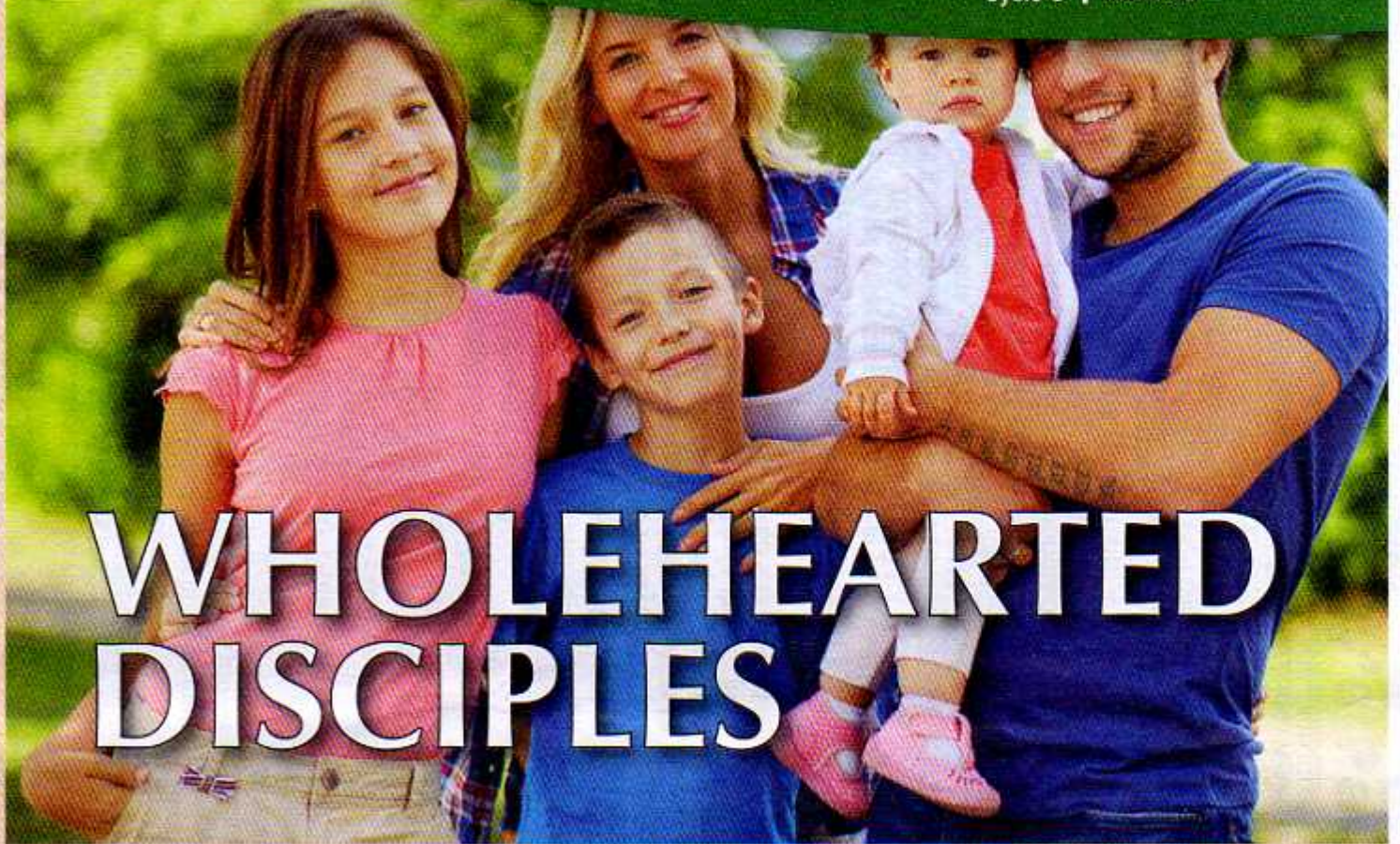


Parish Newsletter

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WHOLEHEARTED DISCIPLES

It is strange to hear Jesus saying that he had come on earth to spread division. Did he not elsewhere pray that his disciples would be united in mind and heart? He certainly did and this was his heartfelt wish. However, he recognised that not everyone would respond wholeheartedly to his call to follow him. He wanted followers who would commit themselves generously to his project of building up the

kingdom of God, the kingdom of love, even to the point of being willing to make sacrifices for love.

