

**PARISH OF TEMPLEMICHAEL & BALLYMACORMACK.**



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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.*

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.**

8.00am: Tommie Dowd (A).

10.00am: Baby Tommy Stokes (A).

**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

8.00am: James Keegan (A).

10.00am: Shane McDermott (A).

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. St. Eunan.**

8.00am: Cathal Fagan (A).

10.00am: Patricia Clarke and deceased family members (A).

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

8.00am: Betty Huntington (A).

10.00am: Pauline Donoghue (A).

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. St. Finbarr.**

8.00am: Rose Daly (A).

10.00am: No Intention.

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. Saints Cosmas and Damian.**

8.00am: Martin McDonagh (A).

10.00am: Dan Dennigan and deceased family members (A).

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September. 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

6.00pm: (*Vigil*) Cyril Fagan (A).

7.30pm: (*Vigil*) Tony (1<sup>st</sup> A) and Elizabeth Murphy and Anne McGrath (A).

8.00am: Baby Holly Angel McDonagh (A).

10.00am: Michael Farrell (A).

11.30am: *Shared.* Aggie Quinn (Month's Mind)  
Rose Hanlon (A).

1.00pm: Nicky Bennett (A).

6.00pm: Mrs W. Costello (Intention).

- To comply with Government and HSE guidelines on social distancing, the Cathedral has been divided into 3 sections A, B, C, and entry will be by the main door at the front of the Cathedral. Exit from section B will be by the door at the Holy Family Chapel. Exit from section C will be by the door at the Chapel of Repose. Exit from section A will be by the main door, the same door that you entered the Cathedral.
- You are encouraged to wear a face covering / mask during Mass.
- You are strongly advised to stay at home if you are feeling ill or are medically vulnerable, but you can continue to participate in Mass through [www.longfordparish.com](http://www.longfordparish.com) or channel 84 on Cablecomm.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of Alec Feeney, Lisduff. His remains will arrive to the Cathedral for funeral mass, limited to family and friends only, on Monday morning at 11am with burial afterwards in Ballymacormack Cemetery.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** We thank you for your contribution to last Sunday's Offertory Collection that amounted to €3,350.00. Thanks to all parishioners who have opted to contribute to our collections electronically.

**HARVEST DUES:** In support of the Bishop and the priests of the parish are now due and may be handed in at any time.

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** We welcomed Arabella - Rae Patricia Mulvihill, Jacob Christopher McCaul and Holly Pola Devlin into the Christian Community last weekend.

**CATHEDRAL WILL BE CLOSED** while ceremonies are taking place inside. It will be close for weddings, funerals, First communion and all weekday and weekend Masses as soon as the ceremonies begin. The Cathedral will reopen for personal prayer immediately after the celebration has concluded.

**ROSARY:** The rosary will be recited after the 8am Mass from Monday to Saturday.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** To celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi we will have a blessing of all animals on the plaza of the Cathedral on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm.

**NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK:** QQI Level 4 Horticulture. We now enrolling for our Horticulture course in Edgeworthstown. Suitable for people between the ages of 17 to 65 years. Call Alan 087 9065521.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:** We are pleased to announce that the boys and girls who were hoping to receive their First Holy Communion in May will finally come to the Table of The Lord very soon. The following are the dates and times:

Next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 11am. St Joseph's N.S. – 1.

Next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 2pm. St Joseph's N.S. – 2

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 11am. St. Michael's B.N.S. – 1.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 2pm. St. Michael's B.N.S. – 2.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 11am. Scoil Eimear.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October: 11am. St. Christopher's.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October: 11am. Stonepark N.S.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 11am. Melview N.S.

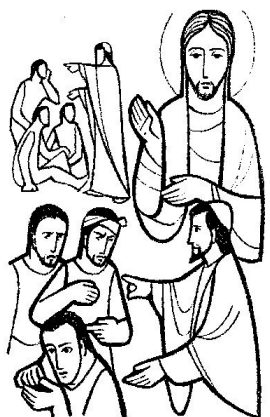
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 2pm. Gaelscoil Longfoirt



Because of Government regulations due to the corona virus the following guidelines will be in place for First Holy Communion:

- 1) The reduced capacity of the Cathedral will mean that each child can be accompanied by no more than 4 adults. One seat will be allocated for each child and there will be no additional seating available.
- 2) Ceremonies will be kept as simple as possible with just 7 children involved in readings and bringing forward of the gifts.
- 3) There will be no opportunity for photographs in the Church - this will help to reduce the risk of crowds gathering in close proximity. It will also afford us additional time to sanitise the cathedral before the next ceremony

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16** *Why be envious because I am generous?*



Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said

to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

**Reflection on Mt. 20:1-16.**

Have you ever been jealous? Have you ever watched as someone else received the recognition or reward that you expected to get? You had to smile and congratulate someone who you knew didn't deserve this prize any more than you did, while inside you were wishing you had been the one getting the pats on the back. Been there? Sometimes, life just isn't fair. Sometimes we have to watch as someone else gets what we think we should be getting. And it's no fun. Our human nature wants to see the pie divided evenly. We want everyone to be treated fairly, but we especially want to be treated more fairly than anyone else. And when we have to stand aside and watch someone else get the glory, or the money, or the nice house or the most popular student award, it gives us pain. We get what the Greeks called the "evil eye" – that "green-eyed monster" (Shakespeare), envy, ruins our joy.

Over the past couple of weeks, we've been learning from Jesus what it means to belong to the Kingdom of God. Following Jesus means confronting those who have wronged us, and it means forgiving over and over again, far beyond the expectations of reasonably polite behaviour. This week, we get another lesson in Kingdom living, as we listen in on another conversation between Jesus and his disciples. Only this time, Jesus isn't teaching us how to resolve problems we have with others in the Kingdom of God. This week, Jesus teaches us how to solve a problem every one of us must face at some point, a problem we have with ourselves.