

Parish Newsletter

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WE DO NOT
WALK ALONE

It's great to meet with a group of people with shared interests. The interest might be work, study, sport, a hobby, or something else. This creates a bond in the group. They encourage one another, and enjoy meeting together. It's a different kind of bond to that in a family and on occasions can be more valued.

It is usually something outside the lives of the members of the group that provides the focus. Sometimes,

however, one meets with others who like to reflect and talk about deeper matters. What is life all about? Why are we here? Where are we going? What is the vision that inspires us in life? What gets us out of bed in the morning? These were questions uppermost in the mind of Jesus. He had a way of talking about such matters that people found fascinating, to the point that they followed him around the Galilean countryside. They were enthused by his picture of what he called the Reign

Today's Readings



Genesis 3:9-15
Psalm 129:1-8
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Next Sunday's Readings



Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

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of God, a reign far different from the oppressive regimes of the political and religious leaders of his time. The campaign of Jesus was for a time when love and respect would be the basic rule of life. This attracted an ever-increasing number of followers.



Not everyone was on his side. He was rocking the boat of establishment figures who tried to turn people off by suggesting that Satan lay behind his work. Even his family were concerned

about him, thinking 'he was out of his mind'. But the Holy Spirit, working in him, had given him a very persuasive influence. The Spirit working in others inspired them to join him so he gathered an unusual collection of followers, men and women, all inspired by the same Spirit. They were all enthused by the same vision of the Reign of God, a reign of love. Jesus, who valued the bonds of family life, recognised that in this group he had another kind of family, and one that was important to him. So looking around at them he could say: "Here are my brothers and sisters. Anyone, who does the will of God, is brother and sister and mother to me."

Think of, and be grateful for, the people with whom you have a sense of being on the same wavelength, people with a shared view of the meaning of life, and shared values. We are blessed when we find kindred spirits. ■

– John (Peter) Byrne

Reflection

When was the support of kindred spirits particularly important to you?

Lesson

It is not good that a person should be alone. We need companions in life.

Prayer

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken.

This Week (11–17 June)

- 11 Mon** ST BARNABAS, Apostle
- 12 Tue** St John of Sahagun
- 13 Wed** St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor
- 14 Thur** St Methodius, patriarch of Constantinople
- 15 Fri** St Vitus, martyr
- 16 Sat** St Aurelian
- 17 Sun** ELEVENTH 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

Mark 3:20-35

1. Looking on at what Jesus was doing, some of his family thought he was out of his mind. When you think of successful initiatives that you took in your life, were there times when people thought you were a little crazy? Perhaps some regard your interest in faith, or church, in the same way? What sustained you in those circumstances?

2. Successful ventures can arouse jealousy as well as admiration. Jesus was often the target of the jealousy of religious leaders. They questioned his motivation. When have you seen your good efforts, or the good efforts of others, spoiled by the jealousy or hostility of some? Did it help when there were people prepared to stand together in face of the criticism?

3. For many people their blood family provides an enduring, reliable and supportive network. Jesus had another family: those of one mind and heart with him in seeking to do God's will. When and where have you experienced encouragement from people of shared vision and faith?

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Margaret Gwynne, Fr Harry Carlin, Con Boyle (father of Fr Con Boyle), Jack Brady, Fr Frank Harper

Anniversaries: Raymond Matthews, Michael Matthews, Isobel & Thomas McGiffin, Patricia McDonnell Nwoga, Elizabeth & Paul Spiers (Sat 9th June at 6:30pm), Rebecca Crilly (Sun 10th June at 11:30am), Stuart Wright (Sat 30th June at 6:30pm).

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 10th June

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Eamon Blaney & Carmel Blaney

Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard & Kathryn Curran

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Ann Wright

Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard

Sun 17th June

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Marie Murphy & Phyllis McGrillen

Morning Mass: Suzanne Hopkins & Kay Dunn

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Stephen Murphy

Morning Mass: James Henderson

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Monthly Stipend £721.79. Weekly Collection £37, Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood £5, Shrines £60.20.

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.

Please support the 4th National Collection in support of the World Meeting of Families, to be taken up in parishes on the weekend 23rd/24th June.

St Anthony's 80th Anniversary: This year we celebrate 80 years since the first mass was celebrated in St Anthony's Church. The first meeting looked at various aspects of the celebration. Many thanks to all who attended. An update to the 50th Anniversary Booklet is being sought. If you have any photographs/personal stories of your time in St Anthony's, contact Fr McCann. The cut off time for contributions is end of May/June. Your photographs/personal stories will be included with your permission. Information Sheets with envelopes are available in the sacristy. Please stay tuned for other initiatives for the 80th Anniversary celebrations. Next meeting: Tues 19th June 2018 at 7:30pm in Pope John Paul II Room/SVP Room behind the church.

