

Parish of St. Mary's

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Sixteenth Sunday - 18th July 2021

This Weekend **Jul 17th / 18th**

7.00 p.m. John and Alice McCann and deceased family members.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Pat Joe Donohoe, Lisnageeragh.
2. James Coyle.

Weekday Masses: **St Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.**

Wed Jul 21st People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: **Jul 24th / 25th**

7.00 p.m. 1. Sean and Eileen Nolan, Devine Crescent (3rd and 20th Anniversaries respectively).
2. Sean and Patsy Tierney.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Billy Lynn and deceased family members of the Lynn, Coyle and O'Donnell families.

Offertory Collection: Sun Jul 11th - €740 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Antoinette Foley, Abhainn Glas who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

• The Deep End • Take a Break •

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common - she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray.

In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

- Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? Did your experience during the Covid19 pandemic give you any new insights about this?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right? - John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

Gathered on the Lakeside

Lord, by the side of the Sea of Galilee

there were so many

gathered around you

that you got into the boat

of Simon the fisherman.

You asked him to push out into the water

so that the people

could see and hear you better.

Years later, we are another group of people

keen to encounter you.

Show us how to see and hear you better

as we pause

to remind ourselves that

we are in your presence.

Nature

Look to the mountains -

to the greatness God has made -

therein lies comfort,

therein lies inner strength,

therein lies peace of mind.

Anon.

"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee."

- St Augustine of Hippo

First Reading - In this reading, the shepherds who neglected the flock are severely indicted by God. At the same time God promises to send shepherds who will care about his sheep.

Second Reading - By his death Christ broke down the wall that divided Jews from Gentiles and he united all peoples as children of one Father.

Gospel - In this Gospel we see the car of Christ for his apostles as well as his compassion for the people who were "like sheep without a shepherd".

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Maria Noonan, Ashling Reilly

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JULY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Lauren McKeon, Mairead Fulham

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Anne Smith

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Yvonne Tuite, Kate O'Donohue

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -