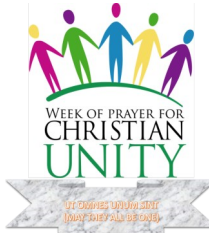


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Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is."
— Anne Frank

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle B—24th January 2021

Mass Times & Intentions

Due to the level 5 Covid-19 restrictions there will be no public celebration of Mass for the present. Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be streamed on the Parish Webcam or alternatively may be cancelled or booked for a later date. Because there is no public celebration of Mass, the Sunday Mass may be booked again for streaming until further notice.

Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The Church will not be open to the public during those times. Thank you.

The following anniversaries will be streamed at 10 am

- Sunday 24th: Private Intention
- Monday 25th: Patrick McKenna & Dfm, Gaigue
- Tuesday 26th: Dan Joe/Beezie McNerney & dfm
- Wednesday 27th: Margaret & John Quinn, Greagh
- Friday 29th: Sean Mulleady (Jnr), Creenagh
James/Mary Whitney, Fardromin
- Sunday 31st: Martin Collum, Lettergullion



Offertory €550, Xmas Dues €360. Thank you for your continued support in these difficult times.

Saints of the Week

- Sunday: St. Francis de Sales
- Monday: Conversion of St. Paul
- Tuesday: Sts. Timothy & Titus
- Wednesday: St. Angela Merici
- Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Saturday: St. Aidan



The Year of St. Mark's Gospel

During this coming year we are going to read our way through the gospel preached by St Mark. And today we hear about Jesus's first actions in inaugurating the kingdom of God. He proclaimed the good news that we should repent and begin life afresh; and he gathered about him the first members of his new people. Here, now, today, we are gathering as that new people, gathering around him and listening to him in the Liturgy of the Word; and then with him we are going to offer thanks to our heavenly Father in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Ordinary-A Reflection

There's something very ordinary for a fisherman about washing nets. Daily work, done with some drudgery but knowing that it is essential for a good catch of fish which would feed the family at this time Jesus called his first apostles.

There is something sacred about the ordinary. About bathing a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days. In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his service. Our expectation is sometimes different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or read about him, or do big things for him. just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary. The old Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. there were prayers for meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God as much in mountains and people as in the church, and often more so. Maybe the disciples remember in difficult times the way they were called in their ordinary work, and found their ongoing call to follow the Lord in the ordinary of their lives for the rest of their lives.

Give me O Lord a love for the ordinary; remind me how ordinary you were for so much of your life.

Amen.

Donal Neary S.J.



Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 14:17 (TNIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in Mark 1:14-20



1. The Son of God
A. Jesus B. Andrew C. Simon D. James
2. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
A. net B. sea C. lake D. boat
3. An area of Israel; the place of Jesus' ministry
A. kingdom B. Zebedee C. follow D. Galilee
4. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
A. net B. sea C. fish D. boat
5. A report of recent occurrences
A. boat B. news C. sea D. nets
6. A large body of water, smaller than an ocean
A. pond B. river C. sea D. creek
7. A small vehicle for travelling on water
A. fish B. net C. boat D. news
8. To get behind someone and go where they go
A. fish B. news C. repent D. follow

Worship from 24th December 2020 until reviewed by Government on 12th January 2021

- ♦ With effect from 26th December public worship moves on line. Outside speakers should not be used at this time as organised outdoor gatherings are not allowed at Level 5.
- ♦ **Churches** may remain open for private prayer.
- ♦ **Sacraments and devotions:** All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance. Novenas and other devotional practices may take place on line only, with no congregation present.
- ♦ **Funerals:** With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service.
- ♦ **Weddings:** Currently, up to 25 guests may attend a wedding in church. With effect from Sunday 3rd January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6.
- ♦ **Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls:** Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls not to take place under Level 5.
- ♦ Level 5 details are at: www.gov.ie

Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Sunday of the Word of God



Today we are celebrating Sunday of the Word of God. In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019 Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the **Sunday of the Word of God**. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.