

Parish Newsletter

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A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small piece of yellow corn on their index finger. A grey squirrel is standing on its hind legs, reaching up with its front paws to take the corn. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with fallen leaves.

A GOOD SAMARITAN HEART

It's probably fair to say that we all label people. Good or bad, hard-working or lazy, nerd, loner, activist, criminal, rich or poor. I was once doing a course overseas and a new arrival asked me to show him around the town which I did. It turned out that he thought that my being Irish meant I drank heavily and would know where the best places were! It seems I was the wrong kind of Irishman for him.

We all could go on and on about how we have been categorised or judged unfairly (be it in weight/gender/address or class/education) and at times have done just that thing ourselves. It's all very understandable but ... today the call is to think of all people as our neighbours when we are called to love.

It is at the very heart of the law that Jesus is quizzed about with the probing

Today's Readings



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

Next Sunday's Readings



Genesis 18:1-10
Psalm 14:2-5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

question: 'Who is my neighbour?' – The essence of the law or its deepest meaning. When it comes to the possessions we all, like the Gospel characters, have different approaches. The Robbers think: 'What's yours is mine, so I grab it.' The Priest and the Levite (Judge) are self-obsessed, best I keep clean and clear things 'what's mine is mine, so I keep it.' But the Samaritan has a different view: 'what's

Even today we raise our hand against our brother... We have perfected our weapons, our conscience has fallen asleep, and we have sharpened our ideas to justify ourselves as if it were normal we continue to sow destruction, pain, death. Violence and war lead only to death.

– Pope Francis



Reflection

How have you recently behaved like a Samaritan? Thank God for doing good.



Lesson

It's about being a neighbour – and if you live that call deeply – you will realise there is no "them" there is only "us". There are no strangers, only friends.



Prayer

Lord, make us realise our equal human dignity in your sight. Move us to your kind of compassion that we might be a neighbour to all we meet. Amen.

mine is yours if you need it.' Do we really need it to be spelt out what approach Jesus commends? It is the last one and the least followed. To put it more simply as Martin Luther King ('Strength to Love') pointed out that the Priest and the Levite thought: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But by the very nature of his concern, the Good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'

In one sense it is all about us. Do we really want to appear on the last day and say like the ones who passed by, 'Look Lord, my hands are clean', and to hear the sad response, 'Yes, but they are empty.' This is not about being perfect, it is about making a difference. It means far more than 'I hurt nobody' or 'doing no wrong' it's about being a neighbour – and if you live that call deeply – you will realise there is no 'them' there is only 'us'. There are no strangers, only friends.

– Tom Cox



This Week (15-21 July)

- 15 Mon** St Bonaventure, priest and doctor
- 16 Tue** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 17 Wed** St Hedwig of Poland
- 18 Thur** St Frederick, bishop
- 19 Fri** St Macrina the Younger, religious
- 20 Sat** St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr
- 21 Sun** 16TH 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: 25-37

1. Today's gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and love of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced love given and received as a source of life and vitality?
2. With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. The parable challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?
3. Bring to mind the people who have been an inspiration to you by the care and attention they have given to others.

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Canon Bernard Magee PE CC, Eileen Ferguson
Anniversaries: Peggy Mackin, Charlotte & Michael Hopkins, Stuart Wright, James McGrillen, Bobby McParland (Sat 3rd August at 6:30pm)

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

Sun 21st July

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Anne Wright
Morning Mass: Margaret Woods & Kay Dunn

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Louis Corscadden
Morning Mass: Sean Rafferty

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly collection £640.26, Shrines £166.58

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 Dżdżich SChr. From next weekend, there will be available collection envelopes for a collection to be taken up before August 18th. I trust you will help show our appreciation for his work here.

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.marriagecounter.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.

House of Lords seeks to remove amendment to Bill. On Tuesday (12 July) an amendment seeking to introduce abortion to Northern Ireland was passed in the House of Commons. The Bill will be in the Lords for Committee Stage on Monday (15 July) and peers have brought forward a number of amendments to attempt to either remove this new clause in the Bill or make other changes such as giving an extended time for the Northern Irish assembly to return before changes to abortion law are introduced. If the pro-abortion clause remains in the Bill and changes are introduced, this could leave Northern Ireland with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The following website could be used to contact a peer asking them to support these amendments next week. <https://righttolife.org.uk/take-action-ni-abortion-lords/> You might consider praying for the protection of life during the intercession prayers this weekend.

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

Letter to the Prime Minister from Baroness Una O'Loan and Archbishop Robin Eames which Bishop Noel Treanor wishes to bring to the attention of the parishioners of the Diocese. Please find in the porch this letter which was sent out on Saturday from the Diocesan Office. Baroness O'Loan would like parishioners to contact her by email by Sunday evening at the latest so that your name can be added to the letter. Please note addresses will not be made public.

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.

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.

Golden Rose Pilgrimages. 10 day Lenten Pilgrimage to The Holy Land, staying in Bethlehem & Tiberias, 11th of March 2020 to 21st of March 2020. Full programme & Spiritual Director. Price: £1,249. For Further Details Please Contact Teresa on 02890 591495 or 07470 304695

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.