin Grove.

7pm: Cyril Courtney, Sandfield, Ruan & Clooney. MM

Sun 10am: Joseph Moroney, Corrovorrin.

11.30am: Aaron, Paddy, Helen Haugh, Corrovorrin & Kincora Pk.

Next Mass in the extraordinary form (the Tridentine or 'Latin' rite) takes place on Sunday 5th March 2017 at 5.30pm in St. Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



Divine Mercy Chaplet

We will continue to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet as a prayer group on this Tuesday evening; 8pm; chapter room. All are welcome to come and pray and we hope to keep up the wonderful attendance and new friendships formed so far. There will also be a short Lectio Divina after the chaplet. All welcome.



Fr. Leon Pereira, the chaplain to the English Speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, will celebrate Mass in Ennis Cathedral; Wednesday 8th March; 7:30. We invite you to come and listen to his extraordinary testimony.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Oisín Tadhg McNamara; Mia Grace O'Brien; Ciara Ellen O'Brien, Charlie Noah Lambe;

Zara Molly Lambe; Róisín May Kelly; Alice Maria De Melo Abrenhosa;

Centennial Pilgrimage of Our Lady of Fatima. (Blessed by Pope Francis) Our Lady is calling you as she is coming to Ennis Cathedral; Fri 24th March for 10am Mass and consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate heart of Mary.



Rest in Peace

Mary Hegarty nee Cullinan, Shanaway Rd, Olive Costello, London, sister of Pat Costello, Coopers Place, Simon O'Donnell, Ros-Muire, Kilrush Rd, Peg Connolly, Newry, sister of Tommy Dullahan, Corrovorrin, John McGinley, Nenagh, formerly Ballybeg & Clare County Council



Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

A Prayer for the three Candidates who will be received into the Church on Easter Saturday Night

We give thanks to God for the love you have shown to the candidates preparing to be received into the church.

You have called them and they have answered.

We give praise for their gift of faith. We rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God who has brought them so far. May they continue to respond to God's Word and may Christ dwell in their hearts.

We welcome them with love and stand ready to pray for them.

May they find in our community compelling signs of unity and generous love and feel our sincere and unfailing support.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

First Sunday of Lent: Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, call 086 2777139

Sláinte an Chláir, Clare Cancer Support would like to thank everyone for supporting our church gate collection last weekend. We raised €2,327.26 which will help us provide more than 400 therapies, services and counselling every week. Thank you. **Question and Answer session with oncology nurse specialist at Sláinte an Chláir, Clare Cancer Support Centre, Kilnamona from 12 midday, Thursday 9th March.** All cancer patients and survivors welcome.'

Free English Language classes taught by supervised student-teachers, Clare Language centre, College Rd, Ennis. Information: 065 6841681, email erin@clarelc.ie www.clarelc.ie

Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society lecture on Wed March 8th in the Oakwood hotel, Shannon @ 8pm. Dr. Fidelma Mullane will speak on The Vernacular Architecture of County Clare. All welcome

Spencilhill drama group presents Embarrassing Doctors, a two act play by Anita O'Loughlin. Quin Players present The Intruders, a one act play by Perer Horsier. Quin hall Sunday 5th March, doors open 7pm. Proceeds in aid of Cuan an Chláir. Admission €10 please support.

CLARE BRANCH OF IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION will hold their Annual AGM; Monday; 6th March; 5.30pm; IWA Centre, Francis St., Ennis (Old Clare FM Building) Anybody interested is very welcome to attend.

Naoinra opening Sept 2017 at Teach Abhaile, Kevin Barry Ave. Enrolment for ECCE scheme; Children who will attend Naoinra can apply for a place in Gael Scoil. Pre School places also. Call Connie on 0834432473..See Facebook page teachabhaile childcare.Website teachabhaile.com

Pilgrimages 2017

Pilgrimage to New York. A special pilgrimage to New York from Knock will take place from 8th - 14th May. Contact Joe Walsh Tours (01) 2410800 or email: bronwvn.clinton@ioewalstours.ie

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, from Shannon 17th May. Fully inclusive for 7 nights €619. Spiritual Director Fr. Ger Fitzgerald. €100 deposit secures €619. After 1st February price of €669 applies. Contact Kathleen Lee 086 1031508

Charismatic Renewal Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: 30 May - 5 nights - €719. There are only a few places left for our pilgrimage to Rome for the Pentecost Jubilee. Further information on www.ccrireland.org The Haven, Bachelor's Quay, Cork, T12 X8WP. Phone: 021-425 1100; Email: bridgetdunne@eircom.net

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead his first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June. The 61st Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Shannon on Monday June 26th, returning on Saturday July 1st. The cost this year is still €692 per person sharing. €10 discount for online booking at www.ioewalstours.ie Booking forms can be obtained from: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: (01) 2410810. A limited number of sick pilgrims will be accommodated in the Sanctuary of Lourdes at a cost of €595 Applications for sick pilgrims only to Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director, SS John & Paul Presbytery, Shannon, Co. Clare. Telephone: (061) 364133 / www.killaloeodiocese.ie