He knew that not everybody would be willing to do this. Those fully committed to living their lives in love would come up against opposition – and possibly even within their own families. That would be the price of seeking to live life to the full.

Today's Readings



Jeremiah 38:4-6.8-10
Psalm 39:2-4.18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Next Sunday's Readings



Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 116
Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13
Luke 13:22-30

He wanted people to follow in his footsteps, trusting totally in the love of God with him, committing themselves to the project of making the world a better place, and reaching out with compassion to suffering of every kind. This was what he was doing with his life. He longed that the world would be ablaze with people similarly committed. Half-hearted followers would not change the world. Wishy-washy people never attract anyone.

To accept the invitation of Jesus to follow him we need to heed the words in the Letter to the Hebrews: 'Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.' Regular reading and reflection on the words and actions of Jesus will help us to get to know him better. This takes time, but the time is well worth it. It can help us to live with the mind of Jesus, with the same trust in God that Jesus had and with the same desire to be an influence for good in the world. This is a project worthy of our

commitment. To be fully alive we need such a project.

Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? Give thanks for the times when this was possible. Remember with gratitude the people who supported you at the time. ■

— John Byrne, OSA

OUR SACRAMENT: A SIGN OF GRACE

When we married we entered into a Covenant of unconditional love, summed up in the vows we made to each other. By imitating Jesus' unconditional love for his bride, the Church, we became a Sacrament – a sacred sign of God's love for all to see. Living out our 'life-style choice' is made possible only by 'the graces of the Sacrament'.

MARRIAGE MATTERS
(www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)



Reflection

What helps you to resist pressure to act against your own principles?



Lesson

'Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.'
(Hebrews)



Prayer

'You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay.' (Ps 40)



This Week (19-25 August)

- 19 Mon** St John Eudes, priest
- 20 Tue** St Bernard, abbot and doctor
- 21 Wed** St Pius X, pope
- 22 Thur** The Queenship of Mary
- 23 Fri** St Rose of Lima, virgin; St Eugene, bishop
- 24 Sat** ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
- 25 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

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 12: 49-53

1. The commitment of Jesus to his mission is shown in his desire to undergo the baptism that awaits him. Have there been times when there was something you greatly hoped for, even though you knew there would be a baptism of fire along the way? What was it like for you to undergo such a baptism of fire and then arrive at what you desired?
2. Jesus recognized that the message he proclaimed would meet with a mixed reception. This did not hold him back from proclaiming the Reign of God. When have you seen this kind of courage in yourself, or in others?
3. Jesus challenged those listening to him to commit themselves to discipleship, despite opposition from those close to them, even family members. When have you found that being true to yourself and to your beliefs required such courage? What was it like for you when you were able to follow that courageous road?

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Eileen Ferguson, Kyle Bradshaw, Fr Philip Dunlea CSsR, Philomena Green, James McKeown, Brother Joseph Skehan, OCSO (Our Lady of Bethlehem Cistercian Abbey, Portlengone)

Anniversaries: Elizabeth, Paul and Vince Spicrs, Dan Gallagher, Bobby McParland, Mick Gibney, Thomas & Isobel McGiffin, Vincent Crilly (Sat 17th August at 6:30pm), Brenda Gunn (Sun 18th at 11:30am), Kathleen Lavery (Sun 25th Aug at 11:30am),

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 18th Aug

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Phyllis Mc Grillen

Morning Mass: Sarah Corscadden & Eileen Dunn

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty

Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

Sun 25th Aug

READERS:

Easter Vigil Mass: Ann Flanagan

Morning Mass: Loretta Watson & Kay Dunn

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Anne Wright

Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly collection £600.94, Shrines £104.30

Food Bank. It is suggested that since a lot of the recipients are of Asian extraction, that less pasta should be donated and more rice donated.

