

Parish Newsletter

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TO SERVE AND REJOICE

I shouldn't mention my literary love – Science Fiction, but in my childhood, I was a great fan of the 'Twilight Zone' series. They were short films with a twist in the tale... a bit like Roald Dahl's *Tales of the Unexpected*. I remember an episode from the Twilight Zone called 'to serve man'. You can find it online. A spaceship arrives on earth with some very, very friendly 9 feet tall aliens – Kanamits. They use their technology to help us

humans and then give an amazing offer to take as many earthlings back to their planet. Some are accepting, others suspicious. Many take them up on their offer and they give as a gift an old book in their language. The translation took time and discovered that the book title was 'To Serve Man'. That clinched it for the many people who chose to go with these altruistic aliens. It was only as the spaceship was leaving that someone ran up with a complete

Today's Readings



Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Next Sunday's Readings



Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

translation of 'To Serve Man.' It turns out that it was a cookbook for the aliens to cook us!

Now that was one book you didn't want your name written in! It's amazing to hear the word of Jesus that our names are written in heaven. No, we are not in the soup for what we do – but out of love for who we are. We're often curious to know if people think of us. I recall one man with a romantic interest in a certain lady asking about

Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing - not only by our words - that He alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.

– Pope Francis



Reflection

In what ways are you a missionary who proclaims God's love and his kingdom?



Lesson

We are the new missionaries. We are responsible for continuing the work of proclaiming the kingdom: "The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few" (Lk 10:2).

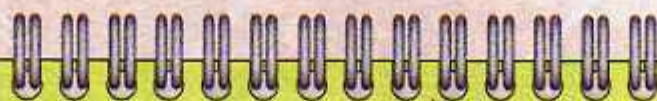


Prayer

Lord, fill all people with your spirit of mission that your kingdom may continue to grow throughout the world. Amen.

her to mutual acquaintances, 'was I mentioned?' Like the sceptical people in the above film, we live in a world where results are what matter, be it in business, church, banks, sports, exams – just about anything and there is always an agenda. Even in legal and police investigations, we have a principle *cui bono* (who benefits). So it's no bad thing to question ourselves, how and why do we serve? Is it for personal gain or entirely heartfelt, thinking only of the other? Are we here to help or to feed upon one another, to use and exploit rather than to lift up. When you look at the range his first followers reached from Spain to India with minimal technology, we can only wonder at our lack of success in spreading His Word. For it is only in His will that we find our peace. You will never find happiness pursuing it but only by making even one other person happy. If we are true to that mission, we too will come back rejoicing.

– Tom Cox



This Week (8-14 July)

- 8 **Mon** St Kilian, bishop and martyr
- 9 **Tue** St Augustine Zhao Rong and comp., martyrs
- 10 **Wed** St Lantfrid, abbot
- 11 **Thur** St Benedict, abbot, patron of Europe
- 12 **Fri** St John Jones, martyr
- 13 **Sat** St Henry, holy man
- 14 **Sun** 15TH 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)



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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

1. Jesus sent out his disciples on a mission to let people know that 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Recall when you have reached out to another, in word or in deed, to help them realize that they were cherished, perhaps by a word of sympathy or encouragement, or by giving a hand with a difficult task. What was it like for you to experience yourself as a person bringing help and encouragement to another?

2. Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. When have you found it beneficial not to be working alone, but with another by your side? How did companionship change the experience? What you were able to achieve together that you could not have done on your own?

3. The instructions Jesus gave the disciples suggest appropriate attitudes for the one who 'goes before Jesus.' Let the images speak to you and evoke memories of times when you were welcomed and times when you were not. When have you found that it was good news to have the attitudes Jesus describes?

4. When the disciples returned, Jesus warned them not to focus on the thrill of what they had been able to achieve. It was more important that their 'names are written in heaven.' Sometimes we too need reminders that who we are is more important than what we do. Who have been the people who brought this home to you? Have there been experiences that helped you to appreciate this?

