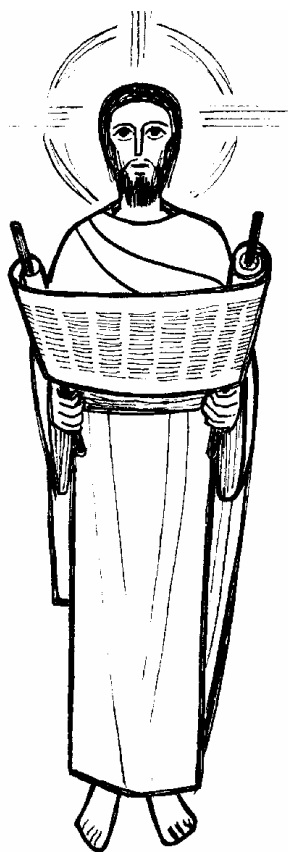


ST DOMINIC'S PARISH

MINISTERS OF THE WORD



“Great care must be taken in the proclamation of the biblical readings.

Those who read are privileged bearers of the gift of God's word to the people of God.

It follows that the reading of Scripture should never be undertaken in a hasty or offhand manner. The office of Reader was prized in the early church of Rome. Given the richer provision of Scripture in our days, this role has assumed a renewed importance.” (*The Gift of Scripture*)

“There is a significant difference between **READING** a passage aloud and **PROCLAIMING** it. The majority of readers at Mass do the former.” (*Back to the Bible*)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

“A fundamental requirement of a **“MINISTER OF THE WORD”** is to spend time beforehand becoming familiar with the text. Not only deciding when to pause and where to put emphasis, but acquainting oneself with the context of a particular reading.” (*Back to the Bible*)

Scripture in the Mass

“The Church never ceases to take the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful ‘from the table both of the word of God and of the Body of Christ’. Christ is present both in the word which is proclaimed and in the sacrament we share. The reform of the lectionary after the Second Vatican Council offers a richer provision of biblical texts.”

(The Gift of Scripture)

The Old Testament

A collection of forty six books. The collecting together of these diverse books took place over a long period. No lack of reverence or negative meaning is implied by the word "OLD". These books are an essential part of the Christian Bible

"Without the Old Testament, the New Testament would be an incomprehensible book, a plant deprived of its roots and destined to dry up and wither." *(The Gift of Scripture)*

The New Testament

THE FOUR GOSPELS

A wonderful weaving together of history and theology. Four complementary presentations of Jesus. No one portrait of Jesus will do him justice.

Other New Testament Books

Acts of the Apostles A community of love reaching out in mission to the whole world

St Paul's Letters St Paul makes a major contribution to Christian understanding of Christ's person and work. He addresses various problems faced by the Christian communities

Other Letters

Revelation In visionary and symbolic language we are told about God's final plans.

“The word of God is alive and active. It cuts like any double-edged sword. It can judge the secret emotions and thoughts.”

(The Letter to the Hebrews)

Practical Matters

Please try to be aware of the Calendar

If you are not able to read please try to contact someone else.

Use the missal to prepare for the readings.

Different kinds of Readings require a different way of reading. (For example: Poems, Visions, Stories, Historical Accounts)

Leave a pause after the reading. The Celebrant will indicate when the Psalm or next reading or Gospel Acclamation should be read.

After the second reading there is a pause. When the Celebrant announces The Gospel Acclamation return to your place. The congregation say the Acclamation and during it the Gospel Reader will be coming to the reading desk (Ambo)