



# Parish News

## Sunday 28th August

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### The cost of being a disciple ...

The message from today's Gospel is "the cost of being a disciple." Jesus is on the road, going from village to village to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God. Here he speaks of true discipleship. A disciple is one who is learning or has learned from a master or teacher or one who follows the teachings prescribed by a master or teacher. The demands of discipleship require a total dedication on the part of a Christian. For some time now, large crowds had been travelling with Jesus. The time had now arrived for Jesus to sift those who were truly committed from those who were not. To make the choice and to discern, Jesus presents two parables. In the first parable, Jesus narrated that before someone builds a tower, he sits down and calculates the cost. If he does not have enough wealth to finish the tower, in all wisdom, he does not begin the project. Otherwise, he would be a laughing stock. In the second parable, Jesus said that a king going to war against forces that are far more superior to his, must carefully calculate the cost and consider his chances of winning the battle. So it is with Christian discipleship.

Counting the cost is a very important factor when it comes to conversion. The potential convert must decide if he will receive the Sacrament of initiation or Baptism as a condition of his membership in the Body of Christ, the invisible Kingdom of God on earth. He must decide if afterward, he will have the fidelity to remain righteous in the eyes of the Lord God. He must decide if he is prepared to commit his living faith in Christ on a daily basis until the end. Therefore a true disciple must forsake everything to follow Jesus. He turns around and says words that were quite shocking to his hearers and sound pretty harsh to us too: "If anyone comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life, that person cannot be my follower or disciple." When Jesus said that His disciples must "hate father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself," he means to have single-hearted devotion to Jesus.



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**Remember in Prayer:** the two friends Reuven Simon and Joseph Sebastian, who were part of our parish community, died after getting into difficulty at Enagh Lough on Monday evening.

The boys, who were from the city's Indian Kerala community, and were pupils at St. Columb's College had received their GCSE results the previous week.



A joint funeral for the boys took place on Friday at 11:00am in St Mary's Church, Ardmore. with Requiem Mass in the Syro-Malabor Rite

As we commend them to the Lord, we ask that you remember them, their families and friends in prayer at this very sad time.

### **Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme**

Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake  
Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4:30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9:00 – 5:00pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living:** Do you feel restless, do you sense there is a deeper meaning to life, that God is out there but you feel disconnected. This 20 session course via Zoom between September and March is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality. For further details, have a look at the Drumalis Facebook page or website or contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 – 5pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumais@btconnect.com](mailto:drumais@btconnect.com)

**The Season of Creation** began on 1<sup>st</sup> September and runs until October 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 with the theme '*Listen to the Voice of Creation*'. Resources are available [here](#)

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**First Anniversary Mass:** The 7:00pm Mass in St Columb's Church on Saturday 10th September will be offered as a first anniversary Mass for Fr Aidan Mullan

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from February 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee and other important sites, this is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Price is €1,895 / £1,655pps including taxes and tips. For more details, email [info@marian.ie](mailto:info@marian.ie) or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

The monthly **Matt Talbot freedom from addiction Mass** will take place in St Eugene's Cathedral at 7:30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for yourself or somebody you may know who has an addiction. To enroll someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email [vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com) or Call (028) 71262894

### **WHEN IT IS DARKEST: Understanding Suicide**

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre Saturday Workshop

Suicide can affect any one of us and despite the scale of devastation for individuals, family and friends, it is still poorly understood. This workshop will untangle the complex reasons behind suicide and dispel unhelpful myths. It will also provide compassionate advice on how best to help someone vulnerable and support those struggling through the tragedy of suicide to find strength in the darkest of places. Saturday, 24th September 2022 cost £40 / 45 Euro

Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA. Fr Lagan is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist.

### **National Synthesis of the Synodal Process**

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published the National Synthesis of the Synodal Process conducted across the Church in Ireland from Autumn 2021. The National Synthesis is the fruit of a wide-ranging process of listening and consultation and is based on the syntheses produced by the 26 dioceses in Ireland, as well as those submitted by religious congregations and other interested groups. The report is available on the parish website (or by clicking on the link above). We would encourage everyone to read the final document.

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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](http://www.youtube.com/watersideparish)*

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### REST IN PEACE

#### Deaths:

**Joseph Sebastian**, Blackthorn Manor, **Reuven Simon**, Shepherd's Glen  
**Terry McLaughlin**, Ardilea Drive, **Charlie Kelly** Manor Wood

#### Anniversaries:

George McCready, George McLaughlin, Isobel Higgins, Joe Dunlop,  
Hugh O'Kane, George McCarron, Joan Walker, Norman Walker,  
Patrick McLaughlin, McCarter Family, Mickey McNaught, Nellie Ward,  
Caroline Armstrong, William O'Donnell, Mark O'Donnell, John and  
Annie Doherty, Mickey and Teresa Feeney, Paul Crossan

#### A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

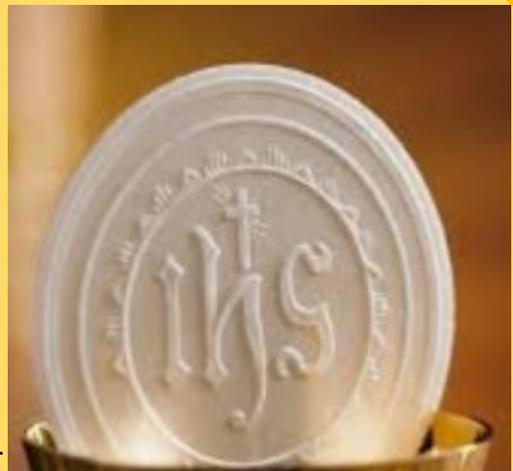
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

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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