

October 22, 2023 ~ 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

THANK YOU

I wish to express my profound gratitude and thanks to His Holiness, Pope Francis, for granting me the title, Chaplain to His Holiness, Monsignor.

I also wish to thank, His Excellency, Bishop Bergie for nominating me; for presiding at the Investiture Ceremony and Mass of Thanksgiving, and for his ongoing and unwavering support.

I was very surprised when Bishop Bergie informed me that I had been named a Monsignor by His Holiness. It is indeed a great honour, but an honour that belongs as much to you, God's people as it does to me. For I wouldn't be where I am today if it were not for the faith, love, and witness to Christ that I see every day in the lives of so many good Catholics.

I would like to thank all who have attended the Investiture; the priests, deacons, religious sisters, my own sisters Marion and Helen, my niece Lisa, and grand niece Sophie; who travelled all the way from Dublin; my cousin Veronica and my goddaughter, Sarah, and the parishioners I have served over the years.

I would also like to thank Sister Mary Kay Kamp, Fr. Ben Weber and Fr. Paul McDonald for all their efforts in preparing for the celebration. I would like to thank the CWL for hosting the reception and all who baked so many wonderful cookies and cakes. I would also like to thank all those who gave cards and gifts.

An occasion such as this is an opportunity to thank my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, for allowing me to share in His Priesthood. I recently celebrated 35 years as a priest and I would not trade those 35 years for anything. Having served in six parishes in the diocese I have met countless faithful people, many of whom I consider good friends.

This is also an occasion to encourage vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life. The call to Priesthood is a very specific call. It is a call to care for the sick, the troubled, & the bereaved. To gather people for the celebration of Mass, to preach God's Word, to share God's message of hope and meaning and forgiveness and consolation. The priesthood is a wonderful calling. It is a great privilege to see faith and love at work among God's people, and to make your own contribution as we journey together through life.

It may be that God is calling someone to priesthood, permanent diaconate or religious life. It could be that he is calling someone through me. If he is, be as generous as you possibly can.

In closing, I ask you to pray for His Holiness, Pope Francis; Bishop Bergie and for all priests, deacons, and religious of our diocese, that we be faithful to our calling in the service Jesus Christ and his holy church.

May God continue to bless the good work he has begun in us.

~ Msgr Hugh Gibson

The Thanksgiving food drive was another great success. Our generous parishioners returned 145 grocery bags filled to the brim. Our school community also stepped up and ran food drives for SVDP. We received many large donation bins of non-perishable food. This incredible support allows the SVDP volunteers to provide basic groceries to help our neighbors in need. July, August, and September saw an increase of 54 new registered clients for a basic box of groceries and vouchers. The Monday Morning Markets served 1,036 people vegetables, fruit, and bread in the months of July, August and September. Our neighbours in need are challenged with food insecurity and coming to the food bank helps them make ends meet. THANK YOU

Koats for Kids

The Holy Name Society will again collect warm clothing for kids in need. The donations will either go to our primary schools or St. Vincent de Paul. The box is situated in the church vestibule.

In Loving Remembrance

On **November 1 and 2** we will celebrate the **Feast of All Saints** and the **Commemoration of All Souls**. At all the Mass celebrations for the entire month of November, we will pray for the souls of your loved ones in purgatory. Please submit the names of those deceased for whom you wish Parish Prayers and Masses offered. **We ask that you submit the names at your earliest convenience. Please print names clearly. If the names are illegible your loved ones will still be remembered at Mass, however their names will not be appear in the Book of Remembrance.**

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 23rd - Sunday October 29th, 2023

