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BULLETIN

22nd August 2021 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time




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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am
Tuesday 8am & 7pm
Friday 8am & 7pm Communion Service

ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,
Monday-Friday: 10am
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
15th August - £2313.73
Donation Box – 1 x £50 & £40 loose
Car Park – 623.90
Our sincerest thanks to all our parishioners who have forwarded their offertory promise envelopes every week during this lockdown
Thank you for your continued generosity to your Parish and to your Priests.

 **Baptism**
We welcome the following children into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Leo Robert Thompson, Kilwilke Road
Izzy McNally, Belvedere Manor
Keane Dermot Kearney, Allengrove
Aoibhe Mary McKerr, Belvedere Manor

Our prayers and good wishes are extended to their families

All parents wishing to have a child baptised in St Peter's Parish, must notify the Parish Office in person. One month's notice is required.

Baptisms take place on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month @ 1.30pm



KNOCK SHRINE



On August 21, 1879, an event took place that would forever have a profound impact on the tiny and relatively unknown town of Knock, Ireland. Around 7:00 p.m. one of the villagers was passing by the church and saw an unusually bright light nearby. When another villager joined her, they gazed in amazement at what appeared to be statues on the side of the church. The night was dark and rainy and yet these images appeared with bright lights as plain as under the noon day sun. Soon, 15 people stood in silence.....gazing spellbound at the strange apparition that had appeared at the gable wall of their church. The apparition, **consisted of three figures: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and Saint John the Evangelist.**

The Blessed Virgin Mary was dressed in white robes and wore a golden crown. She had her hands raised in prayer. On her right stood Saint Joseph and on her left, Saint John. Saint Joseph was described by witnesses as an old man with grey whiskers, with his head bent in the direction of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint John was described as wearing a Mitre and holding a book in one hand, which the townspeople recognized easily as St. John the Evangelist. His other hand seemed to be indicating an altar behind him on which a young lamb could be clearly seen. And behind the lamb was a cross. Here was all of Christianity in a nutshell perhaps: The Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint John and most importantly the lamb.... the symbol of Jesus Christ. It was assumed by the villagers, according to their testimonies, that the apparition was to bring them solace at a time when famine and oppression were felt throughout Ireland.

They watched for over two hours in the pouring rain. Most of those who witnessed this apparition were adults, but the youngest of these was only 5 at the time. He had to be lifted by his older cousin so that he could witness the apparition.

Although there was only one apparition, and it was silent, the meaning behind this appearance was so significant to the downtrodden people of Ireland that Knock became Ireland's most famous and popular pilgrim destination. It is interesting that after this the visionaries went about living ordinary lives and attracting little attention.

The Feast of Our Lady of Knock is now celebrated in the Roman Calendar on August 17. The reason it is not celebrated on the 21st is that the date is reserved for the Feast of Saint Pius X on the Roman Calendar. In Knock, however, they celebrate **on August 21st**, the date of the apparition.

A note about one of the visionaries: The youngest of those who saw the vision, John Curry, who was 5 at the time, is buried on the grounds of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral in New York City's Little Italy area.

ACCORD
Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG 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.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 00353 1505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August.

Additional information is available on www.accord.ie.


SUNDAY BLESSING
May you feel content with the knowledge that you are loved and treasured by God.... May you feel relaxed and at peace knowing that the Lord is aware of your every need and He has promised to meet them... may you feel a sense of gratitude as you remember your blessings and may you find comfort knowing that someone is praying for you today. May the Lord's blessing be upon you today and every day!

GAELIC LEAGUE
Registration for Irish Language Classes will take place in the Gaelic League, North Street on Thursday 26th August from 7.00 - 8.30pm.
Usual covid rules will apply.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel John 6:60-69

- In this chapter Jesus teaches that the meaning of his life, and the meaning of all human life, lies in being prepared to give of oneself. Perhaps you can identify with what Pope Francis says: 'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others...' (*Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel, no10*)
- 'This teaching is difficult', complained his hearers, including some of his own followers. Perhaps at times you also have wondered if you could go along with it. What helped you to overcome your resistance?
- 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.' In the midst of your doubts perhaps you have held on to your faith in Jesus because, like Peter, you found a more hopeful message in Jesus than you could find anywhere else. How has the gospel message been more attractive to you than any other?

ADORATION CHAPEL
Edward Street Private Prayer
Only Adoration 9am - 7pm

 *"O Blessed Host, I trust in you when the burdens are beyond my strength, and I find my efforts are fruitless" (St Faustina)*

CHRISTMAS OUTING 2021
Glad to say our 'Annual Christmas Fun Day' trip to Dublin is on this year. Saturday 4th December with a 3 course Christmas dinner in the Canal Court Hotel - **£30**
To book your place please contact Gerard 3832 4741 or Noel 079 5547 5650

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist and ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



RECENTLY DECEASED
Ann Craig nee Menary, Manor Park
Colin Toomey, Liscorran Court/Parknasilla Way
Celine McConville, Kilmaine Street
James McMullan, Annesborough Road
Rosemarie Smyth, Oakleigh Grove

ANNIVERSARIES
Sunday 22nd August
Kathleen Mallon, Elmwood Terrace
Daniel Conway, Ulster Street
Patsy Mulligan, Arva, Co Cavan
John Eddie McDowell, Mary Street
Betty McGeown, Melbourne, Australia
Eileen Haddock, Brownlow Terrace
Bernadette Heaney, North Street
Aileen McHale, Blair Drive
John & Mary Magennis, O'Neill's Terrace

Monday 23rd August
Rosenna Bradford, Wellington Street
Stephen Duff, Carrigart Manor
Kitty & William Seeley, Kilmaine Street

Tuesday 24th August
Philomena McIlkenny, Waring Street
Edward (Eddie) Shanks, Francis Street

Wednesday 25th August
Lily & Edward Breen, Edward Street
Marie Seeley nee Shine, Desmond Avenue
Davy Lewsley, Portadown
Rose McPhillips, Derryash Road, Aghalee

Thursday 26th August
No anniversaries

Friday 27th August
Gary McCaughley, Victoria Gardens
Shirley Magennis, Maple Court
Joseph Heaney, North Street
Thomas Dummigan, Clara Street
Elizabeth Brady, Shore Road
Sean Quinn, North Street
Stella Doran

Saturday 28th August
Stephen Totton, Ashgrove Park
Annette Williamson, Church Walk
Winnie Heaney, Kilwilke Road
Alice McCrory, Thomas Street
Sean O'Neill, Wolfisland Terrace
Linda Farrell, Leicestershire/Wolfisland Terrace

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen

Requests for Anniversaries and Month's Mind notices should be left into the Parish Office on or before 12 noon on the Wednesday of the week before if they are to be included in the Bulletin.

The minimum diocesan stipend is £10. As we have a booking system, anniversaries can be booked in advance until the end of the year. Please use the anniversary envelopes at the back of the Church