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Brigid McGinnity (mother of Fr Michael), Canon Bernard Magee PE CC. (Canon Magee will lie in repose in St Malachy's Church during Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday at 4.30pm the Parish will celebrate rosary and benediction. Requiem Mass will take place on Monday, 8 July at 12 noon with interment at the graveyard beside St MacCartan's Church, Loughinisland.)

Anniversaries: Rebecca Crilly, Frank McPhillips & Maria McPhillips, Peggy Mackin, Charlotte & Michael Hopkins, Stuart Wright & James McGrillen, Bobby McParland (Sat 3rd August at 6:30pm)

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 7th July

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Phyllis Mc Grillen

Morning Mass: Sarah Corscadden & Kathryn Curran

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Stephen Murphy

Morning Mass: James Henderson

Sun 14th July

READERS:

Easter Vigil Mass: Ann Flanagan

Morning Mass: Loretta Watson & Kathryn Curran

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty

Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan



COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly collection £794.03, Shrines £58.71

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.

Please Note: No Mass on Friday 12th July

The Joy of Love in Marriage. A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all ages) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be from 13th to 15th September in the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry and The Lake Hotel Killarney, on 15th -17th November 2019. For info. and to book, visit

www.marriagecncounter.ie or call +44 770 281 2321 or +353 87 784 0408.

Down and Connor Diocesan Bi-Annual Pilgrimage To Fatima, led by The Most Reverend Bishop Noel Treanor DD, 15-22 August 2019, 7 Nights Full Board Hotel Avenida. £715 Includes Taxes and Insurance. Pilgrimage Directors Fr G McCloskey and Fr S Gilmore. For Further Details Contact Joe Catney - 028 9071 4001 or 077 7642 5631.

Diploma in Pastoral Theology at Drumalis in association with St Patrick's Pontifical College, Maynooth. Applications are now being accepted for this two-year, part-time, intensive course which begins in September 2019. Information available at <http://www.drumalis.co.uk> or by emailing maura@drumalis.co.uk or by phoning Drumalis during office hours - tel 028 28272196/28276455.

Statement from Bishop Noel Treanor to be read at all Masses the weekend 6/7 July 2019. It has come to the attention of Bishop Treanor that the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, now before the Westminster Parliament, is being used to introduce amendments aiming to liberalise provision of abortion in Northern Ireland without the say-so of either the citizens of Northern Ireland or their elected representatives. He therefore encourages everyone urgently to contact their MP this weekend or on Monday to register their objection to this undemocratic process. A way to do so is with the website: www.righttolife.org.uk/take-action-abortion-amendment. A copy of the statement is on the door wall of the church porch, and copies are available from Sunday 7th July 2019. This bulletin has been re-printed to include this notice

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 October 13th 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.

Lough Derg 2019: The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Tuesday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Phone Lorraine on 071 9861518 (from NI 00 353 71 9861518) email: info@loughderg.org

Free Event, promoted by Shalom World: Jesus Heals. Holy Mass, Preaching, Healing Adoration. Celebrant Fr Jilto George CMI, Shalom Director of Retreats. 2 events coming up in August 2019 in Down and Connor. Both Venue times: 6:30pm - 9:30pm.

Thurs 8th August - St Colmcille's Church, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB

Mon 12th August - St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Whitehouse, 305 Shore Road, Belfast, BT37 9RY.

Programme includes: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass, Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, Individual Anointing of Holy Oil, Finishing with Eucharistic Blessing. You are invited to join us at this Mass and experience Jesus' healing touch for the body, mind and soul! Contact Jacinta 07756 225114, or Roshni 07737 230680.

Holy Land and Fatima Pilgrimages:

Special Belfast Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land €1,795.

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 31st October for Halloween

8 nights €1,685 (taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee).

Special Belfast Fatima Pilgrimage for Miracle of the Sun on 13th October

€759 (prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima).

Contact James Treacy 00353 860572216 (all ex Dublin)

Priory Institute 2019 Online Summer School. Paul: The Radical Gospel. A two-week online course will begin on 15th July and again on 12th August. One lecture per day. Cost 80. To enrol today email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com, or see www.prioryinstitute.com, or phone +3531 4048124.

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.