

# Parish Newsletter



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## ATTACHED OR DETACHED

**F**rom time to time, I have come across a person who starts to give things away. Sometimes because of 'bad news' they have received about their health, or at times in the aftermath of the death of a friend – when they question the merit of their possessions and preferences. 'What's it all for?' is the (at times) unspoken question. Usually a close friend or relative accompanies them through this difficult

phase. You can understand where they are coming from as they attempt to give away all they have. As a child, I remember the funeral in 1978 of Paul VI, his simple wooden coffin resting on the ground in St Peter's Square – with a gentle breeze riffling the pages of the Gospel Book placed upon it.

These are times, in everyone's life, when we need wisdom. Yes, our lives

### Today's Readings



Wisdom 7:7-11  
Psalm 89:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30

### Next Sunday's Readings



Isaiah 53:10-11  
Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45

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are all too short and we need a sense of detachment in negotiating life. In ancient Rome, victorious generals would have a slave accompany them whispering into their ear, 'Remember, you are mortal,' during the victory parade. Maybe we need modern equivalents to keep us grounded?

A good start might be to consider our preferences. We express preference all the time. Did you come to the 7, 8, 9:30, 11 or 12 Mass and why? Do you prefer certain products? Your tea/coffee in a certain way? Do you prefer time alone or with others? All are preferences that reveal our priorities and our purposes.

Going deeper – do you prefer wealth or wisdom, adulation or being in the background, personal attractiveness

or a beautiful character and soul? (why can't I have both – sez you!). The young man in the Gospel is extremely likeable – even Jesus loved him. 'Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor,' rang out that day and we're told he went away sad.

Getting back to my initial example of a seriously ill family member trying to give away everything – most of us cannot responsibly sell everything we have, but we can do something else. We can take a measure of our belongings and of our longing for things we don't yet have but want. Much of what we long for is actually temporary. Isn't it strange that it's only in times of extreme circumstances, usually illness or a traumatic event, that we prefer the well-being of others to that of our own? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do that in the good days as well as the bad? Something to think about, seriously! ■

– Tom Cox

## Reflection

Which of your riches will make it difficult for you to enter the kingdom of God?

## Lesson

The treasure in heaven of which Jesus speaks is God.

## Prayer

Lord, help us to respect all creation and let it speak to us of you. May we value all things by the standard of your teaching and be generous to those in need. Amen.



### This Week (15-21 October)

- 15 **Mon** St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor
- 16 **Tue** St Hedwig; St Margaret Mary Alacoque
- 17 **Wed** St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr
- 18 **Thur** ST LUKE, EVANGELIST
- 19 **Fri** St John de Brébeuf and comp., martyrs
- 20 **Sat** St Irene of Portugal
- 21 **Sun** 29th 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)



## 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B SEEKING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 10:17-30

1. We often get satisfaction from the things we own, clothes, cars, homes, gadgets, or money. There would be something unnatural if we did not. But what happens to us when our possessions begin to 'own' us, when they take a hold of us, when we become obsessed with them? Jesus seeks followers who have the freedom to let go of possessions in order to be a servant of others. In whom have you seen this freedom? When have you experienced it yourself?
2. Growth implies change. That change sometimes means letting go of something we have at this moment: job, status, home, security, or something else we value. There can be an apparent loss in letting go. Yet have you ever found that you actually gained by having the freedom to let go of something to which you had previously clung?
3. The disciples thought that Jesus was making impossible demands of people following him. He acknowledged that discipleship was impossible to us on our own efforts alone. How have you experienced the benefits of the help of others and of God when you were faced with difficulties in life?

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### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Isobella Eastwood (mother of Fr Adrian).  
Anniversaries: Kitty Gibney, James Curran, Catherine Patricia Lord, Rose McPhillips & William McPhillips (Sun 14th Oct at 11:30am), Mary Jane McGreevy & Carol McGreevy (Sat 27th Oct at 6:30pm)

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Sun 14th October

##### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Anthony Clifford & Shauna Mullen  
Morning Mass: Martina McClory & Margaret Woods

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Frank Doherty  
Morning Mass: Séamus Monaghan

#### Sun 21st October

##### READERS:

Vigil Mass: Maria Murphy & Phyllis McGrillen  
Morning Mass: Suzanne Hopkins & Kathryn Curran

##### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty  
Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Monthly Stipend £629.77, Weekly Collection £41.10, Shrines £82.30.

November Lists of Deceased and envelopes are available in the Porch. Please fill in, place in envelopes and leave in the collection baskets. These names will be remembered in Masses during November.

