

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

**Glory 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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High,

and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102:1-4, 9-12

**R. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **[R]**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **[R]**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 14: 7 - 9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you,
says the Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 21 - 35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and



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focus on sunday

TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13th September 2020

It is not easy to understand the mind of God. He sees goodness where we see none; he showers blessings where none seem to be deserved. Yet even with our limited vision we can be sure he is near us whenever we call him.



they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you? And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

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**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.**

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and
profess your Resurrection until you come
again.**



One of the meanings of this parable is that God's forgiveness is unconditional and amazing. The huge debt is a way for Jesus to say that the forgiveness of the first man was like the forgiveness of God. None

of us go through life without needing the forgiveness of God in things big and small. It's like switching on the light in a dark room, or when an ugly scar heals on the body and we live in light and are beautiful again. The forgiveness is offered on trust: we are to trust that no matter what our past, the present is full of the brightness of forgiveness which flows around the world, as it flowed from Jesus on the cross and in his forgiveness of those who had tortured and killed him.

The forgiveness given is contrasted with the forgiveness refused. The only reason sometimes that we forgive another is to live like Jesus or when we know we are forgiven. C.S. Lewis wrote that 'everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive' (quoted in M Hogan, Journeying with Matthew).

With the help of Jesus, we must learn to forgive but also to help others to learn to repent and forgive.

Forgive us Lord, and may we forgive each other as you forgive us.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger



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 September 13th 2020 Dé Domhnach 13ú Mean Fomhair 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



We extend our Prayers & Sympathy: To the family of Gerry Keating, Ballycasey Manor who was buried on Monday. To the family of Bridget Nolan who was buried on Wednesday. To Mary Smith, Ballycaseymore Hill on the death of her brother Joseph McFall, County Down. To Cherry Torres on the death of his father Abraham in the Philippines.

Anniversaries This Weekend Pa Ashton, Annie McGirl (MM), Eugene Logan, Kevin and Trish McNamara, Tom Mulkeen. _Memorial Mass for Hanna Feighery will take place next Sunday September 20th at 10am.

Parish Collections Sunday August 31st €2326 and Sunday September 6th €1855.

Upcoming Special Collections: The following collections will take place in the coming weeks in our parish to support Mission Sunday and Priests' Autumn Collection.

Weekend of September 18-20th - Second Collection for Mission Weekend at all Masses.

Weekend of October 23-25th - Priests' Autumn Collection will take place. The envelope for the Priests' Autumn Collection and the envelope for the Holy Souls for November will be distributed with the Shannon Diary on the weekend before.

First Communion

Every good wish and blessing to the boys and girls from St Conaire's School, and their families, who will celebrate First Communion next Saturday September 19th at 11am and 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. We congratulate the boys and girls from St Senan's School who received the Sacrament this weekend.

Sunday Mass Times

The following are the Sunday Mass times in our parish which fulfil your Sunday obligation. Please note you do not need to book a seat nor is there a ticket operation in place to attend Mass. You are welcome and we encourage you to attend Mass.

SS John and Paul Church

Friday at 7pm

Saturday at 6.30pm

Sunday at 10am and 12.15pm

Mary Immaculate Church

Saturday at 12noon

Sunday at 9am and 11am

Church Opening Times

Our Churches are open daily from 10.30am to 6pm for prayer. All are welcome to visit and to pray for safety at this time. May God continue to bless us with protection.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is celebrated in the height of the harvest. From now until October 4th we are invited to reflect on the earth. The earth is God's gift to each of us, and we have the responsibility to ensure it is protected and preserved. We encourage you to focus your efforts and play your part in protecting the earth, the planet, God's gift to us. We commend the great work of so many who keep our community tidy and clean. To assist you in this Season of Creation, there is a vast array of resources on www.trocaire.org and www.catholicbishops.ie

Recent Baptisms

We welcome the following children into our parish community; Brooke Gracie Buckley, Teresa McDonagh, Louis Arthur Dougan. Jackson James Hayes, Tara Brid Mellett, Alicia Elizabeth Madden, Tirnan Mikey Scheffel, Hannah Jane Sweeney, Daniel David Sweeney, Shay Kevin Dunne, Lucy Jane Moroney, Brendan Wymbs, Lee Ger O'Callaghan, Anna Edie Dorgan, Emma Bella McPhillips