

# Parish Newsletter



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## DELIVER US FROM EVIL

**T**his may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it" (Second Reading). If St Paul were to write in today's world, he would have no doubt. The pall of Auschwitz, Rwanda, Syria, Northern Ireland, Myanmar, former Yugoslavia hangs over our times. The temptation, however, today, can be to see evil as "out there" and shrug our shoulders helplessly. We should remember that all that is necessary for

the victory of evil is that good people do nothing. Home can be where the hurt is.

We've come a long way from the days of evil being seen as "out there". We have heard too many examples of it uncomfortably close to home. Many remember the days when the final prayer of the Mass, said to St Michael the Archangel, scorched itself into memory. The prayer is gone, today there is little or

### Today's Readings



Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### Next Sunday's Readings



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18  
Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23  
Ephesians 5:21-32  
John 6:60-69

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no reference made to the reality of evil and the devil. True, at Baptism parents and godparents are asked to renounce Satan with all his "works and empty promises", and the bishop receives the same promise from the children he confirms. But how many know what precisely these works and empty promises are?

The challenge is to recognise the evil that exists but to see also that the power of God is greater. We pray at every Mass, "deliver us from evil" for that reason. Another danger is projecting evil and blame on the devil or human institutions for situations which are more a matter of individual human failure.

At every Mass, the prayer "This is my Body" is said. In a strange, secular way we make the same statement in terms of personal choice. "My body – my choice" is said in a hundred different ways. But the difference is that the Eucharistic food of Jesus is also for others – not only for self. It's about giving life to all who come to us.

The eating places and causes of this world will leave us feeling empty. Maybe they will give you a momentary satisfaction or feeling of togetherness, but they can't provide you with a good job, or a loving partner, or security. All that earthly causes do is provide you with an enemy to hate, and then another one and another one, and a belief that there is always someone or something holding you back, when it's actually an oppression of your own making. The invitation is there – not a command – to come and eat and make a difference by the kind of lives we live for others. ■

– Tom Cox



### Reflection

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. How do you relish the words of Jesus that particularly touch you?



### Lesson

The life that the Father communicates to the Son comes to us through the Eucharist.



### Prayer

God our Creator, strength for the weak and food for the hungry, accept the mystery of the Church's praise and thanksgiving. May we taste and see your goodness on earth and praise your greatness in heaven. Amen.



### This Week (20-26 August)

- 20 Mon** St Bernard, abbot and doctor
- 21 Tue** St Pius X, pope
- 22 Wed** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 Thur** St Rose of Lima, virgin
- 24 Fri** ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
- 25 Sat** St Joseph Calasanz, St Louis of France
- 26 Sun** 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**MASS TIMES & SERVICES (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)  
Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am  
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 7.00pm.  
Wednesday: Communion Service discontinued until further notice (Day off)  
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am  
Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.  
Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)



## 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS  
Mark 6:30-34

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? What have these insights taught you about life?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

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### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Jack Riordan (brother of Dolores Mahony), Harry Grocott, Loretta Owens (mother of Fr Peter Owens), Mary Emerson (mother of Fr Sean Emerson)  
Anniversaries: Fr Dan Meenagh, Bobby McParland, Philomena (Phyllis) Bennett, Ann Tibodeau, Jim & Celia McNally, Vincent Crilly (Sat 18th Aug at 6:30pm), Brenda Gunn (Sun 19th Aug at 11:30am), Thomas & Isobel McGiffin (Tues 4th Sept at 9:30am)

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Sun 19th August

##### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Ann Flanagan & Phyllis McGrillen  
Morning Mass: Loretta Watson & Kathryn Curran

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty  
Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan

#### Sun 26th August

##### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Shauna Mullen & Anthony Clifford  
Morning Mass: Tracey Mallon & Kay Dunn

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty  
Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly Collection £543.83, Stipend £30, Pastoral Services £5, Cathedral Fund £ 6, Shrines £73.72. Second collection this weekend for Cathedral Fund.

Please consider signing a Gift Aid form so that the parish can claim back the Tax from the HMRC on your contributions. Your own Tax is not affected. New boxes of envelopes are available in sacristy. If you would like a box please speak to Fr McCann.

**St Anthony's 80th Anniversary:** This year we celebrate 80 years since the first mass was celebrated in St Anthony's Church. Next meeting: Thurs 23rd August 2018 at 7:30pm in Pope John Paul II Room/SVP Room behind the church.

