

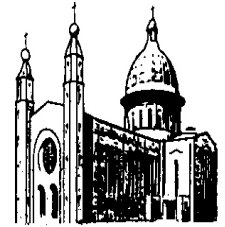
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Bulletin 9th July
2023
14th Sunday
Ordinary time

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil

6.15pm

Sunday

9.00 and 11.00 am

Weekdays: Mon-Fri

9.30am

Saturdays: 10 am

Holydays

As announced.

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1st/2nd July

Offertory:

€1652

Shrines:

€360

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Rest for your Souls

It has been a sad, and at times, troubling few weeks. We have witnessed distressing scenes in France after an incident involving the killing of a teenager at a traffic stop. Then the West Bank in Israel, where I visited a short few weeks ago, was raided after violence there. Bethany and Jericho, and Bethlehem are in the West Bank; a place already overwhelmed by poverty, neglect and rubbish was made even more uninhabitable and left almost in ruins. A mother drowned in our own county trying to rescue her child in the sea and then, a truly Greek Tragedy, the two boys on their post Leaving Cert holiday dying in two separate but equally connected incidents. Another very sad event, perhaps not as well known, occurred in the last few days. You may know that a popular restaurant in Kyiv was attacked and destroyed by a drone last week. Among the injured was a well-known poet and novelist who became a war crimes investigator after the Russian invasion. Her name was Victoria; she died of her injuries this week. Last October she explained to an English newspaper, the Guardian, why in times of war storytellers are needed more than ever:

'War erases stories; war criminals kill, then hide the evidence in hopes that the world will never learn even the victims' names. After liberating each town, we work hard to recover the names of the dead, bury them with dignity, and tell the world their stories. Often we succeed, but not always. As a human rights activist, I document war crimes and advocate for justice. Yet, as a writer, I know there are wounds only stories can heal.'

It's as if this weekend's gospel hears this cry of distress. Jesus is troubled that the Rabbis and wise men of the time have ignored him and his message and thus He addresses his father, blessing him 'for hiding these things from the learned and clever, and revealing them to mere children'. But equally he sees that these mere children are themselves deeply troubled. So He issues them with an invitation: Come to me! Whenever He saw them troubled, like sheep without a shepherd, what did He do? He set about 'teaching them at great length', telling them stories. Over and over again, He brought 'rest to their souls' by his sitting down with them pointing to eternal truths that would only make sense one day when the fullness of his life was revealed.

So, we are the 'mere children', to whom the eternal truths are revealed. Stories, often distressing, open up the way to those truths. Until next week,

Fr. Donal



PARISH NOTICES

St. Vincent de Paul:

July collection will take place this weekend - 8th/9th July.

Diocesan Needs:

Quarterly collection next weekend 15th/16th July at all Masses.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 8th July to the 15th July, 2023

Saturday, 8th July	-	6.15pm	-	Timothy Spillane
Sunday, 9th July	-	9.00am	-	Julia Riordan
	-	11.00am	-	Mgt. & Paddy O'Keeffe
Monday, 10th July	-	9.30am	-	Jim Morrison
Tuesday, 11th July	-	9.30am	-	Special Intention
Thursday, 13th July	-	9.30am	-	Ml. & Mgt. Waldron & their Son Michael
Saturday, 15th July	-	10.00am	-	Pat O'Sullivan