

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening 6.30pm
Sunday Morning 9.30am & 11.30am

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday 9.30am

Confessions

After Saturday evening Mass & on request

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass
until 9pm &
1st Saturday from 7.30pm
to 9.30am Sunday

[Jesus said to his disciples,]

"How fortunate you are!... Many of God's people wanted very much to see what you see, but they could not, and to hear what you hear, but they did not."

Matthew 13:16-17

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 4pm

Parents, living in the Parish, who wish to have their child baptised must give at least 2 weeks notice and will be visited by members of the Baptism Preparation Team to assist you in your preparation for the Sacrament.

Seeds of Faith Newsletter

Available in the Front Porch
& on our Facebook Page



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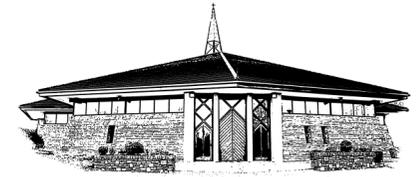
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Fr. Brian Quinn P.P.

Fr. James Gillespie C.C.

THE DEEP END

The generous sower

Can you picture it? I love the image of Jesus sitting in a boat, addressing the crowds on the beach. He certainly knew how to hold their attention. And he knew they would understand him more clearly if he used the language of stories. Those listening would have been familiar with the cycle of planting seeds and waiting for them to produce a crop. One of the purposes of parables is to challenge the hearers to reflect and respond with faith. So this parable of the sower requires Jesus' audience to decide what kind of soil they are. There is a message of judgment for those who are hardened like the rocky soil, and a message of hope for those who are receptive like the rich soil.

The figure of the sower is important too. The sower does not confine the seeds to soil that is fertile and ready for growth. Rather, the seeds are scattered everywhere – on the path, patches of rock, and among thorns. Jesus does not discriminate. His love is given out for all. He knows that some of it may be rejected, or accepted only on a superficial level, but he offers it anyway. That offer of love is never withdrawn. It might take a while to bear fruit, but it is always there.

'Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.' *Pope Francis*

Triona Doherty

FOODCLOUD

Tesco stores in conjunction with Foodcloud have a food donation programme whereby surplus food is donated to local groups every evening. Since starting in 2014, over 4 million meals have been donated to those who need it through various groups such as soup runs, women's refuges and school breakfast clubs. Do you know a group who benefit from this? If so, please contact your nearest Tesco store or Mary Cronolly, Area Community Champion on 087 2224442.

APPEAL FOR ROSARY BEADS

The Church in Nigeria has called for a Year of Prayer for Nigeria and Bishops there are appealing for Rosary Beads. If you have spare Rosary Beads can you kindly place them in the box in the Main Porch of the Church please or they can be given directly to Ann Boyle.

LETTERKENNY GAELS GAA SUMMER FUN

Letterkenny Gaels GAA are still taking bookings for their remaining two Summer Camps. From 24th-28th of July the popular Kellogg's Cúl Camp takes place while the Camogie Camp takes place from 18th-20th of August. New members are always welcome. See Letterkenny Gaels GAA Facebook for more information.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday, 17th to Sunday, 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-35. This is an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people - over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland attended last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses are travelling from all over Ireland. For more info or to book online please visit www.youth2000.ie or call 01-6753690.

ARE YOU FINDING LIFE TOUGH?

Do you suffer from stress, anxiety or depression? Have you experienced bereavement and finding it difficult to cope? The Pastoral Centre offers counselling for adults, children and adolescents in a confidential environment. We also have a bereavement program that runs for 8 weeks in September. We run a suicide support program for 8 weeks that begins late September. This is suitable for anyone who has lost someone to suicide. Groups are small so that people feel safe and supported in a confidential space. If you are interested in Counselling or any of the groups please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Centre at: 074 9121853, or check our website at: www.raphoepastoralcentre.ie.

LETTERKENNY C. D. P. - IT - KEEP IN TOUCH

Letterkenny CDP are running a programme to help people learn to use your computer/laptop mobile phone in your own home or with friends in a group setting. We will come to you, you tell us what you want to know and we will show you what to do. We will bring the laptops and access to the internet (if you don't have it). For further information call 0749120633 / 0749125796

SUMMER SERENITY

Join us for an afternoon at the IOSAS Centre and Celtic Garden. Light lunch at 1pm with music / storytelling on Thursdays 27th July, 10th/ 24th Aug followed by a visit to the Prayer Garden or Organic Garden. Cost €10/£8. Booking Essential. Ring IOSAS Centre (00353) 7493 84866 for further info / booking. All welcome.

DIOCESE OF RAPHOE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace Group are encouraging everyone to support an Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa that will take place in our parish on the weekend 22nd/23rd July. Over 25 million people in countries like Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous - please support this appeal and help Trocaire to reach more people with life-saving aid. Thank you.

RELIC OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Formerly known as Mother Teresa is visiting Ireland. On Tuesday 8th August the Relic will arrive into the Cathedral at approximately 5 pm and will leave at 2pm on Wednesday 9th August. There will be guided Hours of Prayer and an All Night Vigil during the visit. We invite and encourage Parish Groups/ Individuals to lead an hour during this time. Please call the Parish Office on 9121021.

FR. EAMONN MCLAUGHLIN

On Sunday 13th August, Fr. Eamonn McLaughlin will celebrate the 6.30 pm Mass in the Cathedral followed by light refreshments in the Loreto Convent Foyer/Canteen. Everyone is very welcome. Fr. McLaughlin will take up his next appointment in Rome in early September.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On Wednesday 26th July at 7.30pm a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Eunan's Cathedral by Bishop Philip Boyce. Light refreshment will be served in the Loreto Convent Foyer/Canteen afterwards. Everyone is very welcome.