

paradox in what Paul hears the risen Lord say to him: 'My power is at its best in weakness'. Indeed, God worked most powerfully not through the wisdom and miracles of Christ but through the weakness of his passion and death. It is often when we most feel life as a struggle that God can touch our lives most powerfully and creatively. (Source: Fr. Martin Hogan – Jesus Our Servant) **Fr. Michael Carey**



Mass Intentions for this coming week St Colmcille's

Mon 10.00am People of the Parish	
Mon 10.00am Kathleen Fallon	
Tues 8.00am Brendan O'Keefe	Sat 6.30pm Liam Maxwell
Tues 10.00 Sheila Flynn	
Wed 8.00am Kathleen Whyte	Sun 8.30am Sean Andrews
Wed 10.00am Health Intention	
Thurs 8.00 Special Intention	Sun 11.00am Michael Caul
Thurs 10.00am Lily Hanlon	
Fri 8.00am Mary Egan	Sun 6.30pm Bridget & Jack McNulty
Fri 10.00am	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Mon & Fri:9.20am. Sun, 10.00am11.00am(Irish)& 12 noon
 There will be no Mass on Fridays here in Drynam during July and August, except on the First Friday of each month.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The procession at the Preparation of the Gifts allows for popular participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The practice of a procession declined severely after the year 1,000 due to less frequent communion when less material was needed, and to the change in the bread used. The Church takes care of what type of bread it uses. With the advent of the small host there was an increase in the money offered and a decrease in bread and wine. The restored rite involves the presentation of ourselves and of gifts with a view towards their being transformed.

Summer Singing Camp For boys & girls aged 7-15, in Clonliffe College, from Monday 17th to Friday 21st August. Fee: €100. Course Director: Blánaid Murphy. For an application form or further information, email procath@dublindiocese.ie or call 01-8745441 / ext. 218

Living the Paschal Mystery

If we take seriously our own commitment to live religious values and a life of faith, there will be times when we ourselves are faced with misunderstanding, rejection, and ridicule. Sometimes this is most painful when, like Jesus, the rejection comes from those closest to us. Indeed, the extent of resistance may be the measure of our commitment. Our faith commitment is best lived out in the simple, everyday opportunities to live as Jesus did that come our way. For example, when our children need time and direction, we surrender to their needs even when we are dog tired. Our when a friend needs help, we surrender to that need, even when we already have crowded schedules. By surrendering to these everyday ways of dying to self for the good of others, we live a life of faith and rise to God's saving new life. (Source: *Living Liturgy*)

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Thorn in the Flesh'

"Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple."



Newsletter Sunday 5th July 2015

In today's gospel reading, Jesus returns to his home town of Nazareth, having left there some time previously. He had spent the best part of thirty years in Nazareth. During that time he was known by all as a carpenter, the son of Mary. However, in the time since he left Nazareth, Jesus' life had taken a new direction. He had thrown himself into the work that God had given him to do. He had left Nazareth as a carpenter, he returned to Nazareth as a teacher and a healer. There was in fact much more to this man than his own townspeople had ever suspected while he was living among them. The gospel reading suggests that they could not accept this 'more'. They wanted him to be person they had always known, the carpenter. Jesus' homecoming turned out to be more painful than his leaving home. The one sent to proclaim the presence of God's kingdom was despised among his own relations and in his own house and rejected by them.

The people of Nazareth thought they knew Jesus. The image they had of him, which they held on to with great tenacity, became a block to their learning more about him. It was Jesus' very ordinariness that made it difficult for the people of Nazareth to see him as God saw him, in all his mystery. God was powerfully present to him in and through someone who was ordinary, in many respects as they themselves. God continues to come to us today in and through the ordinary, in and through those who are most familiar to us. In the religious sphere there can be a certain fascination with the extraordinary and the unusual. The gospels suggest, however, that the primary way the Lord Jesus comes to us is in and through the everyday. This is what we mean by the incarnation. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The ordinary is shot through with God's presence. The burning bush that fascinated Moses is everywhere.

The Lord can come to us in and through what we initially experience as something very negative. St. Paul made this discovery himself, according to our second reading today. He struggled with what he called a 'thorn in the flesh'. It is not easy to know what he means by this. It could refer to some physical ailment or to some person. Whatever it was, Paul wanted to be rid of it. He saw no good in it and prayed earnestly to the Lord to take it from him, fully expecting that his prayer would be heard. Paul's prayer was answered, but not in the way he had expected. In prayer he came to realise that God was powerfully present in and through this thorn in the flesh that he once had come to consider an instrument of Satan.

