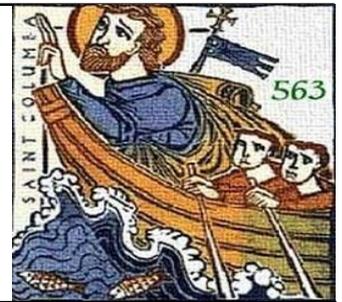


PARISH of TOGHER



Sunday 11th July 2021

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A Thought from Monsignor Jim

He descended into hell. We profess the Apostles Creed occasionally at Sunday Mass. When we use the phrase "He descended into hell" it causes some puzzlement as to what it might mean. Does it refer to the hellfire of "Dante's Inferno"? Or do these older English translations just lead us into confusion?

No need to be confused, The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it as follows: "Christ went down into the depths of death so that the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live....."

I have seen a notable Eastern icon depicting the Risen Christ emerging from the underworld and bringing with him Adam and Eve and all the faithful departed. He is truly Risen, and all the dead rise with Him.

So Jesus went to the realm of the dead which the Hebrew renders as "Sheaf" and the Greek as "Hades"; Henceforth the Risen Christ holds "the keys of Death and Hades" so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

The ultimate triumph of life is the resurrection of the Dead. Praise God.

Monsignor Jim Carroll PP

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 10th July @ 6.15pm Dysart - Agnes Casey
Sunday 11th July @ 10am Togher - Murphy & Cassells family deceased.
Sunday 11th July @ 11.30am Dillonstown - Angela Kavanagh
Friday 16th July - Dillonstown @ 10am -
Saturday 17th July @ 6.15pm Dysart - Annie & Joseph Reynolds & their son Arthur
Sunday 18th July @ 10am Togher - .
Sunday 18th July @ 11.30am Dillonstown - Eugene & Mary Byrne; Joe, John, Joseph & Patrick Francis Doyle, Tom & Jane McCormack & dec'd members of the Doyle & McCormack family

Recently Deceased

We pray for Fr Tom Cooney O.S.A., formerly Termonfeckin, John Maguire, Dillonstown, Jim Lynch, The Gallagher & late of Chapelizod,
May they Rest in the Peace of Christ.

Sunday Gospel - Mark 6: 7 - 13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

'Take nothing with you'

The Gospel of the Lord.

One year on -Can you Help?

We are grateful to our teams of stewards who help with compliance at our Churches in this time of pandemic. They have been generous in serving our Parish over the past year, this weekend marks the first anniversary of our initial reopening and we need to bring more on board. Can you help, please? If so, contact Monsignor Jim or any of our stewards. Thank you.

One Anniversary Mass

To avoid issues arising from restricted numbers at Mass (we are still limited to 50 people in-doors) we will endeavor to have just one family anniversary at each Mass. However if there are more than 50 we do have outside broadcast. So you can attend Mass in/at your car.

Called to the Priesthood or Religious Life

"My grace is sufficient for you." Are you being called by the Lord of the harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Speak to Monsignor Jim or contact your Diocesan Vocations Director (Fr Peter: pmcanenly21@gmail.com; 048-37522802) or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie

LET IT GO!

Inspiration: "Letting go" is to cease holding on tightly to anything that controls and robs us of our peace of mind. It is a conscious decision to release and no longer cling to a person, event, or even a desire. It is the ability to identify and release what we have no power to control. By letting go we release ourselves from being held hostage to something that may never change.

Scripture: A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:6 NLT "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Weekend Challenge: *Letting Go*

The wisdom from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament still applies today. There is truly a season for everything in life and that includes a time to let go. Unfortunately, we often get stuck holding on to false hopes, unrealistic expectations and desires in our lives. All of us struggle with thoughts taking up space in our minds that seem difficult to release to God. Those of you in recovery will know the life-giving wisdom found in the serenity prayer. "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Living a life of freedom takes serenity and courage and wisdom. It also requires trusting God.

Make some time over the next few days to reflect and pray. Be honest with yourself and then release what you cannot control into the loving arms of God. You will discover that in the light of Christ's love, you can view your heartaches, fear, unforgiveness, bitterness or insecurities from a new perspective. Let the coming days be the time to heal as you surrender the things that weigh you down. May this begin a healing season of letting go. *Mindful Christianity.*

"It is Right and Just" About 10 years ago, some adjustments were made to a few responses within our Mass. Among these is the phrase "It is right and just" in response to the invite if the Celebrant: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". That's just before the preface and then the Eucharistic Prayer. Make a note: **"It is right and just"**. Amen.

EWTN is a global Catholic TV Network. The letters stand for Eternal Word Television Network. It was founded by Mother Angelica in 1981. You can check all details on www.ewtn.com Virgin media 815 Eircom Eir fibre 589. And on radio check out Radio Maria and Spirit Radio as occasional alternatives to our mainline channels - always be open to a different perspective. And don't forget our weekly Sunday Mass after the 9am News on LMFM. Our own Eddie Caffrey does a great job making that possible. Thanks Eddie.

World Day for Grandparents and the elderly will be celebrated at our Mass on Sunday 25th July. Our opportunity to remember them fondly in prayer.

Our Lady's Pilgrim Days On the 2nd Tuesday and the last Saturday of each month from 11am-6pm at the Oasis of Peace Centre, Mellifont Abbey, Collon. (Cost free) Strictly by booking at Apostles of Love Ireland 086-8611531 or 089 6152568 email info@apostlesoflove.ie, See also www.apostlesoflove.ie

Pope's Intentions for July *Social Friendship* We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Do you want to learn more about your faith? Why not consider joining the Theology programme. The course takes 2 years with 1 night per week and 2 weekends over the academic year and is accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, and completion of the course is based on submitted work and does not include sitting exams. Starting on 4th September. If you are interested please email milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's G.F.G. club notices CLUB LOTTO There was no jackpot winner in Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's G.F.G. Lotto draw held on Wednesday 30th June. The winning numbers were 5, 8, 22 & 28. There were 3 match 3 winners Karen Leonard, Monica Callan & Roisin Devlin who won €50 each. Next week's Jackpot is €10,600!! Lotto envelopes are available in local shops, through usual sellers and entries may also be purchased online on the Clubforce App - Naomh Fionnbarra or the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Pz5Bkb> Upcoming Fixtures : Saturday 10th July - Naomh Fionnbarra Senior Men v Hunterstown Rovers at 7:30pm in John Markey Park, Ballygassan, Division 2 Rd4, Sunday 11th July - Naomh Fionnbarra Ladies v Clogherhead Dreadnots at 11:30am in Clogherhead - Division 2 Rd5, Monday 12th July - Naomh Fionnbarra U-16 Girls v Glyde Rangers/Westerns at 7:30pm Away, Tuesday 13th July - Naomh Fionnbarra Junior Men v Sean O'Mahonys at 8:00pm in Point Road, Division 5A Rd4.

A Prayer in the face of the coronavirus.

Dear God, we turn to you in our need. We pray for all whose lives are being affected by COVID 19. Look upon us in your compassion and love, protect our families. Deliver us from the virus. Come Holy Spirit. Amen.

Last Week a total of €911 was received in envelopes & €138.05 on the plate & €757.92 in Dues, while €70 was received directly into the bank. Thank you for your generosity.

In the current emergency situation, all are still dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Mass from St Colmcille's Church, Togher @ 10am on Sunday's **will be broadcast live via the internet on <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-st-columcille>**

Articles for our parish newsletter can be forwarded to the Parish office by email at togherparishoffice@gmail.com or by text to Ann on 087-6486809 before 2pm on Wednesdays. You can contact Ann in the Parish office on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-5.30pm