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Twenty Seventh Sunday - 3rd October 2021

This Weekend Oct 2nd / 3rd

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

9.00 a.m. Madeleine Kenny and her grandparents
Christopher and Kathleen.

11.00 a.m. 1. Tommy and Margaret Gilchrist, Shantum.
2. Noel Walsh (Month's Mind).

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

Wed Oct 6th People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Oct 9th / 10th

7.00 p.m. Deceased members of the Curran Family,
Dublin Road.

9.00 a.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Mona Walsh (Second Anniv.).
2. Rosemary Gilchrist (Second Anniv.).

Offertory Collection: Sun Sept 26th - €925 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Nora McGerr, Auhafin and Molly Hussey, Devine Crescent who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescant in Pace.

DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

This year's *Day for Life* has the theme 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'.

In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, this year's message invites Catholics to consider a more positive and compassionate response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life.

The Catholic Church's approach to end of life care is well articulated in the recent Vatican document *Samaritanus bonus* on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life.

In that document we are reminded that Jesus gave us the image of the Good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required.

On this Day for Life, we pray for those people in the final stages of life. May their fears and distress be met with a true compassion, one which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and the appropriate palliative care.

- Fr Tom Healy -

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the girls and boys of our parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Thank you to the school community for all of their generous support and helpfulness. We pray that all the boys and girls will appreciate Jesus as the Bread of Life and come often to be nourished at the Banquet of the Eucharist.

• The Deep End • Day for Life •

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speaks to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner and, consumed by greed, have lost their way.

Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home.

During the days of lockdown many of us became more aware of simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, the earth resting. Pope Francis says that this deeper awareness, 'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human' and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. 'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song.' (Laudato Si', 11). The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. 'Truly much can be done!' - (Laudato Si', 180) - INTERCOM

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis (Feastday Mon 4th Oct)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Selina and Kayanna Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ann Mulligan, Yvonne Tuite.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sr Maureen, Rachel McLoughlin.

Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Mairead Fulham.

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

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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