



Parish News

Sunday 24th July

Lord teach us to pray



Staying with the important theme of prayer, this week's extract from Luke brings the teaching on prayer that accompanied the giving of the Our Father. In Luke, Jesus teaches this prayer because the disciples have asked for his help. The form of the prayer is the short one, as opposed to the longer version in Matthew which was adopted by the church as the version for use in the liturgy. In its short form we see even more clearly how this simple prayer has all that we need. We praise God as Father, we acknowledge that we want what he wants and that we trust him to look after us. We also recognise our need for forgiveness and our willingness to forgive. Finally we ask that in the life of faith we will not have to endure anything that would cause us to lose that faith. In what follows, Jesus uses the images of the unwilling friend and the caring parent to make us think about the relationship with God that should lie behind our prayer. God is the loving Father and in giving us the Holy Spirit he is holding back nothing.

Reflection

Today's gospel is about prayer and in it Jesus encourages his followers to persevere in prayer and not to lose heart. The unanswered request and the door that remains shut are not unusual experiences for people who pray. Indeed we can be left wondering why our prayers are not answered. Is it because we lack faith or worse still because of our sins?

At such times we need to remember that Christian prayer is not about magic nor is it an elaborate heavenly lottery. Being baptised means that we share in the dying and rising of Christ, not just once but many times on our way home to the Father. Prayer teaches us about what is really important and, while it does not always take away our pain, through it we can come to understand a little better how and where God is at work in our lives.



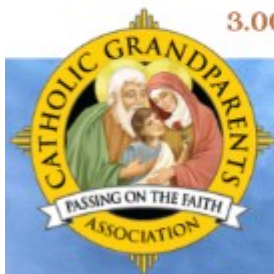
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NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

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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Thank You from the Archbishop of Lviv for the generosity and support of the people of the diocese ... [Read More](#)

The Diocesan Priesthood. Anyone interested in studying for the diocesan priesthood is invited to attend a weekend “Come & See” retreat from 26-28 August. “It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples.” Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother?

If you are considering such a vocation, speak to Fr Pat O'Hagan (Diocesan Vocations Director), pgoh2111@gmail.com or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

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.

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:

Agnes Webb, Gelvin Gardens, **Ann O'Doherty**, Benvarden Ave,
Helen Strawbridge, McNaul Park, Brigade

Anniversaries:

Phonsie Curran, Roseanne McCauley, Terry Doran,
Gerald McCloskey, Noel O'Donnell, Elizabeth Sharkey

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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