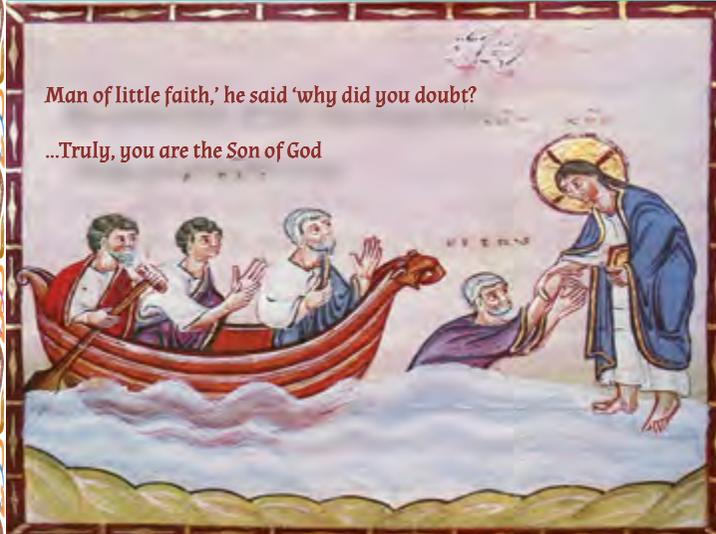




focus on sunday

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9th August 2020

At times God is to be found where we least expect him. He appears in joy and anguish, in the mountain breeze and the sea storm. In our prayer we need the patience to wait for God to speak to us, and the faith to walk towards him when he calls.



Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?'

...Truly, you are the Son of God



Many times in life we need help from others. The sponsor in AA, the one who loaned a bit of money to get a house, the one who listened in times of stress and loss, the school run, a help to pray; we get through life with helping hands. The gospel today is about that. Jesus saves Peter from drowning. We all walk on water at times and need this help. Help in life comes from prayer – from Jesus himself and from Jesus in others.

There is the ordinary day to day help in family and among friends. In solidarity with our fellow human beings. Like neighbourliness, or just friendliness. We need to show solidarity not just with our immediate neighbours but with the world far and near.

When we show solidarity, we can be more than human. When we show solidarity we are doing the work of God - we are our brother's keeper, our sister's keeper! God works through us.

The helping hand of God is your hand and mine. Many are sinking today in addictions, mental health issues and poverty. They are like the sinking Peter – but together and like Jesus, we can lift up the sinking Peter! With solidarity, neighbourliness, friendliness and friendship.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 84: 9-14

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. [R]
- Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. [R]
- The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. [R]

SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22 - 33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9.11 - 13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam & Radio): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30pm; Sunday 10am & 12:15 pm

Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses (Streamed on Webcam):
10 am and 7 pm from SS John & Paul Church

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Sunday August 9th 2020

Dé Domhnach 9ú Lúnasa

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



We extend our Prayers & Sympathy:

To the family of Angela Falsey, Cul na Greine and Quilty who was buried on Friday.

May Angela rest in the gentle peace of Christ.

Anniversaries this week;

Gail Connolly, Ann Clair, Steve McKee, Kay Prendergast, Michael and Margaret O'Brien, Kay Fogarty, Baby Nadia Bridges Czarna, Sandy Cooke

Second Collection Next Weekend

For the period of the Covid-19 lockdown we had originally pencilled second collections in the areas of Sick and Retired Priests Fund, and Diocesan Needs. As we were unable to do so, we are inviting you to support the 2nd collection at all Masses next weekend (August 14-16th) which will cover your support to all 3 collections together. We ask you to be as generous as you can, as it's important we do support the different needs of the diocese at this time.

Holyday August 15th and Sunday Aug 16th

August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and a Holyday of Obligation. As a result, there are 2 holydays on consecutive days. The Mass schedule for both holydays is as follows to enable you fulfil the 2 obligations:

Feast of the Assumption – August 15th

SS John and Paul Church

Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 10am

Mary Immaculate Church

Saturday at 9am and 12noon

Sunday – August 16th

SS John and Paul

Saturday at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10am and 12.15pm

Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday at 9am and 11am

Due to Covid-19 we were unable to take up 3 second collections for diocesan needs so we will be inviting you to support the 2nd collections at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday next weekend.

Update on Parish Collections

We thank everyone for your great support to the parish collections since the Covid-19 pandemic. This is our 5th weekend with the resumption of Sunday Masses following a lengthy period of closure from March 15th to July 3rd. We are delighted to update you on the total parish collections since March 15th to date:

March 15th to July 2nd - €9,526;

July 3rd to August 2nd - €12,093 (Including collection for last weekend €2,325);

Online donations via Stripe - €3,422.

These donations are your investment in the parish and we thank you. Parishioners are offered a number of ways to contribute:

- Sunday Collections;
- Tax Rebate (If you are a taxpayer and are interested in being part of the scheme where the parish benefits from your donations at no cost to you, do contact the parish office);
- Online facility on the website;
- Drop your donation in the boxes at the Church's or the Parish Office.

God bless and thank you. Fr Arnie

