

**St Clement's Church,
King Square
Fourteenth Sunday after
Trinity**

10th September 2023

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading (Ezekiel 33:7-11)

A reading from the Prophecy of Ezekiel.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm (Psalm 119)



Response: Lord how I love your law!

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. /R

Guide me in the path of your commands;
for there is my delight.

Bend my heart to your will
and not to love of gain. /R

Keep my eyes from what is false;
by your word, give me life.

Keep the promise you have made
to the servant who fears you. /R

Second Reading (Romans 13:8-14)

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
The commandments, "You shall not commit
adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal;
You shall not covet"; and any other
commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love
your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong
to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of
the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is
now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For
salvation is nearer to us now than when we
became believers; the night is far gone, the day is
near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light; let us live
honourably as in the day, not in revelling and
drunkenness, not in debauchery and
licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Christine & Tony, Sue, Margie Ives, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Nicky Young, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Matthew and Lucy and family, Fr Peter Rabin, Adele Skinner, Nigel Fletcher, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Mary-Rose Sinn, Vanessa, Wendy Allen

Recently departed:

Brenda Skinner

Anniversaries of Death:

Henry James Connor, Mary Doell, Fr Cecil James Vincent, Ron Lyons, Ellen Elizabeth Grout

In the Parish:

We pray our local schools, especially St Luke's and Moreland Street Schools, for the staff, students, governors and volunteers at the start of a new school year.

In the wider world:

We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all affected directly or indirectly by the ongoing war.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday 13th 10am-3pm Open Church
10.30 Exploring Sunday sermons
(with plenty of tea, coffee and cake)
12.30pm Mass

**Next Sunday Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass**

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory, Haggerston.**
Please give what you can!

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