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| Mon | Oct 23 | 8:00 a.m. | .. | Rosario DeLuca/ Lucille Sullivan/ Special Intention |
| Tue | Oct 24 | 8:00 a.m. | | Nick Riganelli/ Gino Riganelli/ Angelina Cavaliere |
| Wed | Oct 25 | 9:00 a.m. | | Marino DiMaurizio/ Special Intention Joseph Saranchuk |
| Thur | Oct 26 | 8:00 a.m. | .. | Galano Tullio/ Colette Saranchuk/ Ana Funk |
| Fri | Oct 27 | 8:00 a.m. | .. | Antonio Caputo/ Joseph Saranchuk/ Salvatore Vilone |
| Sat | Oct 28 | 8:30 a.m. | .. | Raul D'Mello/ Joseph Saranchuk/ Special Intention |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | .. | Gabriel Mazzone/ Rosanna Ferraro/ Art Plug |
| Sun | Oct 29 | 7:30 a.m. | | Missa Pro Popolo |
| | | 9:30 a.m. | | Antonio DiMarco/ Ida Fratangelo/ Frank Pennacchio |
| | | 11:30 a.m. | | Anna Su Tran/ Angie Colaneri/ Domenica Lettieri |

ST. ALFRED PASTA DINNER

Wednesday, October 25th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in St. Mark's room.

\$15 which includes red or white pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, a drink and dessert!

Plus children 12 and under is \$8

SYMBOLON- THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED VIDEO SERIES

We might be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic Faith, but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives?

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained opens up the "big picture" of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it, and articulate it to others. This 5 week video series and discussion will be presented in the St. Mark room beginning

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Week 1- The Journey of Faith & Divine Revelation

This session will cover:

- ~The God who is Love- the mystery of the Holy Trinity
- ~Why God made us and the relationship he wants to have with us
- ~How faith is our response to God's invitation
- ~How to live our relationship with God; three practical tips for prayer.

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Preghiamo per i nostri morti

Scrivete i nomi dei vostri defunti in stampatello sulla busta che avete ricevuto e portatela in chiesa al più presto possibile.

Siete invitati a St. Alfred Pasta Dinner

Le cene di pasta mercoledì 25 ottobre dalle 16:30 alle 19:00. Stanza di San Marco. \$ 15 che comprende pasta rossa o bianca, polpette, insalata, pane, una bevanda e un dessert

GRAZIE

Desidero esprimere la mia profonda gratitudine e ringraziamento a Sua Santità, Papa Francesco, per avermi concesso il titolo di Cappellano di Sua Santità, Monsignore.

Desidero anche ringraziare Sua Eccellenza Vescovo Bergie per avermi nominato; per aver presieduto la Cerimonia di Investitura e la Messa di Ringraziamento, e per il suo costante e incrollabile sostegno.

Sono rimasto molto sorpreso quando il vescovo Bergie mi ha informato che ero stato nominato Monsignore da Sua Santità. È davvero un grande onore, ma un onore che appartiene tanto a voi, popolo di Dio, quanto a me. Perché non sarei dove sono oggi se non fosse per la fede, l'amore e la testimonianza di Cristo che vedo ogni giorno nella vita di tanti buoni cattolici.

Desidero ringraziare tutti coloro che hanno partecipato all'Investitura; i sacerdoti, i diaconi, le religiose, le mie sorelle Marion ed Helen, mia nipote Lisa e la pronipote Sophie; che ha viaggiato fin da Dublino; mia cugina Veronica, la mia figlioccia Sarah e i parrochiani che ho servito nel corso degli anni.

Vorrei ringraziare la CWL per aver ospitato il ricevimento e tutti coloro che hanno preparato così tanti meravigliosi biscotti e torte.

Un'occasione come questa è un'opportunità per ringraziare il mio Signore e Salvatore, Gesù Cristo, l'Eterno Sommo Sacerdote, per avermi permesso di condividere il Suo sacerdozio. Ho recentemente festeggiato 35 anni da prete e non scambierei quei 35 anni con nulla al mondo. Avendo prestato servizio in sei parrocchie della diocesi ho incontrato innumerevoli fedeli, molti dei quali considero buoni amici.

Vi chiedo di pregare per Sua Santità Papa Francesco; Vescovo Bergie e per tutti i sacerdoti, diaconi e religiosi della nostra diocesi, che siamo fedeli alla nostra chiamata al servizio di Gesù Cristo e della sua santa Chiesa.

Che Dio continui a benedire l'opera buona che ha iniziato in noi.

~ Mons. Hugh Gibson