When we find ourselves struggling with something inside ourselves or with something outside ourselves, some person perhaps, we can be tempted to see the struggle as totally negative and just want to be rid of it. Like Paul, however, we can discover that this 'thorn in the flesh' is opening us up to God's presence. The very thing we judge to be of little or no value can create a space for God to work powerfully in our lives. There is something of a

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Antiphon – “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.”



Summer Schedule

The 10.00am is dropped for the summer and will return on Saturday 12th September

Saturday Morning Liturgies

Brackenstown – celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 10.00am followed by confessions from 10.30am to 11.30am

River Valley - celebrates Saturday Morning Mass at 11.00am followed by confessions until 11.30am

Shrines

The parish has maintained the cost of a candle at 20c, which I believe to be very reasonable given the cost of candles. Please I ask you to respect this charge of 20c per **ONE** candle. The shrines are a significant source of parish income. Can I also invite parents to supervise their children in lighting candles for the most important reason of avoiding them getting burnt and the secondary reason of stopping them for getting ‘carried away’ in the lighting. Thank You.

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE :Someone who sings prays twice.. St. Augustine (454-430)

St. Colmcille's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 8th August

Depart from the Star Pub at 8am. Stopping off for light breakfast on outward bound journey and on the return journey Carvery Dinner. Both at the Percy French Hotel, Strokestown. The cost of the coach is €15. For further details contact Mary @ 087-2711376, or Ita @ 01-8402268

Disturb us, O Lord

Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little; when we have arrived safely because we have sailed too close to shore. Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture more seas, where storms shall show your mastery, where losing sight of land we shall find stars. In the name of him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow him. Amen.
(Source: Flor McCarthy SDB)

Venerable Matt Talbot 90th Anniversary

First Friday Novena Mass and prayers for healing. will take place in St. Agatha's Church, North William Street, on Friday 3rd July at 7.30 pm. We pray especially for those suffering from any form of addiction, those in recovery, their families, and the wider community affected by alcohol and drug misuse. All are welcome. For further information please visit www.matttalbot.ie

The Link between Liturgy and Life

The Church has a vital role to play in shaping responsible citizens with moral character and with a willingness to contribute to the well-being of society. The liturgy and worship of the Church have much to do with these admirable goals. At divine worship, people receive the grace to help them to be formed ever more closely to Christ. The saving grace of the dying and rising of Christ are communicated to us in the Sacraments so that we might live more perfectly Christ's truth and virtues such as love, justice, mercy and compassion.

Every Mass ends with the mission to go forth and serve the Lord. This sending means that the love of God and neighbour and the moral implications of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments should be witnessed by the participants in everyday life. People of faith know that their liturgical experience provides a unique spiritual vision and strength for making this a better world.

The lives of the saints provide ample evidence of this truth. Saints of every age have improved healthcare and education and fostered the human dignity of the poor, the oppressed and the society at large. Saints attribute their remarkable energies to the power that comes from prayer and above all from the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. (Source: Liturgical Ordo, pg.195)

‘Laudato Si’ in Gardiner Street Church Wednesday 8th July, 7.30-9.00 pm approx.

Laudato Si - the encyclical of Pope Francis, with Fr Donal Dorr. Fr Dorr will break open the good news of this letter from the Pope; some suggestions and discussion on what it may mean for our future. Donation €5 appreciated

Feasts this Week.

St. Benedict, Abbot and Patron of Europe – Friday 11th July. Born c.480 and died c.547 and was educated in Rome. Turning his back on the worldliness, he retired to live as a hermit in a cave near Subiaco. His fame spread and disciples began to join him, whom he organized into twelve small monasteries. He eventually moved to Montecassino, where he founded the famous abbey, and produced his Rule, drawing on the monastic wisdom of the Christian East as well as earlier Western Rules and his own practical experience. He was proclaimed patron of Europe in 1964 by Pope Paul VI because of his essential influence in the formation of Christendom.

Morning Prayer

This prayer is said by Pope Francis every morning. It was composed by St. Thomas Moore
“Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.” “Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called ‘I.’ Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.”