

James's Street Parish

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Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time – 23 February 2025

POPE FRANCIS DIAGNOSED WITH PNEUMONIA



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Pope Francis has been diagnosed with double pneumonia after further tests showed a continuing “complex” medical situation, the Vatican said in a statement on Tuesday. The pontiff (88) underwent a chest X-ray, which “demonstrated the onset of bilateral pneumonia that required further pharmacological therapy”. Antibiotic cortisone therapy to treat an earlier-diagnosed polymicrobial infection of the respiratory tract “makes the

therapeutic treatment more complex”. The pope was admitted to Rome’s Gemelli hospital on Friday after suffering from the respiratory tract infection, which he referred to as bronchitis on several occasions, for more than a week. A polymicrobial infection is one caused by two or more micro-organisms, and can be caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi. The statement added that the pontiff was in good spirits and had received the Eucharist earlier in the day. Earlier on Tuesday, the Vatican said it had cancelled the pope’s Holy Year commitments at the weekend because of his continued ill health. “Due to the health conditions of the Holy Father, the Jubilee audience of Saturday, February 22nd, is cancelled,” the Vatican said, adding that the pontiff had delegated a senior church figure to celebrate mass on Sunday morning. His general audience on Wednesday has also been cancelled. Francis had part of his lung removed in his early 20s while training to be a priest in his native Argentina. Despite his hospitalisation, the pope has maintained his nightly routine since October 9th, 2023, of telephone calls to the Holy Family church in Gaza. “He was tired but had a clear voice,” Father Gabriel Romanelli told the Italian press after Monday night’s call. “He asked how we were and thanked us with prayers. At the end of the call he gave us his blessing.” The pope, who has suffered ill health in recent years, was also admitted to hospital in March 2023 for what was initially said to be bronchitis but later diagnosed as pneumonia. He was readmitted to the Gemelli for health checks in June that year and again in February 2024 after suffering from what he said was “a bit of a cold”. He also underwent a colon operation in June 2021. The pope has often been seen in a wheelchair or with a walking stick as a result of a sciatic nerve pain and a knee problem. Earlier, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said Francis had slept peacefully overnight and had eaten breakfast on Tuesday. A Vatican official said the pontiff was not on a ventilator and was breathing on his own. The pope had been due to lead several events over the weekend for the 2025 Catholic Holy Year, which runs through to next January. It is a special time of pardon and forgiveness for Catholics and the Vatican expects 32 million tourists to visit Rome throughout the year, including for a range of special audiences with the pope.

Courtesy Guardian/Reuters, Irish Times

Muhsin Hendricks Shot Dead in South Africa

Muhsin Hendricks, a pioneering figure dubbed the world’s first openly gay imam, has been shot dead in South Africa. The 57-year-old cleric ran a mosque in Cape Town intended as a safe haven for gay and other marginalised Muslims. He was killed on Saturday morning after the car in which he was travelling near the southern city of Gqeberha was ambushed. “Two unknown suspects with covered faces got out of the vehicle and started firing multiple shots at the vehicle,” police said in a statement. News of Hendricks’ death has sent shockwaves through the LGBTQ+ community and beyond, prompting an outpouring of tributes from across the globe. “Two unknown suspects with covered faces got out of the vehicle and started firing multiple shots at the vehicle,” police said in a statement. News of Hendricks’ death has sent shockwaves through the LGBTQ+ community and beyond, prompting an outpouring of tributes from across the globe.



Courtesy BBC

Mass & Eucharistic Service

In St. James’s Parish there is 10am Mass on Mon, Tues & Weds. Every Friday at 10am there is a full Eucharistic Service. Sunday Mass at 10am.



Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us who have died.



Annual memorial Lecture

will take place on Thursday, 27 February 2025, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Thomas Davis Theatre at Trinity College Dublin. This year’s lecture will be presented by Emeritus Professor Anthony McElligott, a renowned historian and scholar. Professor McElligott will address the poignant and powerful topic of “Surviving Liberation: Jewish Camp Survivors 1945-1948”.



Camino de Santiago

Saturday, 1 March 2025 in St. James’s Church, Saint James, Dublin 8, D08 X799. Volunteers from the Camino Society Ireland clg. to offer pilgrims - past, present and future - information about the Camino de Santiago. Doors open 12 noon.



A New Café

Ada is a new cafe and bagel bar that’s opened on Thomas Street. A new breakfast spot of choice. 29 Thomas Street



Towards Peace

offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Mon & Tues 9am to 4pm & Wed 9am to 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie

The Mass

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C
23 Feb 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Stand)

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord
who has been bountiful with me.

PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy, **People:** Lord, have mercy,

Priest: Christ, have mercy, **People:** Christ, have mercy

Priest: Lord, have mercy, **People:** Lord, have mercy.



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



FIRST READING | Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel:

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice." David answered Abishai, "Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed."

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102

[R1] The Lord is compassion and love.

[1] My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings..... **[R1]**

[2] It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion **[R1]**

[3] The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults..... **[R1]**

[4] As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **[R1]**

SECOND READING | Corinthians 15:45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in

heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners who love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Sit)

THE CREED

(Stand)

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,

(All the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...



THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...

People: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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