**World Meeting of Families – Tickets and Registration.** ALL TICKETS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED! — Those who have signed up to be transported to the Papal Mass in Phoenix Park from the South & East Belfast Pastoral Area: - tickets will be sent by email by the 10th August, to be printed off at home. Parishioners of St Anthony's will be transported by bus from St Malachy's Church, Alfred Street on the Sunday at 9am. Cost £20 per person payable to Fr McCann ASAP. An email reminder will be sent to all registered persons/groups this weekend. If someone is willing and available to be responsible for checking those registered, off the parish list, please contact Fr McCann ASAP

**World Meeting of families - Festival of Families in Croke Park, Saturday 25th August FURTHER UPDATE.** Each parish will receive ten tickets for the Festival of Families in Croke Park, 6.30pm, Saturday 25th August. Each parish is requested to register the members of the family as soon as possible. As yet, in St Anthony's, a family of three has been allocated, so 7 tickets for another family or group of people is available. All adults attending the Festival of Families will need to bring photo ID. Please contact Fr McCann ASAP if your family are interested.

**Lessons and Legacy of the Poor Clares in Belfast.** An illustrated talk by Fr Martin Magill, author of *The Poor Clares in Belfast 1924-2012*. On Wednesday 29th August at 7pm in Holy Family Church, 226 Limestone Road, Belfast. Copies of the book will be on sale at £10. All welcome.

**Special Mass To Mark the Opening of the World Meeting of Families** Each Pastoral Area or parish has been asked to mark the World Meeting of Families by having a special religious event to pray for the success of the event and to celebrate the coming of Pope Francis to Ireland. With that in view, the parishioners of this pastoral area are invited to come to a special Mass in the Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday 21st August at 7.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to highlight the importance of family in our parish community and to see ourselves as a parish family.

### Itinerary of the Pope's Visit to Ireland as part of the World Meeting of Families:

#### Saturday 25 August

- 08:15 - Departure by plane from Rome for Dublin
- 10:30 - Arrival at Dublin Airport for official welcome
- 10:45 - Transfer to Áras an Uachtaráin (Irish president's residence)
- 11:15 - Welcome ceremony with President Michael D. Higgins
- 12:10 - Arrival at Dublin Castle for meeting with authorities, civil society and diplomatic corps
- 15:30 - Visit to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral
- 16:30 - Private visit to the Capuchin Day Centre, a centre for homeless people
- 19:45 - Preside at the Festival of Families at Croke Park stadium

#### Sunday, 26 August

- 08:40 - Departure by plane for Knock
- 09:45 - Arrival at Knock Shrine for visit to the Apparition Chapel and recitation of the Angelus
- 11:15 - Departure by plane for Dublin
- 12:30 - Lunch with the Papal Delegation
- 15:00 - Closing Papal Mass of the World Meeting of Families in Phoenix Park followed by a meeting with the Irish bishops
- 18:30 - Farewell ceremony at Dublin Airport
- 18:45 - Departure by plane for Rome
- 23:00 - Arrival in Rome.

**Various ways to watch the World Meeting of Families, Festival Families and the Papal Mass in Phoenix Park:** The following media companies can be accessed to view the World Meeting of Families:  
[www.rte.ie](http://www.rte.ie) [www.shalomworldtv.org](http://www.shalomworldtv.org) [www.icatholic.ie](http://www.icatholic.ie)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland](http://www.bbc.co.uk/northernireland) [www.u.tv](http://www.u.tv).

As well as local television channel coverage

**Please note** that the Papal Mass can be aired in the new Holy Rosary Parish Centre on Sunday 26th August, starting from 2pm. All most welcome.

**Translink Information for those making their own way to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families:** Passengers travelling to Dublin on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August are strongly advised to book in advance, as we expect many services to be fully booked. We cannot guarantee that there will be availability to purchase tickets on the day of travel. Tickets for travel on Saturday 25th (including Special Return Train from Dublin at 2320 after Croke Park) can be pre-purchased online at <http://www.translink.co.uk/popeinireland/>. Tickets for Special Trains from Belfast Central, Lisburn, Lurgan, Portadown and Newry on Sunday 26th can be pre-booked at <http://www.translink.co.uk/popeinireland/>. In addition, the 0900 Belfast to Dublin and 2110 Dublin to Belfast Enterprise Services on Sunday 26th can be pre-purchased (including Smartpass holders) from ticket offices in Belfast Central, Lisburn, Lurgan, Portadown and Newry – There is no online booking available for either of these services.

**Irish Catholic Newspaper.** 5 extra copies of the newspaper for Aug 23rd and Aug 30th will be available in the Church porch the following Sundays.

**Parish Safeguarding.** Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.