Next Meeting of preparatory Parish Pastoral Council in Pope John Paul II/SVP Room on Wednesday 13th June at 7:30pm. This meeting is organised to elect members of office bearers. The Installation of the Parish Pastoral Council will also be discussed. I would be pleased if you could make an effort to attend.

World Meeting of Families - Tickets and Registration. A NEW updated information sheet as to the process of registration for the World Meeting of

Families is available in the Church porch. It includes details as to ticket allocations for the Congress in the RDS, the Festival of Families (Sat 25th Aug in Croke Park), and the Papal Mass (Sun 26th Aug in Phoenix Park). 1. Anyone who registers for one day of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS will be guaranteed a ticket for the Final Mass in Phoenix Park. 2. Anyone who registers ONLY for the Festival of Families (Saturday 25th August) or the Final Mass (Sunday 26th August), will receive a ticket subject to availability. 3. Following discussions with Dublin City Council, the Garda, and Security forces, coaches will not be allowed to drive up to the gates of Phoenix Park for the Final Mass. This means that those travelling to the Final Mass by coach will have to walk 2 or 3 km to the Park. There will be no seating at the Mass. However some portable seats may be allowed into the Park. This has yet to be confirmed by the National WMOF Team. Only people attending the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25 August will have to present photo ID. People going to the Final Mass on Sunday 26 August in Phoenix Park will not be asked to present photo ID. Tickets will be issued online in due course to those who have registered. 4. People who have a disability will be transported via a shuttle service from their coach on arrival to their designated enclosure in Phoenix Park. After the Mass, they will be transported back to their coach. More information is found on the Update Sheet. — The parishes of our Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those interested in going to the Papal Mass (Sunday 26th August), Phoenix Park, Dublin. There will be enough coaches for those who are interested, at a price of £20. You will be kept in contact as to when tickets are made available. To assist with the booking of coaches, please give your name and contact information (email) on the sheet provided at the porch door ASAP.

South and East Belfast Pastoral Area Family Fun Day, Carryduff Parish on Sat 16th June from 10am Mass until 4pm. Admission free. Among events (subject to weather), include Petting Farm, Climbing Wall, Assault Course, Bouncy Castles, Food stalls, face painting, Disco and Fire Engine from 2-4pm. A minimum of 5 volunteers from each parish is required. If you can help on behalf of St Anthony's Parish, please give names to Fr McCann 07740603643 ASAP. Next meeting of volunteers on Monday 11th June in Drumbo/Carryduff Parish Centre at 7:30pm. Flyers in Porch.

Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage. The sixth Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018. Cost is £65. Two departure points Belfast and Ballycastle. For details and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on 02890690920 or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org by Friday 15th June. Registration forms on request from Living Church Office or your Parish Office.

Clonard Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Belfast: 13th - 21st June 2018.

Book Launch: "The Bishops of Down and Connor Revisited", by Jim O'Hagan. Venue - Dorrian Room, St Malachy's College, 36 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AE, Thursday, 14th June 2018 at 7.30 pm. Light refreshments provided. You are welcome. See poster in porch.

Book Launch: The Poor Clares in Belfast 1924-2012. This book written by Fr Martin Magill will be launched on Tuesday 19th June 2018 after 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 1a Glenview St, BT14 7DP Belfast. The book will be on sale priced £10 in the parish centre adjoining the church.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage and Mass on St Patrick's Mountain, Saul on Sunday 10th June at 3pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Farquhar.

Icon Painting Workshop with Theodore Papadopoulos, October 8-13 2018. Knock, Co Mayo, Ireland with the Alexian Brothers Monastery. For more information see www.theodreicons.com/knock.

The Martin Residential Trust (a home providing loving care for people with severe learning difficulties). 30th Anniversary Concert - St Brigid's Parish Church, Ballyclare Road, Glengormley, Saturday June 23, 2018 (7.30pm). Admission 8 pounds which includes light refreshments. All proceeds to the Martin Residential Trust and St Brigid's Church. Tickets available from Molly Gratton (07765 539879) and Dorothy Greer (07450 957364).

Cruse Bereavement Care. Does your professional/voluntary work bring you into contact with bereaved families and/or refugees? If so, please join us for the Get Together Roadshow 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th June, 2018 at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, BT27 4RL. An opportunity to: • Learn how to help families in their grief journey. • Hear directly from bereaved families about what we really need, what helped and hindered most through our bereavement. • Explore Get-Together's new programme for refugee families. To attend this free event and receive a CPD certificate, RSVP by 14th June to elaine.roub@cruse.org.uk. For more information, contact Cruse Bereavement Care at 02890792419.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday Sept 9th 2018. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio. See poster in 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 PP.

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