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NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm Sundays: 9.00am and 11.00am

LETTER FROM RETREAT

I am writing this on the third full day here in Garryvoe. Our Retreat giver is from Donegal and a Vincentian Father, founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Our theme comes from Matthew's Gospel when Jesus asked his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" We spent the first day on the "you" Who am I? Who am I with Jesus? Who is Jesus for me? And then "How am I with Jesus? St. Teresa of Avila said: "You can never enter the interior life of Jesus without entering the interior life of yourself".

So began our own journey inward Dark days and bright. Do I see myself only in terms of what I am able to do, what my role is and how I fulfil it? Where is humanity in all of this? Surely it is in all of it? Why do I want to know Jesus Christ? The answer Is it because I desire one day to be in his company forever?

An image: Vincent de Paul with a deformed foot sharing bread with what appears to be a poor man with a deformed hand. Each is dressed similarly, bowing to each other in greeting or respect. It could be a moment of Eucharist, either figure could be Jesus, breaking bread in humble thanks for each other.

On Tuesday we prayed for the dead of Creeslough and for their Priest, Fr. John Joe Duffy who has the huge burden of channelling grief in the funeral Masses. One of us was a classmate of his and phoned him to convey our solidarity with him just before the first funeral. We kept silence for part of the day and remembered that any of us could be, or indeed have been, in a similar situation.

All in all, it is a great idea to "come away by yourselves" to rest, pray and share. A final image: look at your footprints as you arrive look at them as you leave Do they look the same? Will you recognise yourself?

Until next week. Fr. Donal

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6.15pm

Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays

9.30am

<u>Holydays</u>

9.30am & 7.00pm

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Arrangements for October 17th to 26th

I will be in the Holy Land during the above dates. Bishop Noel O'Regan will offer daily Mass (9.30am) on the Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He will also offer all the weekend Masses (6.15pm Vigil, 9.00am and 11.00am). Fr. Tom will offer daily Mass on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bishop Noel is based in Wilton. Arrangements will be made for funerals and emergency cover.

Parish Notices

Ministers of the Eucharist:

<u>Please collect</u> your rota for the coming year from the Sacristy at the weekend Masses. <u>Cork Simon Community:</u>

A Church gate collection in aid of Cork Simon Community who work for the homeless people in the City will take place next weekend 22nd/23rd October before and after all Masses.