

Parish Newsletter

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ON THE JOURNEY

I'm thinking of a very wise parishioner who in any given situation takes the most menial, unwanted role and it's not because of any poor self-image or lack of ability on her part – neither would be true. She has learned that in any group or organisation this is how best to get on with people: asking nothing of a person that she won't do herself. Everyone trusts her because she is a servant-leader who walks the talk.

She is the opposite of today's Gospel duo, the sons of Zebedee, James and John, who are self-seeking and self-serving and don't even have the courage to make the request themselves of Jesus, leaving that to their mother. Jesus (like that parishioner) didn't ask of James and John anything that he would not do himself.

Mission Sunday is probably the best and most underrated antidote to the increasingly 'me me' generation of

Today's Readings



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

Next Sunday's Readings



Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 125:1-6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

today. There's a lot of international talk about making certain countries 'great' again – usually (it seems) at the expense of others. For the Christian, the route to greatness lies in following the Great One. It lies in becoming a burden-taker rather than a burden-maker. We live in times when being

Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport.
– Pope Francis

a believer hurts and maybe that is for the best. We should never use Jesus for positions of authority or title. It's about 'we' not 'me'.

Reflection

Try to feel the demanding simplicity that Jesus asks and lived himself in forming his disciples.

Lesson

For a disciple of Jesus, greatness is to be measured not by power and control but by a humble, even menial service.

Prayer

O Lord, help me to appreciate the gift of faith which has been handed on to me. And let me pass it on to the next generation. May all peoples hear your voice and come to know and love you. Amen.

They tell of a particular group of birds that were quite happy in their forest home, until a trapper came and would imitate their call, and snare them in a net when they responded. What to do? So they had a meeting. A wise member of the group said, let's stick together in one corner of the net and flap our wings and take off. And so they did successfully escaping capture or as the trapper put it, 'When they all got together there was no stopping them.' Couldn't the same be true of us this Mission Sunday? We all know that the power of one person if focused is formidable, the power of many working together is far, far greater. Coming together is just the beginning, keeping together despite everything is progress, but to work together for each other is, in the truest sense of the word, a 'success'. Mission Sunday is surely a time to celebrate that from the little we all can do, something beautiful is wrought in our world.

– Tom Cox

This Week (22-28 October)

- 22 **Mon** St Mary Salome; Bl. Timothy Giaccardo
- 23 **Tue** St John of Capestrano, priest
- 24 **Wed** St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
- 25 **Thur** The Six Welsh Martyrs and Companions
- 26 **Fri** Ss Chad and Cedd, bishops
- 27 **Sat** St Otteran, monk
- 28 **Sun** 30th 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)



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Year B SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Mark 10:35-45

1. *Jesus had spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?*
2. *One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.*
3. *Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for others.*

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Isobella Eastwood (mother of Fr Adrian). Brother Columba Phelim OCSO O'Neill (Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portlengone). Briege Mulhall (mother of Fr Brendan CSSR).
Anniversaries: Kitty Gibney, James Curran, Catherine Patricia Lord, Rose McPhillips & William McPhillips, Mary Jane McGreevy & Carol McGreevy (Sat 27th Oct at 6:30pm)

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 21st October READERS:

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty
Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

Sun 28th October READERS:

Vigil Mass: Eamon Blaney & Carmel Blaney
Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard & Eileen Dunn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Vigil Mass: Ann Wright
Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly Collection £448.26, Monthly Stipend £99, Shrines £68.83. 80th Anniversary: Mary's Meals Collection £704.66

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. Very many thanks to all who helped in the preparations for the Anniversary celebrations. Thanks to Gregory Skibinski and choir for the music, to Agnieszka Karpinska & Loretta Watson and the Polish and Parish teams for the church cleaning, to Seamus Curran and his friend Wendy for the flowers, to Seamus Monaghan for getting all the behind the scenes work organised. We hope his back is better now. Thanks to Gerry Woods and his team for the front ramp and carpet cleaning, to Margaret Woods for the beautiful looking and tasty cake, to Kathryn Curran for organising catering and helping to pass on leftovers to the Welcome Centre. And to the men who looked after the parking. To Dessie Crilly for his work on the Parish History display (available to view in the front Porch for the next two weeks), to Carmel Graham and Colette Kane who were ushers, to Aoife and Sean Doyle as altar servers, to the Pastoral Council and all those who

participated in the Liturgy as Readers, Offertory procession members, and apologies if I have left anyone else out. I am still getting messages from those who came as to how lovely an evening it was. So congratulations to you all.

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 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.

Music and Word, a programme of Music, Poems and Readings in Commemoration of the First World War, with Cantunuculac, The McDowell-Cruise Duo, Frances Mulley and Sam Burnside, featuring the debut performance of the choral work "Anthem for Doomed Youth" composed by Anselm McDonnell, Thursday 1st November 7:30pm, PRONI Building, 2 Titanic Boulevard, Titanic Quarter, Belfast BT3 9HQ. Free admission. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. Poster in porch

Pilgrimage to Rome and San Giovanni Easter 2019 (last remaining seats) with Papal Ceremonies in Saint Peter's Square in Rome for the 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps Payments can be made in instalments contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216.

St John's Winter Craft Fair at St John's Parish Hall, 444 Falls Road, Belfast, Saturday 17th November 2016 10.30am-4.30pm. Table Hire £15. If you are interested in hiring a table please contact Conor on 07835833039 or stjohnsphevents@icloud.com.

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.