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PARISH NEWSLETTER



Monday 23rd - Sunday 29th August 2021 – 21st Week in Ordinary Time

- Monday, 23rd August. St. Rose of Lima.**
8.00am: Kevin Farrell (Birthday Remembrance)
10.00am: Margaret and Edward Donlon (A)
- Tuesday, 24th August. St. Bartolomew, Apostle.**
8.00am: No intention
10.00am: Joe and Elizabeth Byrne (A)
- Wednesday, 25th August. St. Louis.**
8.00am: No intention
10.00am: Deceased members of the Gilleran family
- Thursday, 26th August.**
8.00am: Frank McLoughlin (1st A)
10.00am: No intention
- Friday, 27th August. St. Monica.**
8.00am: Padraic McGowan (A)
10.00am: No Intention
- Saturday, 28th August St Augustine of Hippo.**
8.00am: No Intention
10.00am: Helen (Nellie) Murphy and baby Patrick (A)
- Sunday, 29th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6.00pm (Vigil): Bob and Tillie Conroy (A)
7.30pm (Vigil): Brendan Bartley (A)
8.00am: No intention
10.00am: William Carroll (Month's Mind)
11.30am: Shared: 1. Jenny and Jimmy Hussey (A)
2. James Canning (A)
1.00pm: ONE
6.00pm: For all who supported the Hilliard family since Michael's passing

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to € 4,265.00.

BAPTISM: With great joy, we recently welcomed Marylou Faustina Ward and Maeve Horan into the Christian community.

NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNT:

The Parish has changed its bank account. Our new banking details are as follows: **Bank:** Allied Irish Bank, 58 Main Street, Longford

Account Name: St Mel's Cathedral

National Sort Code: 93-21-40 **Account No:** 02724370

IBAN: IE49AIBK93214002724370 **BIC:** AIBKIE2D

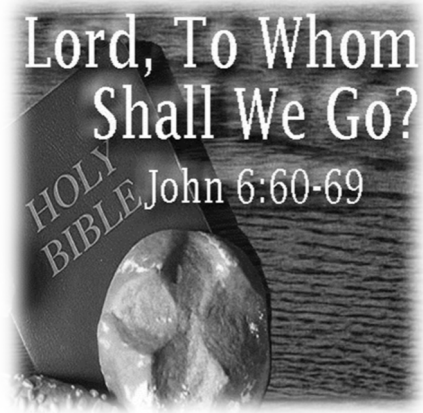
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings in the Family Centre on Tuesday's at 1pm; Wednesday's at 8pm; Thursday's at 1pm; Sunday's at 11.30am.

ACCORD is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. ACCORD is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Additional information is available on www.accord.ie. Contact by email to info@accord.ie. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest is Friday 27th August.

SEASON OF CREATION will be celebrated from 1st September - 4th October. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, to explore the rich content of Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si' and decide on what we can do to care for our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "Restoring Our Common Home".

VIRTUAL ALZHEIMER CAFÉ: The Longford branch of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, will hold their Monthly Virtual Alzheimer Café next Wednesday 25th August at 7.30 pm. Guest speaker on the night is Dr. Niamh Moran and her topic is 'Care for Carers'. The Café will then run on the last Wednesday of every month, with a different speaker and topic each month. The ASI Virtual Café provides a safe, warm and welcoming space online for people with dementia, their family and friends, along with social and health care professionals to meet and exchange ideas and learnings. For information contact Eileen on 085 8724475 or email longfordwestmeathvirtualcafe@alzheimier.ie The Alzheimer Society of Ireland National Helpline is open six days a week Monday to Friday 10am -5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm on 1800 341 341 and The Website is: www.alzheimier.ie

GOSPEL FOR 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, ‘This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?’ Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, ‘Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?’

‘It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, ‘this is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.’ After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, ‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’

LEAP OF FAITH

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

Triona Doherty. The Deep End, *INTERCOM*

**Holy One of God, you built up galaxies from nothing at all, and
wheat fields from barren earth.**

You come to us too as the grain of the land: our bread, our life.

You ask if we could ever leave you.

Well, where would we go?

Others have no Spirit or life.

**Please set our hearts on fire with your love! Help us to always
choose to love you in every joy and every sorrow, in all your
hungry people, in a crying earth, always love, always!**

Anne Osdieck