

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time — 30th July 2023

Reflection—Where is your Treasure?

Real and authentic discovery of God brings joy. It is the joy of being in love and of staving in love with the one who never changes. We may let go of other loves then - even of people who keep us from the love of God. We are committed only to the treasure in the field, the love of God and the love of people who bring us to God. Our concern is to bring alive the gospel of Jesus in the world. We pray that others may find the treasure through us.

Hiding treasure seems to go against the inclination to share the good news. Perhaps there are times when I need to receive God's word quietly, turning it over in my heart, valuing it and considering my life in its light.

Nursing a Grievance

In a week when the airwaves, social and print media were captivated by the life and death of Sinead O'Connor RIP and her grievances with the Catholic Church, we might well ask ourselves what is 'my' attitude to faith and religion? Its sad that so much of the focus was this aspect of her life rather than her music output and her search for the 'pearl of great price' which was at the centre of her pain. We now hope she has found that hidden treasure and the peace it brings. Is the Kingdom of God the 'Pearl of great price' that I seek and excites me? Here is a poem to excise a grievance:

I had a little grievance, And I took it in with care. *I* watched for it and fostered it, And always it was there

It came to me at breakfast, It stalked me down to tea. At supper time 'twas just the same, It went to bed with me.

I tossed and tumbled with it. Till sleep became a bore; But a sense of humour tickled it, And now it's seen no more.



Mass Intentions

Sat	8.00:	Sean Mulleady (Snr)
Sun	11.00:	Tom Crowe
Mon	10.00:	Misa Pro Populo
Fri	8.00:	James Lennon
Sat	8.00:	Michael/Helen Jordan
Sun	11.00:	Rafał Helmrich

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Sun 9.30: Peter/Kathleen McCarthy, Aughadowry Fri 7.00: Sean Mulligan

Note: Mass streamed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.

Ministries for Next Week

Sat	Veronica Courtney
Sun	Marie McKeon
Sat	Kathleen McNally
Sun	Sr. Kathleen Duffy
Sun	Helen McKenna
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Communion Sun Kieran Duffy

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Thank you for your offertory $\in 1081$, Dues $\in 30$, Peter's Pence €34, Shrine €566. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are :

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Baptism

Anna Grace Donnelly d/o Declan & Rebecca, Battery Court, Longford was baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend. Wishing Anna Grace and her family grace and blessings.



- Mohill Computer Training are recruiting for full time QOI Level 5 course in September. Call 0719632024 or email Margaret margaret@mct.ie
- Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival which takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, praver, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. For more information go to www.youth2000.ie • First Friday: the sick and housebound will be attended as usual on Thursday and Friday.
 - The Earth

As we see our forests burn, our air polluted, our icecaps melting, earth's resources diminishing, our temperatures hotting up and climate change the hot topic of the moment, reflect on the following piece: God savs

I am the strength of the rock, the iron in our blood I am the copper in the watercress, The calcium in your broccoli, The magnesium in your carrots. I am the dance of decaying leaves. I am the energy that produces the oak. I am the power behind the transformation of seeds. I am the hidden food of flowers, of plants, of trees. I am the worm aerating your soil. I am the activity of the microbe. I am the miracle of all growing things. I am the ice age splitting the rock. I am the cradle of the primrose. I am the source of all food. I am the health of wholesome food. I am the bond of shared food. I am who am in soil.

(Author unknown)

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he had and bought it. **MATTHEW 13:45-46** Parable of the Pearl

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When the merchant found a pearl

of great value, he went away and

sold everything



When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV) Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

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