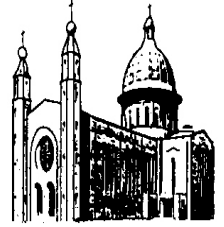


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## NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm

Sundays: 9.00am and 11.00am

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### Saturday Vigil:

6.15pm

### Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

### Weekdays

9.30am

### Holydays

9.30am & 7.30pm

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

A special farewell Mass with Fr. Bertie will be celebrated on **Thursday, 13th October, 2022** at 6.30pm. All parishioners welcome. Light refreshments afterwards in the Crypt. (Please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass on that day).

## “Only One Came Back” !!

We were talking about this weekend’s Gospel earlier this week, about the lepers being healed. There is still leprosy in the world and many sufferers are being treated. Not only did they suffer from the disease, but lepers also had to live outside the community, as if there was stigma. When they approached Jesus in the Gospel, they stood a long way off from him. They begged him for mercy....not for a cure. But they were cleansed on their way to show themselves to the priests (as custom demanded at the time) and one came back to thank Jesus. It is a short little event, yet full of emotion.

So much is taking place here that you could spend a long time exploring. Why was the man who came back to give thanks a foreigner? Did he realise something the others did not? Could it be, that not only was he suffering from a disease, living outside the village or community, but also a despised outsider, looked down on even by fellow lepers? He was carrying loads of pain on his back.....and he fell on his knees. The thanksgiving must have come out in sobs that flowed and flowed.

The English comedian, Eric Idle (one of the famous Monty Python team) said in an interview this week that he only began to cry a lot when he was given the all clear after cancer. He felt no emotion while he was being treated, apart from patience...but the moment of ‘cleansing’ brought out the floodgates.

It has been said ‘thank you’ sums up all prayer. The feeling you have when saying it can reach the very depths, it is so profound and real. And when it comes at a very emotional time for you, it flows and flows. It’s hard to say what the nine other lepers of the gospel felt, but they missed out on the greatest healing that took place....the flow of thanks from the one man.

Fr. Donal

With the Diocesan Priests Retreat beginning Sunday 9th to Thursday 13th October the morning Mass will be offered by Fr. Tom on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **There will be no morning Mass on Thursday** because of Fr. Bertie’s Farwell Mass at 6.30pm that evening. Bishop Fintan has named Fr. Maurice Colgan OP and two of his colleagues from Pope’s Quay to preside at any funerals that may arise during those five days.

Apologies to all those who showed up for the 12.15pm Mass last Sunday. Please note the new schedule which took effect from last Sunday.

## Parish Notices

### Diocesan Needs Collection:

The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will be taken up at all Masses **this weekend**.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration and Sharing, Sunday, 3rd October:

Thanks to all who participated in the Harvest Thanksgiving Mass and the Bring and Buy sharing afterwards. Thanks to your amazing generosity, a total of €1,102 was donated. This has been lodged to our Turkwel Account. Thank you. Faith in Action Group.

