



MARY IMMACULATE - PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY



“Creation, a place of encounter with the Lord and one another, is “God’s own social network”, which inspires us to raise a song of cosmic praise to the Creator.”

Pope Francis @Pontifex

Dear Friends,

Jesus tells us the story about the rich man who was so self-absorbed, that he did nothing to help a poor man who sat at his door. In the Gospel, Jesus goes to great lengths to contrast the lives of these two men. In an unusual reversal of human nature, it is only the poor man who is named – *Lazarus* – which means ‘*my God helps*’. Jesus casts no moral judgment on the rich man, who has not physically wronged Lazarus. He is just completely indifferent to Lazarus’ needs. Moses and the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures taught the need for justice and mercy and traditionally those who were “blessed” with wealth had a responsibility to support the poor. The rich man ignored this responsibility, showed indifference and lack of care.

Ponder: What is it that makes people self-absorbed or close themselves off to other people’s needs? Could there be a part of me which resembles the rich man, a part of me which is oblivious to other people’s needs?

Lord help me see more clearly the areas in my life where I perhaps need to be even more aware of others, in my family, at school, at work, in my parish, in my neighbourhood.



FIRST COMMUNION ENROLLMENT

Enrolment Ceremony for First Communion children from **Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál** and **Inchicore National School** will take place on **Sunday 6th Oct** during the **11.30am** mass.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS’ MEETING

There will be Confirmation Parents Meetings on **Tues 8th Oct** at **1.30pm** and **7.30pm** during which enrolment for Confirmation 2020 will take place.

WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

We welcome into the Christian community, **Emma Mary, Grace** and **Noah Brian** who were baptised recently.

OCTOBER - the month of the Rosary



**EXTRAORDINARY
WORLD MISSION
MONTH: October**

**Baptised
and sent**

Pope Francis has announced October 2019 as the **Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019)**. The special nature of this year’s celebration and prayers is influenced by the 100th anniversary of the document on mission written by Pope Benedict XV in 1919. Pope Francis urges “everyone to live the joy of mission by witnessing the Gospel in the environs where each one lives and works.” He went on to say, “At the same time, we are called upon to support with affection, concrete help, and prayer, the missionaries who have gone out to proclaim Christ to those who still do not know Him.” Pope Francis has chosen the theme for October Mission Month as **Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World**. “Celebrating this month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism. Our filial relationship with God is not something simply private, but always in relation to the Church... This divine life is not a product for sale – we do not practise proselytism – but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission. We received this gift freely and we share it freely, without excluding anyone.”

SAINTS WHO INSPIRE US this week:

St Jerome (Biblical Scholar) Mon. 30th September

“When we pray we speak to God; but when we read the Bible, God speaks to us.”

St Therese of Lisieux Tues. 1st October

“I want to be love in the heart of the Church”

The Guardian Angels Wed. 2nd October

“...be at my side to light and guard, rule and guide”

Bl. Columba Marmion Thur. 3rd October

“...bring people to God and to bring God to people.”

St Francis of Assisi Fri. 4th October

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words.”



SEASON OF CREATION

The forms and individual characters of living things, of inanimate beings, of animals, flowers and all nature, constitute their holiness in the sight of God.

Their inscape is their sanctity, the imprint of God's wisdom, God's reality in them.

The special clumsy beauty of this particular colt on this day in this field under these clouds is a holiness, it declares the glory of God.

The pale flowers of the dogwood outside this window are saints.

The little yellow flowers that nobody notices on the edge of that road are saints.

This leaf has its own texture, its own pattern of veins, its own holy shape.

The bass and trout hiding in the deep pools of the river are canonized by their beauty and their strength.

The sea too is a saint who praises God without interruption in her majestic dance.

The great, gashed, half-naked mountain is another of God's saints.

Alone in his own character, nothing else in the world ever did or ever will imitate God in quite the same way.

That is his sanctity.

But what about you? What about me?

Thomas Merton (1915-1968) a Trappist Monk from New Seeds of Contemplation, inviting us to see the holiness of all creation. Consider specific aspects of creation that you encounter today through Merton's lens of holiness.

2019 DAY FOR LIFE: Domestic Abuse

Day for Life will be celebrated on 6th October. The focus this year is on *domestic abuse*. One in four women and one in six men experience domestic abuse in their lifetime. Almost nine out of ten women murdered in Ireland are killed by a man known to them. It is time to start talking and taking action. Copies of the Irish Bishop's message are available at the back of the Church. Go to www.dayforlife.org to find out what more we can do.

ANAM CARA: SUPPORTING PARENTS AFTER BEREAVEMENT

Anam Cara South Dublin, supporting bereaved parents, are holding a *Parent Support Event* on 7th October, 7:20pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

NMH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The annual National Maternity Hospital Remembrance Service takes place on Sunday October 6th at 3.00pm in St. Andrews Church Westland Row, Dublin 2. All welcome.

WORD OF THANKS

A special word of thanks to our Church Safeguarding Representatives, Rita, Josie and Mary for speaking at the parish masses last weekend on Safeguarding Sunday.

The Dublin Archdiocese *Vulnerable Adults Policy 2019* is available on: www.csps.dublindiocese.ie

SAINTHOOD FOR JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

On Sunday 13th October Pope Francis will Canonize Blessed John Henry Newman (1801 -1890), first rector of the newly established Catholic University in Dublin in 1854.

BAPTISMS

On the third Sunday of every month @3pm.
Contact the Parish Office.
01 453 4408

LOTTO RESULTS 23rd September

Nos. 15, 16, 17. Jackpot is now €600. Next draw 30th September 2019.

FAMILY OFFERING

15/09.2019 €470.95
22/09/2019 €364.96
Thank you for your generous support.

BINGO

8.15pm – 9.30pm
Mondays (except Bank Holidays) in the Árus Mhuire. All are welcome.

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Mary Flood, Josie McCann & Rita Berry

MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS

Sundays: 11.30am, 7pm
Weekdays: 7am, 10am Monday - Friday
7pm Wednesday - Friday
11am Saturday & Bank Holidays
Holy Days: Vigil 7pm, 7am, 10am & 7pm
(When falling on a Saturday: Vigil 7pm, 11am)
Confessions: 10.30am – 11am Saturday
Confessions may also be availed of in the House of Retreat during parish office hours or by appointment