

24 July 1977
27 July 1980
29 July 1990

17th Sunday of Year

Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning, from ^{Rosary Church, Chattan Rd. Tom Skelton} the chapel at the Catholic Centre, and welcome to join in spirit with the people now here, in their worship and prayer to God this Sunday morning. For those of you, especailly, who may be ill, at home or in hospital, or for some other reason are prevented this morning from joining personally with your fellow-Christians in community prayer and celebration, may this broadcast give you a contact with your fellowmen and women and with God our common Father to whom we pray. In our church calendar, today is the 17th ordinary Sunday of the Year [and the choice of readings from the scriptures which we'll hear today all happen to centre on prayer and the fatherliness of God who hears us pray and wants us to ask.] The Gospel reading is a continuation of St. ^{Matthew's} Luke's gospel which is the one that's being read through on the Sunday's of this year, more or less continuously; the OT passage from the ^{1st Bk of Kings} (book of Genesis, about Abraham's pleading with the Lord) is chosen as a counterpart of the instructions of Christ about prayer. ^{Searchy for the Kingdom of God} But first, the Mass begins with a preparation rite, introduced now as the celebrant comes to the altar, with the singing of an Entry Song.

CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The Assembly Prayer for this Sunday. Priest and congregation now sit down to listen to the first of the readings of scripture, which is followed by a responsory from Ps 138.118

CREED: After the scriptures, and the homily given by Fr Marciano Baptista, celebrant of this Mass, the Creed is recited by all

A J Deenan
Thomas M. Lybe

OFFERT.: The first part of the Mass is concluded by the prayers of general intercession we've just listened to and joined in. At the altar, the priest now begins the preparation for the Eucharist, receiving from the assistants the gifts of bread and wine. And during this rite, a hymn is sung by the choir [which today is a group of students from Rosaryhill School.]

CHOIR

PREFACE: The formal Prayer over the Gifts, for today's celebration. And now begins the central prayer and action of the Eucharist [this morning we'll be hearing the 4th of the four Prayers of the Eucharist now in use.]

PER IPSUM : In preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist now, we use the words of Our Lord himself in instructing us how we ought to pray.

COMMUNION: The priest now takes Holy Communion, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ under the Eucharistic signs of bread and wine. As he does so, people in the congregation here who wish also to share in this Sacrament of Christ's life and His love begin to file up to the [altar-rail at the] front of the ^{chapel} chapel, where after a few moments the priest will come to give them Holy Communion. And then as they return to their places for some minutes of private, personal prayer, there is a time now when you may like also to pray to God in your own way and in your own words, in communion with Christ and with the people here receiving from Him His own daily Bread of Life. During the giving of Holy Communion, the choir will sing [two songs for this time.]

CHOIR

There are a few minutes left now, while the priest concludes giving Holy Communion, and then goes and puts away in the tabernacle the hosts that remain over and then cleans the sacred vessels used during the action of the Eucharist. Before the final thanksgiving prayer and the blessing, a short reflection on this Eucharist [and the scriptures we listened to earlier.] For this celebration is itself a thanksgiving to God for His ^{precious} gifts, for the gift of Christ His Son to us; and in this thanksgiving, we also receive. When we pray, in the words of the Our Father or in our own poor words or wordlessly, this too must be the pattern of our prayer: a two-way relationship with God who is our Father. What we ask for, in a way, is not so much the crucial point, as how we ask — with what attitude, with what trust and giving of ourselves. 'As we forgive those who sin against us' as we remember the needs of others besides ourselves, as we share our daily bread with those who have none? How would we expect a good father to act, a good friend to behave? And how behave ourselves towards people who love us, who are our friends? Jesus told us to keep on asking, searching, knocking, and we would receive. But He didn't say the answer would be to allow us a sort of tally of so-many-requests received, prayers answered; rather, He was talking about what God is like, who gives us every gift we have; what kind of relationship we enter with Him in prayer; and that His gift of the Holy Spirit, making us Sons and friends of Our Father in heaven, is the answer to our prayer. For it is in giving that we receive; and that is the message of what we do in this Eucharist too: its grace, the power and inspiration to really do in our lives what we celebrate on

Sunday.

The giving of Holy Communion now over, the priest after a few moments of private prayer, now recites the Thanksgiving Prayer for today, and then gives the Blessing.

END

The Blessing and Dismissal close the celebration of Mass for today, the 17th ordinary Sunday of the year. And as the choir sings a recessional song, we come to the end of this broadcast which you've been listening to direct from the [chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Road, Central.

Rosary pass class, in Clifton Rd, Trin Le Tri.