

**PARISH OF TEMPLEMICHAEL & BALLYMACORMACK.**

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**



**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021: 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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| <b>Monday,</b>    | <b>21<sup>st</sup> June. St. Aloysius Gonzaga</b>                 |
| 8.00am:           | Geraldine McCormack (RIP)   |
| 10.00am:          | Michael O'Hara and his daughter Louise Davidson (A)               |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | <b>22<sup>nd</sup> June. St. John Fisher and St. Thomas Moore</b> |
| 8.00am:           | Martin Mangan (RIP)   |
| 10.00am:          | Michael and Tomás Rodgers (A)                                     |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> June.</b>                                      |
| 8.00am:           | Holy Souls  |
| 10.00am:          | Moya Shaw (1 <sup>st</sup> A)                                     |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | <b>24<sup>th</sup> June. The Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>    |
| 8.00am:           | Special Intention   |
| 10.00am:          | Deceased members of the Handley and Gilnagh families (A)          |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | <b>25<sup>th</sup> June.</b>                                      |
| 8.00am:           | Special Intention   |
| 10.00am:          | Christina and John Kiernan (A)                                    |
| <b>Saturday,</b>  | <b>26<sup>th</sup> June.</b>                                      |
| 8.00am:           | Fr Seán Sheahan   |
| 10.00am:          | Michael Stokes (A)  |
| <b>Sunday,</b>    | <b>27<sup>th</sup> June. 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.</b>  |
| 6.00pm (Vigil):   | Paschal Cassells (A)  |
| 7.30pm (Vigil):   | Arthur O'Connor (1 <sup>st</sup> A)                               |
| 8.00am:           | Mass for the dying  |
| 10.00am:          | Elizabeth Mulligan (Month's Mind)                                 |
| 11.30am: Shared:  | 1. Elizabeth McVeigh (2 <sup>nd</sup> A)                          |
|                   | 2. Tom and Margaret Ward (A)                                      |
| 1.00pm:           | Cemetery Sunday Mass (In the Cathedral)                           |
| 6.00pm:           | Nuala Sheahan (A)   |

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** With great joy we welcomed Clodagh Eileen Frances Courtney into the Christian community last weekend.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to €2,900.00.

+ **REST IN PEACE:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Madge McGoey (née Hussey), Annaly Park; Mel Gilleran, The Demense; Krzysztof Szarlejko, Connolly Crescent; and Mary Murphy, Clontarf, (sister of Arthur Cumiskey) whose funerals took place during the week.

**WEDDING:** Congratulations to Tilda Nevin, Knockloughlin, Ballinalee Road and Michael Ward, Tuam, who were married in the Cathedral on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> June.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY:** Due to continued restrictions on gatherings, we will not be able to celebrate Mass in Ballymacormack Cemetery this year but all the graves will be blessed by the priests of the Parish during the coming week. At the 1pm Mass next Sunday, we will pray for all who rest in Ballymacormack cemetery and especially all who have been laid to rest this last year. Unfortunately, due to the restricted numbers allowed only those who already possess a ticket for the 1pm Mass may attend.

**CONFIRMATION DATES 2021**

|                                   |                     |     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August    | St. Eimear's N.S.   | 5pm |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August   | Melview N.S.        | 5pm |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August | St. Joseph's N.S.   | 5pm |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August  | Gaelscoil Longfoirt | 5pm |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> August    | Stonepark N.S.      | 5pm |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August    | St. Michael's N.S.  | 5pm |

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES 2021**

|                                     |                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------|
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> September | St. Michael's N.S.  | 11am |
|                                     | St. Eimear's N.S.   | 2pm  |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | Stonepark N.S.      | 11am |
|                                     | St Joseph's N.S.    | 2pm  |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October    | Melview N.S.        | 11am |
|                                     | Gaelscoil Longfoirt | 2pm  |

**Gospel for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**JESUS CALMS THE STORM (Mark 4:35-41)**



With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’

And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

***‘Let us go across to the other side’***

‘Let us go across to the other side’ is an important phrase in Mark’s Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus’ geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple’s astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ After all, Jesus has led them, and ‘other boats’ into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today’s Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, ‘Peace! Be Still’. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

‘May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.’ (Shane Claiborne).

Jane Mellett, *The Deep End*, INTERCOM (JUNE 2021)