Collection for Fr Krzysztof Sanda SChr. Fr Krzysztof will be saying his last masses at St Anthony's on Sunday 1st September, before taking up his new placement in Boston, Lincolnshire. He will be replaced by Fr Włodzimierz Dwiduch SChr. (Fr Vlad). There are collection envelopes available in the porch for a collection to be taken up before August 18th. (THIS WEEKEND). I trust you will help show our appreciation for his work here.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage, Sunday 8th September 2019, Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co Mayo. Chief Celebrants: Bishop Kevin Doran—Bishop of Elphin and Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo—Apostolic Nuncio. Choir & Musicians: Combined Choirs of Knock Parish, Reflection by: Catherine Wiley—Founder of the CGA, Special Guests: Dana, sings 'Our Lady of Knock', Cathal Gavin, sings 'Voice of an Angel', Children's Prayer Appeal. 2.30pm—Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Music and Song. 3.00pm—Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary. For further information visit: info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com. www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Marie Curie Hospice Belfast invites you to attend our Summer Fete, 1a Kensington Road, Belfast, BT5 6NF, Sunday 18th August 2019, 12noon—4pm. Refreshments, Nurses Cake stand, face-painting, Tombola Stalls, Crafts

The Legion of Mary Annual Young Adult Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on Saturday August 31st and Sunday September 1st 2019. This is a fantastic weekend packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25-€50, accommodation also available. For further details visit our website <http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com/> or contact Lucy 087 9959803.

Faith and Life Convention.. Online bookings for this year's Faith and Life Convention are now open. We hope that you will be able to us on Saturday 28th September 2019. This year our theme for the convention is Faith in a Better World and our Keynote Speaker will be Michel Camdessus. Michel is the former director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. We look forward to welcoming Michel and his wife Brigitte to Belfast. Our keynote speech will be followed by a panel discussion where together we can reflect on the variety of issues that we face in society today. Dr Nicola Brady, from the Irish Council of Churches will moderate our panel and we can look forward to responses from Dymna Mallon (Laiti Co-ordinator for SMA), Prof Thomas Bremer, (University of Münster, Germany) and Mrs Eileen Gallagher (Clogher Diocese and Northern Ireland Catholic Council on Social Affairs). The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. Early booking is a great support for the administration of the event. Entering the discount code early bird will give you a £5 discount (available until 12th August). See www.faihandlifeconvention.org

Silent Protest against proposed Abortion Legislation. NI Voiceless - is not linked to any party or particular faith and aims to put pressure on politicians to restore Stormont and halt abortion legislation. It will hold a protest on the steps of Stormont on Friday, 6th September at 7pm. Protesters have been asked to wear black or dark colours and carry a mobile or "other electric light". See poster in the Porch.

Coastal Rosary for Life, Faith and Love. Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on Sunday, 13 October at 2.30pm. We will join in with many countries around the world. To register a location please visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text/call 087 278 6552

TinyLife, is currently recruiting for Family Support Volunteers to help us offer practical support to families of premature babies. Volunteers are urgently required in the following areas:- Omagh, Enniskillen, Fermanagh - Newry, Newcastle, Lurgan, Portadown & Armagh. You must be aged 22 + and be able to volunteer for one morning or afternoon each week. Full training will be delivered on Saturday 14th, Wednesday 18th and Saturday 28th September (attendance is required on all 3 days). If you are interested, please contact us at: Email: info@tinylife.org.uk Telephone: 028 9081 5050

Silent Retreat. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God...", preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne in Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Co. Down, October 14th to 20th. Cost: £410stg full board. Contact: Helen : 00353 86 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com, www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church

Could you foster? The Health & Social Care Trusts are seeking to recruit foster carers who enjoy being with, caring for and are able to support vulnerable children and young people from a range of ethnic, linguistic, religious and cultural backgrounds. These are entering Northern Ireland fleeing danger and war, or have been victims of trafficking or exploitation, or that their parent or carer may have disappeared. We need to find these children a safe and supportive home environment where they can receive emotional and practical support. We want to help them integrate into local community life where they can make new friends and learn English. We also want to find homes where there is a current, or potential, understanding of their heritage, culture and religion. If you are interested in find out more, please contact the Regional Adoption and Fostering Service: Phone 0800 0720 137 or go online to www.adoptionandfostering.hscni.net

"Get Together", a community of bereaved families, invites you to our "From Inside Out" conference on Thursday, 19th Sep 2019, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Riddell Hall, Belfast. The most frequently voiced fear by those wanting to support bereaved children is "What if I say the wrong thing?". Want to know more about helping families find community in the midst of trauma and grief? Come to the 'From Inside Out' Conference on 19-9-19 to learn directly from bereaved children and families what they need: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/from-inside-out-conference> or contact maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk or 02890792419 for more information. Cost-£99 full day £50 half day

Diocesan Clerical Changes, copies of the changes are available in the Porch

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.

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