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PARISH NEWSLETTER



Monday 21st June - Sunday 27th June 2021: 12th Week in Ordinary Time

- Monday, 21st June. St. Aloysius Gonzaga**
8.00am: Geraldine McCormack (RIP)
10.00am: Michael O'Hara and his daughter Louise Davidson (A)
- Tuesday, 22nd June. St. John Fisher and St. Thomas Moore**
8.00am: Martin Mangan (RIP)
10.00am: Michael and Thomás Rodgers (A)
- Wednesday, 23rd June.**
8.00am: Holy Souls
10.00am: Moya Shaw (1st A)
- Thursday, 24th June. The Birth of St. John the Baptist**
8.00am: Special Intention
10.00am: Deceased members of the Handley and Gilnagh families (A)
- Friday, 25th June.**
8.00am: Special Intention
10.00am: Christina and John Kiernan (A)
- Saturday, 26th June.**
8.00am: Fr Seán Sheahan
10.00am: Michael Stokes (A)
- Sunday, 27th June. 13th Sunday of the Year.**
6.00pm (*Vigil*): Paschal Cassells (A)
7.30pm (*Vigil*): Arthur O'Connor (1st A)
8.00am: Mass for the dying
10.00am: Elizabeth Mulligan (Month's Mind)
11.30am: *Shared*: 1. Elizabeth McVeigh (2nd A)
2. Tom and Margaret Ward (A)
1.00pm: Cemetery Sunday Mass (In the Cathedral)
6.00pm: Nuala Sheahan (A)

RECENTLY BAPTISED: With great joy we welcomed Clodagh Eileen Frances Courtney into the Christian community last weekend.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to €2,900.00.

+ **REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Madge McGoey (née Hussey), Annaly Park; Mel Gilleran, The Demense; Krzysztof Szarlejko, Connolly Crescent; and Mary Murphy, Clontarf, (sister of Arthur Cumiskey) whose funerals took place during the week.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Tilda Nevin, Knockloughlin, Ballinalee Road and Michael Ward, Tuam, who were married in the Cathedral on Sat 12th June.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: Due to continued restrictions on gatherings, we will not be able to celebrate Mass in Ballymacormack Cemetery this year but all the graves will be blessed by the priests of the Parish during the coming week. At the 1pm Mass next Sunday, we will pray for all who rest in Ballymacormack cemetery and especially all who have been laid to rest this last year. Unfortunately, due to the restricted numbers allowed only those who already possess a ticket for the 1pm Mass may attend.

CONFIRMATION DATES 2021

Monday 16 th August	St. Eimear's N.S.	5pm
Tuesday 17 th August	Melview N.S.	5pm
Wednesday 18 th August	St. Joseph's N.S.	5pm
Thursday 19 th August	Gaelscoil Longfoirt	5pm
Friday 20 th August	Stonepark N.S.	5pm
Monday 23 rd August	St. Michael's N.S.	5pm

FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2021

Saturday 11 th September	St. Michael's N.S. St. Eimear's N.S.	11am 2pm
Saturday 2 nd October	Stonepark N.S. St Joseph's N.S.	11am 2pm
Saturday 9 th October	Melview N.S. Gaelscoil Longfoirt	11am 2pm

Gospel for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
JESUS CALMS THE STORM (Mark 4:35-41)



With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’

And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

‘Let us go across to the other side’

‘Let us go across to the other side’ is an important phrase in Mark’s Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus’ geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple’s astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ After all, Jesus has led them, and ‘other boats’ into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today’s Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, ‘Peace! Be Still’. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

‘May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.’ (Shane Claiborne).

Jane Mellett, *The Deep End, INTERCOM (JUNE 2021)*