

**PARISH OF TEMPLEMICHAEL & BALLYMACORMACK.**

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*PARISH NEWSLETTER*



**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug - Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August**

8.00am: Special Intention (Souls of priests in Purgatory)  
10.00am: Philomena Jane Houlihan (née Maloney) St Patrick's Tce (1<sup>st</sup> A)

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**

8.00am: Bridget McGovern (A)  
10.00am: Mary Duffy (A)

**Wednesday, 01<sup>st</sup> September**

8.00am: Special Intention  
10.00am: No Intention

**Thursday, 02<sup>nd</sup> September**

8.00am: Mary Pattison (Int)  
10.00am: Joe Shaughnessy (A)

**Friday, 03<sup>rd</sup> September. First Friday.**

8.00am: Rose Bowe. RIP.  
10.00am: Teddy O'Neill (A)  
07.30pm: John Mollaghan (A)

**Saturday, 04<sup>th</sup> September**

8.00am: Margaret McLoughlin (A)  
10.00am: Sheila Colreavy (A)

**Sunday, 05<sup>th</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.00pm (Vigil): Lily & John Twaddle. Charles & Lily Twaddle. (A)  
7.30pm (Vigil): Mae & John Burke & daughters Margaret & Nuala & DFM.  
8.00am: No Intention  
10.00am: Billy Mc Loughlin (A)  
11.30am: Shared: 1. Anne and Des Mooney (A)  
1.00pm: Jimmy & Mai O'Connor & their granddaughter Marion.  
6.00pm: Michael Hilliard (1<sup>st</sup> A)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** We thank you for your contribution to the Offertory Collection for the last week that amounted to € 3,730.00.

**BAPTISM:** With great joy, we recently welcomed David Alexander Roman, Millie Brooklyn O Shaughnessy and Liam Benedict McGurran into the Christian community.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of James Pee Farrell, Fairgeen View, Longford who was laid to rest during the week, and Carmel Kelly, St. Patrick's Terrace, whose funeral takes place on Sunday at 3pm, followed by cremation in Lakelands Crematorium Cavan. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meetings in the Family Centre on Tuesdays at 1pm; Wednesdays at 8pm; Thursdays at 1pm; Sundays at 11.30am.

**KNOCK:** unfortunately due to continued Covid-19 restrictions we cannot have our traditional Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock this year. However Bishop Francis will celebrate Mass in the Basilica on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm and we encourage all people to join with us for our virtual pilgrimage at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**FIRST FRIDAY:** Friday is the First Friday of September. Priests will bring Holy Communion to the sick and the housebound. If you, a family member or a neighbour would like to receive Holy Communion for the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday please contact the Presbytery: 043-3346465 before Thursday.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our hope is to celebrate these sacraments on the dates already agreed with the schools. If there is any change based on government advice, schools will be notified immediately. We pray for all the young people of our parish who are waiting so patiently.

**BEST OF LUCK** to Longford Slashers in the 2020 County Final in Pearse Park on this Sunday at 3pm.

**SEASON OF CREATION** will be celebrated from 1<sup>st</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, to explore the rich content of Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si' and decide on what we can do to care for our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "Restoring Our Common Home".

**GOSPEL FOR 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions.*



The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing

of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**THE LAW OF GOD AND THE TRADITIONS OF THE ANCIENTS**

There are people who consider themselves good Christians because they practice certain rites and perform certain devotion. Are these what determine who is a true disciple of Christ? Today's readings provide a reply to this question and put us on our guard against the danger of placing on the same level the commandment of God and human traditions. The first reading praises the law of God and declares that it must not be interfered with, it may be rejected, but not modified.

The Gospel tells us that the teachers in Israel had distorted the commandment of God with their traditions and put external cleanliness among the strictest observances of the law. Jesus draws our attention instead to the need for purity of heart.

The second reading contains a call to practice true religion that does not stop at futile practices, but is committed to helping the orphan and the widow.

Therefore, Jesus teaches a new and better understanding of religion, our relationship with God, and worship. The old idea of religion emphasized external piety while the new idea was about interior spirituality. When religion becomes a game of pretense, we practice it to impress others and we do things out of a deep desire for praise, approval and applause. The instructions of Jesus regarding our spiritual exercises can be summarized as "Do the right thing with the right intention." Mother Teresa says, "Today God loves the world through us". Many people are trying to make God 'was', but we, by our love and compassion show the world that God 'is'.

**PRAYER TO BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR**

**We thank you Lord, for all that was good during the summer,  
For the love of our family and friends,  
And for the sunshine and warm days.**

**As we begin a new school year we ask for your help and pray your blessing  
on everybody in our school.**

**Show us how to work together for the good of all.**

**May we share our talents and abilities to the full and grow in knowledge,  
wisdom and happiness.**

**Give us the grace to become more like Jesus in the ways we think and  
behave.**

**During this school year let us become builders of your ways and instruments  
of your peace.**

**We ask this school year blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**