**80th Anniversary of St Anthony's** Mass with Bishop Noel Treanor on Tues 16th October at 7:30pm, with installation of the Parish Pastoral Council, followed by reception in St Vincent's Centre. We look forward to celebrating this next milestone in our parish history.

**Cregagh Presbyterian Church PW invite you to "An Evening of Music"** featuring Ballyclare Male Choir performing both secular and sacred music, on Friday 26th October 2018 at 7:30pm. Tickets (incl Supper) £10. Proceeds to go to PW Funds (Mission). For tickets please contact Maggi 07887 395372 or 028 90293236 or you can pay at the door on the night. See Poster in church porch.

**The Introduction of the Permanent Diaconate:** The candidates who will be ordained this Sunday 14th Oct in St Peter's Cathedral, at 3pm: Joseph Baxter (Holy Family), Terence Butcher (Portstewart), Brendan Dowd, (Holy Family), Brett Lockhart (St Brigid's), James McAllister (Bangor), Gregory McGuigan (St Brigid's), Patrick McNeill (St Anne's), Kevin Webb (Derriaghy), Martin Whyte (St Malachy's). Keep them in your prayers. Leaflet explaining the Permanent Diaconate in Porch.

**Catholic Young Adult Conference** at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy on Saturday, 20 October 2018. Brilliant talks and workshops on being courageously Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr Martin Graham, Fr Conor McDonough OP and Maria Steen (Iona Institute). Legion of Mary project. 10am-5.30pm. Cost: £10 inc. lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place call 07753379110 or email cyaconference16@gmail.com

**The Living Church is hosting a Faith Development Conference** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Saturday the 27th October from 9.30am – 4.30pm. The aim of this event is to encourage and resource any of your parishioners who are already involved in, or who might like to become involved in leading Faith Development Programmes within your Parish. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two taster sessions which will be led by the developers and presenters of the programmes. There will be input on; how to promote the programmes within your parish, how to run small groups and manage group dynamics, and how to continue to support people on their faith journey. Five excellent Programmes are being showcased on the day:

- Beloved Disciples**—Developed by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration,) this 4-week course uses scripture, discussion and prayer to explore the beauty and the gift that age brings to individual and to the Church community.
  - Let It Be**—Another CaFE programme, this 5-week course looks at Mary the Mother of Jesus and how her "Yes" changed the world. This course is ideal at any time of the year and may be of particular interest in Advent or May.
  - Alpha** – in a Catholic Context—Alpha is a tool to introduce people to an initial proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ – the kerygma. At the conference will look at delivery of Alpha in a Catholic Context.
  - Youth Alpha**—Youth Alpha has been run in the Diocese by Living Youth and other parishes with great success. This is an excellent programme that can be delivered in parishes or post-primary schools. This would be an ideal workshop for Parish GIFT leaders to attend.
  - NUA**—Is a film series that encourages questions, acknowledges doubt, and offers an engaging perspective on the Christian faith. NUA equips you with the ability to intelligently explore and understand what you believe.
- Having sampled two of the programmes, each delegate will be able to choose one programme to take home with them, meaning they will have everything they need to get that programme up and running in your parish. Each programme resource pack is worth at £35 at least, with some costing considerably more. The cost for each delegate to attend the day is £50. This is excellent value as it includes tea and scones at the beginning of the day, lunch, the two taster sessions and a programme resource pack for each delegate. To maximise the resources available to your parish, we suggest that you might like to register several delegates for the course. We are therefore offering a discounted rate to parishes who register four or more delegates. Register four delegates for £150 or five delegates for £175. Attendees can register online at <https://www.livingchurchevents.com/> Parishes can subsidise the cost.

**A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Centre Manager** – Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 511, Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GR. The post holder will be responsible to the Chairperson of the Parish Centre Committee, for managing the Parish Centre and its range of activities. This will include the day to day management of the Parish Centre including staff, the care of buildings, administration, accounts and health and safety within the Parish Centre and its facilities. The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 25 hours attendance each week. Work pattern to be agreed, and flexibility will be required in relation to attendance and hours worked. Rate of Pay - £10.00 gross per hour. Details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website from Friday 12th October 2018 and can be accessed by clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES. Details of the role are also available by way of a Role Profile and Person Specification. Application packs can also be obtained from the Parish Office. Applications are welcome from anyone who feels they meet the criteria advertised on the Role profile and are interested in playing an active part within the Parish. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 19th October 2018. Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

**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.