

RECORDING OF CEREMONIES IN THE CATHEDRAL: Families wishing to have ceremonies recorded on the Cathedral webcam e.g. family funeral or wedding must contact a member of the Parish team at least 24 hours in advance of the ceremony. The recordings will remain on the Parish Website for one month. If a family wish to hold on to the recording for longer they must download the ceremony from the parish website to their own computer.

COELIAC HOSTS: Parishioners wishing to receive a Gluten free coeliac Holy Communion host at Mass are invited to come forward to receive the host from the Celebrant. The Celebrant or the Minister with the large Ciborium will have the coeliac host.

BOX OF PARISH ENVELOPES 2022: Thanks to everyone who have distributed envelopes to date. Volunteers are required for the following remaining areas: Clonrullagh, Cartron Big, Augharickard, Lisadowling, Clonahussey, Clonahard and Dun Darragh. Please contact the parish office or the Sacristy.

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21



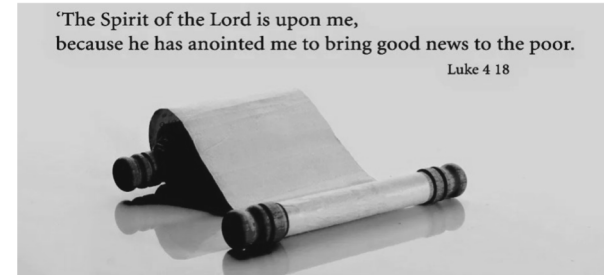
Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.

23rd January 2022: Sunday of the Word of God



What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

The Holy Spirit and the Scriptures

The Holy Spirit was at work in the whole process of the formation of the Scriptures. This is why, even though many people across different times and places contributed to the writing, we believe that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. But the Holy Spirit's work does not come to an end with the writing of the text. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us by virtue of our baptism, is also at work in us as we listen to the text. Therefore, through the Spirit's inspiration, the words of Scripture can become a living Word of the Lord to us here and now.

Monday, 24th January. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop
8.00am: Brendan Gill (A)
10.00am: Robert and Mary Joe Connolly (A)

Tuesday, 25th January. Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
8.00am: Tim and Anges Moloney (A)
10.00am: Teresa McLoughlin (A)

Wednesday, 26th January. Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
8.00am: No Intention
10.00am: Sr. Margaret Mary Gilfillan (A)

Thursday, 27th January. St. Angela Merici
8.00am: John Deehan and his parents Mary and Hugh (A)
10.00am: Esther Mears (A)
7.30pm Curry: No Intention.

Friday, 28th January. St. Thomas Aquinas
8.00am: Michael and Molly Hughes (Birthday Remembrance)
10.00am: Rose Cunningham and deceased family members

Saturday, 29th January.
8.00am: No Intention
10.00am: Maureen Dixon & her parents Margaret & Frank Glynn (A)

Sunday, 30th January. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.30pm (Vigil): Andrew Duke (A)
8.00am: No Intention
10.00am: Ann O'Brien (A)
11.30am: *Shared:* Brendan Connolly (1st A).
Tony Donlon and his daughter Úna McNicholl.
Annie Gilchrist (A).
1.00pm: Maura and Thomas O'Brien & deceased family members
6.00pm: Eddie Glynn (A)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: We thank each one of you most sincerely for your continued generous contributions to our weekly collections. The amount received in the Offertory Collection for last weekend was €4,047.00.

REST IN PEACE: Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the souls of Anthony Dodd, Wembley, London and Aidan Balfe, Annaly Gardens and formerly of Dublin Road whose funerals took place during the week. Also Reda Miliauskaite, Pauric Colum Heights whose funeral will take place on Monday at 11am. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM: With joy, we welcomed Art James Brady into the Christian Community last weekend.

MASS IN ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, CURRY: Mass will be celebrated in St. Anne's Church, Curry on Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP): Become part of the largest and oldest voluntary charitable organisation in Ireland. The greatest strength in this organisation is its volunteers, because volunteers know the issues in the community and can address immediate needs as well as helping families and individuals, young and old, move towards self-sufficiency and equal opportunity through friendship and support. Offering a little help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Sharing your time and your skills can change lives forever. We visit homes in and around Longford, providing families and individuals with essential support; with food, energy and education costs. The families and individuals we visit are not just those on social welfare; they include people in low-paid employment, the self-employed and people in good employment with debts that they just cannot handle. If you are in a position to give a little of your time each week to continue the work of St. Mel's Conference of St Vincent de Paul please fill in the application form on line at: svp.ie/get-involved/volunteer or talk to any committee member.

CATHEDRAL CIRCLE: The weekly draw for the Cathedral Circle takes place every Monday evening at 6.30pm. €650 in prize money every week. Tickets are available in many of the local shops in Longford or by annual subscription.

CONFIRMATION DATES FOR 2022

Monday 23rd May at 6pm	St. Michael's N.S.
Tuesday 24th May at 6pm	St. Eimear's N.S.
Wednesday 25th May at 6pm	Gaelscoil Longfoirt
Thursday 26th May at 6pm	Melview N.S.
Tuesday 31st May at 6pm	Stonepark N.S.
Wednesday 1st June at 6pm	St. Joseph's N.S.