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Jesus and hospitality: God's footprints



The half door on the old Irish house had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe.

Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him - Mary just sat there listening to him - the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house.

The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives.

The Indian poet Tagore writes - '*and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.*'

Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. '*Self knows that self is not enough*' writes the poet, Brendan Kennelly.

*For friendship and love,
especially when I find it in unexpected places and people,
thank you, Lord.*



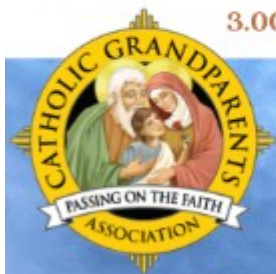
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NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022

3.00pm on Sunday 24 July 2022 in Knock Basilica



Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam and Patron of the Catholic Grandparents Association who will lead the pilgrimage and the celebration of the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine.

Music at the Mass: The combined choirs of Knock Parish directed by Una Nolan, Director of Music at Knock Shrine.

Reflection: Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents Association.

Children's Prayer Appeal: Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to Knock Shrine Museum.

2.30pm: Anointing of the Sick

3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.



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THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON CAN TAKE PART ONLINE AT WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH



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Fr Tom Burke R.I.P. This weekend we give thanks to God for the gift of Fr Tom Burke and for his priesthood. We pray for his soul that he is now rejoicing in the peace of heaven. Fr Tom was from the Lone Moor Road. Having studied for priesthood in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny, he was ordained on 5th June 1960. He served as priest in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle in England until 2014. Then he returned to Derry. Over the last eight years Fr Tom has served in St Eugene's parish and has often celebrated mass here in the waterside parish. May he live in eternal peace.

Bishop Daly. A Man for All Seasons (Monday 8th August—Sunday 14th August) This exhibition has been compiled to celebrate the life, influence, work and legacy of Bishop Edward Daly. The title of the exhibition, A Man For All Seasons, was chosen to pay tribute to the wide and varied contribution he made to peace and reconciliation in Ireland, to Derry and its Diocese, to the search for justice and to healing the differences that divide Northern Ireland. He lived out the words of Christ in his work. The project has been kindly supported by Derry and Strabane District Council. Location-St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry.

Accord Derry Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (limited to 15 couples per course). Booking now online at www.accordni.com

Thornhill Ministries One-day Retreat: 'Staying nourished - Staying connected.' A Retreat Day to help us to ponder on Faith Pathways in Difficult Times Speaker: Fr Paschal McDonnell ofm.

Day/Date: Monday 25 July 2022, 10:15 - 4:00pm. Everglades Hotel, Derry.

To Book: thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org. See website for more details.

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival: Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie



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Our Parish Mass Schedule

Weekday schedule Monday to Friday

09.15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's,
11:00am St Oliver Plunkett
11:00am St Mary's Oratory (**Wednesday only**)
07:30pm St Columb's

Saturday Morning

10:00am St Columb's
11:00am Immaculate Conception

Weekend schedule Vigils

06:00pm Immaculate Conception
06:00pm St Oliver Plunkett
07:00pm St Columb's
08:00pm Immaculate Conception

Morning (Sunday)

09:15am St Mary's Oratory
10:15am Immaculate Conception
10:00am St Columb's
11:15am St Oliver Plunkett
12:15pm Immaculate Conception

Evening (Sunday)

12:30pm St Columb's
06:00pm St Columb's

The [full schedule](#) is available on the parish website

All Liturgies are streamed on www.youtube.com/watersideparish



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REST IN PEACE

Deaths:

Gerry Hutton, Prehen Park, **Joe Leitch**, Knockdara, **Pat Cassidy**, Rockport Park, **Brian Carlin**, Derryview Terrace

Anniversaries:

Michael Friel, Dolores McGuinness, Colman Logue, Maggie Owens, Ellen Lynch, Mary Murray, Kathleen Murray, Lexie Smith, Ruby Sharkey, Sarah Keys, Johnny McCrystal, Kathleen Ryan, Annie and Billy Gillespie, Paddy O'Kane, George, Agnes and Des Duffy, Jimmy Curran, Margaret Kelly, Margaret and Terry Neely

A Spiritual Communion

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.



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