

Parish of St. Mary's

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Eighteenth Sunday - 1st August 2021

This Weekend Jul 31st / Aug 1st

1. Thomas Victory and deceased members of the Victory family, Longfield.

2. Deceased members the Carroll, Gerrard and Hamill families.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Chrissie Flood, Paddy McGrath, their parents Kathleen and Peter and deceased members of the Flood family, St Patrick's Tce.

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

Wed Aug 4th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Aug 7th / 8th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Antoinette Foley (Months Mind)

Offertory Collection: Sun Jul 25th - €955 - sincere thanks.

FIRST FRIDAY: Fri Aug 6th - The usual communion calls to the sick and housebound of the parish will take place on Friday.

• The Deep End • Food That Satisfies •

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food – eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment – bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium) - Triona Doherty (INTERCOM)

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found?

2. Jesus reminds his listeners that God is the source of all good things. What difference does it make in your life when you are aware that life, the world, everything you have is gift, and you live in a spirit of gratitude?

3. The work of God is that we 'believe in the one whom God has sent'. In what ways has your faith in Jesus enriched and changed your life? How has Jesus satisfied your hungers or quenched your thirsts?

4. As Jesus came down from heaven to give life to the world, so each one of us is here to be a source of life to others. Think of people who have been a source of life to you, and give thanks for them. For whom have you also been a source of life?

EUCCHARIST - A Prayer inspired by the Mass.

O Lord!

Look into our hearts this day and read us

Look into our souls this day and hear us

When we thrust out our hands for help - hold us

When we open our arms for love - embrace us

When we raise our eyes heavenward - speak to us

When we bow our heads to thee - bless us

When we give of ourselves - come to us.

Amen.

- Judith Ann Pounder

FAREWELL

There will come a time when my links with earth will grow weaker, when my powers fail, when I must bid farewell to dear ones still rooted in this life with their tasks to fulfil and their loved ones to care for, when I must detach myself from the loveliest things and begin the lonely journey. Then I shall hear the voice of my beloved Christ, saying 'it is I. be not afraid.' So with my hand in his, from the dark valley I shall see the shining City of God and climb with trusting steps and be met by the Father of souls and clasped in the everlasting arms.

- George Appleton

God's Presence

The light of God surrounds me,

The love of God enfolds me,

The power of God protects me,

The presence of God watches over me,

Wherever I am, God is.

Gratitude

O God,

you have given so much to me,

give me one thing more,

a grateful heart.

- George Herbert

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Monica Coyle

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Sarah Jane and Cora Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr Maureen Brennan, Sandra Durkan

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Mairead Fulham

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Emma Reilly, Ita O'Farrell

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -