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PARISH NEWSLETTER



Monday 18th January to Sunday 24th January 2021.

Monday, 18th January.

8.00am: Baby Fionnan McCormack. (*Rem*)

10.00am: Brian Flynn (A)

Tuesday, 19th January.

8.00am: Dan O Sullivan. (A)

10.00am: Thomas Harvey (1st A).

Wednesday, 20th January - St. Fabian. St. Sebastian.

8.00am: Eileen McNally & her son Rene. (A)

10.00am: Veronica Kilbride & Mo Cullen (A).

Thursday, 21st January. St. Agnes.

8.00am: John Healy, *recently deceased*.

10.00am: Con, Hannah and Condry O Sullivan (A).

Friday, 22nd January. St. Vincent.

8.00am: Moira (Maura) Colfer, *recently deceased*.

10.00am: Marjorie, & Mary Fionnuala (*Sick*)

Saturday, 23rd January.

8.00am: Liam Briody (*Months Mind*).

10.00am: Frank McVeigh, *recently deceased*.

Sunday, 24th January. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

6.00pm (*Vigil*): Deceased members of the McCabe family. (A).

7.30pm (*Vigil*): Sean Connolly. (A).

8.00am: Holy Souls.

10.00am: Kathleen O Hara. (A).

11.30am: *Shared*. Mary & Kevin Fitzmaurice & their grandparents.
Karen Curren-Clarke. (A).

1.00pm: Pat Fanning. (1st A)

6.00pm: Marjorie, who is sick.

†**REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Paula Ganley, Foynes Court and formerly Annaly Park who was laid to rest during the week.

CHRISTMAS DUES: There has been an extraordinary level of generosity by very many people over the Christmas period towards the priests of the Parish and we thank you most sincerely for all your support, spiritual, emotional, financial and continual affirmation. We also want to express our thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Dues collection that amounted to: € 27,800.00.

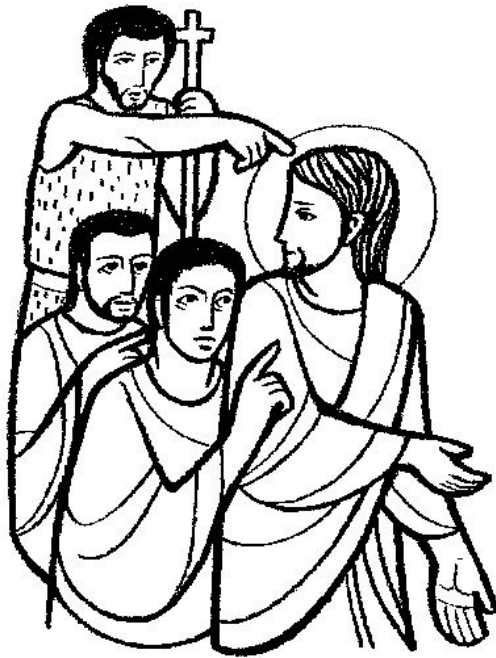
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to €3,636.00. You may drop your envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. Or you may prefer to offer financial support electronically, the following are our banking details: **St Mels Cathedral Account. Permanent TSB. BIC: IPBSIE2D; IBAN: IE48IPBS99073152096969**

BOX OF ENVELOPES FOR 2021: If for any reason you did not receive your box of envelopes for the current year could you please contact the Presbytery where we can arrange for a box to be delivered to your home. Thanks to all people throughout the Parish who assisted with the distribution of envelopes this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM: The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has been suspended under Level 5 restrictions. All Baptisms will be re-scheduled at a later date.

HOLY HOUR: On Saturday evening from 8.15pm-9.15pm we will have a Holy Hour in the Cathedral. The Holy Hour will be weekly until the end of the current restrictions.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH will be led by the priests each weekday evening at 7.30pm and followed by Night Prayer. While Evening Prayer may not be familiar to everyone, it might be a prayerful experience to pray with us each evening.



Gospel: John 1:35-42

They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH was announced by Pope Francis on 8th December last, with the Apostolic Letter '*Patris Corde*' ('With a Father's Heart'). Pope Francis recalls the 150th Anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion the year from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021 has been proclaimed by Pope Francis as a 'Year of Saint Joseph.' We ask St Joseph to intercede for us. The Apostolic Letter concludes with the following prayer:

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY: The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday next, 18th January and lasts until Monday 25th. The theme this year is "**Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit**", based on John 15:1-17. Obviously, the Covid-19 pandemic has limited our options for marking this week in 2021 but we are encouraged to pray together in our homes. For prayer and other resources visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>.

*God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through
our brothers and sisters.
Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences
and live in forgiveness.
Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person
comes to light.
May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ.*