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PARISH NEWSLETTER



Monday 12th July - Sunday 18th July 2021 - 15th Week in Ordinary Time.

Monday, 12th July.

8.00am: Special intention.

10.00am: Mary Nolan. (A)

Tuesday, 13th July. St Henry.

8.00am: Grandmother Helena, uncles Josef & Milan & Orackova family

10.00am: Regina Minnock. (A)

Wednesday, 14th July. St Camillus de Lellis.

8.00am: No intention.

10.00am: Special intention.

Thursday, 15th July. St Bonaventure.

8.00am: No intention.

10.00am: Special intention.

Friday, 16th July. Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

8.00am: No intention.

10.00am: Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Saturday, 17th July.

8.00am: No intention.

10.00am: Mel Gilleran. (Month's mind)

Sunday, 18th July. 16th Sunday of the Year.

6.00pm (Vigil): No intention.

7.30pm (Vigil): Margaret O'Hara. (A)

8.00am: No intention.

10.00am: John, Hannah and Denis Cremins.

11.30am: Shared: Anne Stock. (A)

John Garrahy. (A)

1.00pm: Kevin Masterson. (A)

6.00pm: Michael Kelly.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to €3,405.00.

BAPTISM: With great joy we recently welcomed Julian Beck Moohan into the Christian community.

NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNT: The Parish has changed its bank account. Our new banking details are as follows:

- **Bank :** Allied Irish Bank, 58 Main Street, Longford
- **Account Name:** St Mel's Cathedral
- **National Sort Code:** 93-21-40
- **Account No:** 02724370
- **IBAN:** IE49AIBK93214002724370
- **BIC:** AIBKIE2D

+ **REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Father Gerard Carroll, Temple Michael Glebe and Catherine Mulhern (née Martin), Whiterock whose funerals took place during the week.

JULY IS REEK MONTH - PILGRIMAGE ON CROAGH PATRICK: The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick will be going ahead this year in a much extended format from Thursday 1st to Saturday 31st July. The Masses (Wednesday - Saturday) will be limited to the numbers permitted for outdoor gatherings at that particular time, which is 200 people. Details on www.westportparish.ie and on signage in the carpark at the start of the ascent. Pilgrims are asked to plan their trip to Croagh Patrick as early as possible and keep in mind that mid-week is traditionally a quieter time to climb.

SUNDAY WEDDINGS IN CHURCH: In our diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois we would like to help accommodate those who had to postpone their wedding because of the Pandemic, we are now allowed to have Sunday Weddings up to 31st December 2022. These marriages take place with the same guidelines as at present.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL concludes next Friday 16th July with Mass at 10am.

GOSPEL FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 6:7-13

'He began to send them out.'

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

After the rejection in Nazareth by his own people, Jesus went to other places to preach. Today we read how he sent out his closest friends, the Twelve, with special instructions and powers. Like Jesus, the apostles were to go out preaching and teaching the Good News. They too, like their Lord and the prophet Amos in today's First Reading, will face rejection. Jesus gave them detailed instructions as to what to carry and how long to stay in any given place. These were indications for the early Christians of the need to move quickly and urgently. We find a strong connection between these instructions and the ones given by God to the Israelites before they fled Egypt. The notion of traveling light, or to “take nothing for the journey,” rather than being a burden makes the traveling easier. There is no need to carry heavy things; trust in God is enough. We know that Mark wrote his Gospel around the year 70 A.D. At this time of persecution and rejection by both Jews and Romans, this early Gospel encouraged his readers to always trust in God's care.

Today's reading offers three significant messages:

- **The disciples should not place their trust in “what” they bring to the mission, but on “who” they proclaim.**

- **Mark conveys urgency in the proclamation of the Good News. Do not try to convince the reluctant. The mission is pressing, so the evangelisers must keep moving.**

- **Jesus and his followers lived on the margins of society, always on the edge of rejection.**

1. Do I welcome into my life the people who live in the margins of today's society? Do they walk away from me “shaking the dust off their feet” because I do not welcome them? Explain.

2. Am I putting all my trust in the “baggage” that I have collected throughout my life instead of traveling light trusting in God?