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 16th June for 7 nights. Spiritual director Fr. Martin Blake. €719. Contact Bernadette Murphy 086 1634553

8 DAY PILGRIMAGE & HOLIDAY TO FATIMA & ESTORIL: 18th - 25th August. A 5 day pilgrimage to Fatima for the Centenary year 2017 which will include a visit to the shrine of St. Anthony in Lisbon. A 3 day relaxation at the popular holiday resort of Estoril. The Pilgrimage will travel direct from Shannon to Faro. Limited numbers of places available. For further information contact Mary O'Loughlin 065-7084000 or 085-2252251

Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje: Two pilgrimages to Medjugorje September 6-13. Spiritual Directors Fr. Tom O'Gorman & Fr. Martin Blake. September 13-20, spiritual director Fr. Martin Blake. Price of €709. Contact Jimmy Considine 085 738 5385 or 065 905 9328.

ENNIS PARISH PADRE PIO TRIP TO ADRIATIC COAST & SAN GIOVANNI; For information contact Group Leader: Mary O'Sullivan: 087 1247669; Spiritual Director: Fr Tom Hogan P.P. All Dinners, Tours & Taxes included; September 15-22 - 2017; Afternoon flights from Dublin; €995

Cuan Elderly Day Care Centre



Church Gate Collection at evening masses on Saturday 11th March and all masses on Sunday 12th March". Thank you for all the support.

Ennis Parish Development Fund for Sunday 26th February, €7082.00

Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

An Chéad Domhnach den Charghas.

Sa Charghas tá daichead lá amach romhainn le bheith ag guí go mbeimid in ann ár saol a chaitheamh go hionraic ionas go mbeimid réidh an Cháisc a cheiliúradh agus brí iomlán a bhaint as bás agus aiséirí Chríost. Tugtar seans dúinn aithris a dhéanamh ar Íosa trí íobairtí agus cleachtaí spioradálta. Go raibh sé de mhisneach againn é seo a dhéanamh i rith an tséasúir bheannaithe seo le díograis agus le croí. Is féidir linn an phaidir seo a leanas a rá chun cabhrú linn:

Is méid mo pheacaí is aithreachas liom, ach admhaím creideamh Dé de shíor le grá ó m'chroí is le dóchas fíor.

Ó bhun na croiche gaoim suas;

A Íosa, a Thiarna claon anuas. Áiméan (Ar bPáidreacha Dúchais)

Ceiliúrtar Aifreann Fhéile na hInse inniu ag tabhairt molta agus glóire do Dhia as na tallanna go léir a bhronnann Sé ar aos óg ár linne. Tá an Fhéile á reáchtáil ó 1983 agus éileamh seasta uirthi. Tá an Coiste fíorbhuíoch do na daltaí go léir a ghlacann páirt sna comórtais éagsúla. Molaimid go mór a dtuismitheoirí, a múinteoirí, ár moltóirí agus gach duine a thugann tacaíocht dúinn. Go maire an Ghaeilge slán.

Lent the season of forty days during which we can pray that we may be able to live our lives with integrity and be ready to celebrate and understand more fully the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We have an opportunity to imitate Jesus through sacrifice and spiritual exercises. May we have the courage to do this with enthusiasm and sincerity during this blessed season. We can say the following prayer:

I a poor sinner with a heavy burden.

Féile na hInse began last Friday and we celebrate Aifreann na Féile today, to praise and thank God for the gifts and talents with which our young people are endowed. Féile na hInse has been an annual event since 1983 and is always well supported. The Committee is very grateful to the students who compete in the various competitions. We appreciate the support of parents, teachers, adjudicators and all who assist. May the Irish language live forever!

Support Sláinte an Chláir Cancer Support Services



With the rugby about to kick off this weekend, we invite you to enter the 6 Nations' Rugby lottery. Simply pick the team that you think will win the 6 Nations' rugby tournament, leave your name and number in one of the participating outlets and be in with a chance to win €400 or a signed Irish Rugby Jersey. Entry Fee: €2 and you can enter through Ennis Parish Office; Cootes Shop, Kilrush Rd., Mary Kelly Newsagent, O'Connell Street or Tom O'Donnell Sports Shop, Abbey Street. All correct entries will be entered into a lottery and the winner will be drawn on the Monday after the 6 nations ends.

Closing date for entries 11th March 2017

Today's Scripture Readings

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord

C. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

C. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

C. Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east; and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was more subtle of all the wild beast that the Lord God had made.

It asked the woman, "Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." Then the serpent said to the woman,

"No! you will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Gods, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it.

She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened,

and they realised that they were naked.

So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *R.*

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. *R.*

A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *R.*

*Give me again the joy of your help;
With a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise. R*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Rm 5.12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew. Mt 4.1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, the angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.