St. Mary's Cathedral 23rd July 2023

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Please remember the following in your prayers

T.J. Tallent, Grovine

Frank Duggan, Castlecomer Road John McCabe, Freshford Road Joan Knaggs, Bishopsmeadows

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Bella Scott, Walkin Street

Billy Young.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Mass during the week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Communion Service on Thursday morning.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday during this coming week.

CATHEDRAL MONTHLY DRAW

The July draw will take place in the Chapter House on Wednesday 26^{th} July.

COELIAC AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that if you are gluten intolerant you are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the Ciborium that has Coeliac Hosts. Please present to receive in the right hand side aisle and indicate to the minster your preference

GRAVEYARD MASSES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27th July - 7.30pm

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

International World Day for Grandparents and the elderly is celebrated today Sunday July 23rd.

The theme offered by Pope Francis this year is 'His Mercy is from age to age' (Lk.1:50) We all know the wonderful part played by the elderly and by grandparents in all our parishes, so it is all the more important that we mark the celebration locally as well as universally.

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating this day in Knock Shrine will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

ROSARY AT THE STATUE OF OUR LADY

Rosary will be recited on Thursday 27th July at 6.30pm at the Statue of Our Lady, James's Green.

BEST OF LUCK, FR. SCRIVEN

After 5 years, we say goodbye and good luck as you take up your new appointment as Parish Priest of Castlecomer. You will be greatly missed by all. We thank you for your dedication to the people of St. Mary's over the past 5 years. We wish you well and will pray for you in your new ministry.

All are Invited for refreshments in the Chapter House on Friday 28th at 7pm.

Donations can be dropped in to Parish Office on Monday and Tuesday.

PRIORY INSTITUTE DUBLIN

Two week summer school on the Gospel of John will run from 14 to 28^{th} August. The course will include eight recorded presentations and two online zoom discussions. See www.prioryinstitute .com for further information and registration.

ANNUAL CAMINO WALK

On Sunday July 30th at 2.30 pm the annual Camino walk will take place in Jenkinstown Park. The walk will start in the carpark of Jenkinstown Church and will stop at different points to remember the themes and pointers of the Santiago de Compostela walk. Pilgrim reflections and thoughts from Santiago will be read and a stop at St. Colman's well will be part of the annual walk. This years walk will coincide with the Camino gathering in the Cathedral of Santiago De Compostela. Blessed medals from Santiago will be given to each walker. All Welcome.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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THE ROMERO PRAYER

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Sagina, drafted for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in November 1979. Misattributed by Cardinal Basil Hume to Archbishop Oscar Romero

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