



SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

ST. MARY'S

Saturday 25th July 6pm

Maureen Kelly, 2nd Anniv
Caragh Evans, Birthday Remembrance
Sr Sheila Lenehan, 2nd Anniv

Sunday 26th July, 9am

Frank Quinn Rec Dec
Pauline Roe Rec Dec
Tony Fitzgerald Rec Dec

Sunday 26th July, 11am

Anthony Schorman 1st Anniv
Pauline Roe Rec Dec
Derek Holland Rec Dec

Sunday 26th July, 6pm

Breda Kelly Rec Dec
Anthony Flaherty Rec Dec

Monday 27th July, 10am

Mrs Jo Gahan, 8th anniv

Tuesday 28th July, 10am

Bridie McDermott, 3rd Anniv

Wednesday 29th July, 10am

Hannah & Dan O'Driscoll Anniv

Friday 31st July 10am

Alice McGarry Anniv

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GLENCULLEN

Sunday 26th July, 10am

Larry Bourke Anniv

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE, KILTERNAN

Sunday 26th July, 12 Noon

Sean Murray, 8th Anniv.



CORONAVIRUS IMPORTANT UPDATE

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS IN ST. MARY'S SANDYFORD FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

Sunday evening mass will resume September 6th.

From Monday 27th July, we are having a trial period where Parishioners do not have to book a seat for weekday Mass MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM.

However, Parishioners who attend Mass are required to observe all HSE Protocols: Social distancing, Sanitizing, wearing a face covering and following stewards instructions at all times. Please note that our capacity is still 50 and if over 50 people turn up on a weekday they will be asked to attend another day.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO BOOK FOR THE ALL WEEKEND MASSES IN ALL CHURCHES.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep each other safe. Fr. Andrew



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration continues for the Tuesdays in July from 10.30am to 1pm and from 7pm to 9pm only.



PARISH FEAST DAY

Assumption of Our Lady

Saturday 15th August
Mass in St. Mary's 10am.



MASS CARDS, MASS BOUQUETS AND CARDS FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FROM SACRISTANS & PARISH OFFICE.

Please note that offerings to Diocesan Collections, Mass Cards, Mass and Parish Offerings, etc can be paid for by card over the phone.

Dear Parishioners,

The images used by Christ in this weekend's Gospel mean to tell us just one thing really about the kingdom of God, and that is (simply) that it is good! It is valuable (beyond all measure) and we should be striving for it. So much so that we should be willing, if need be, to sacrifice everything to become part of it!

To seek the Kingdom means to accept God's design in place of our own, even without understanding why, even when that design seems not to make life very satisfying but instead seems to make it frustrating! And it is perfectly true that some of God's design just doesn't seem very satisfying at first glance.

When we find ourselves offended, it is hard to see how "turning the other cheek" could be very satisfying. It is hard to see how "taking one more job" - "one more responsibility" could be more satisfying than saying something like: "I've done more than my fair share! It's time for some of those lazy sods out there to shoulder some of the burden". It is hard to see how doing with less materially could possibly be more satisfying than gaining more. It is hard to see how the practice of self-discipline could be more satisfying than giving in to every impulse that is felt. And on and on.

The value of a gigantic pearl is self-evident. It can be measured and weighed and once a person has seen the possibility of owning it, it is not too difficult for him to convince himself of the wisdom of sacrificing some smaller goods in order to get hold of the big one. That after all is just common sense.

The Kingdom is not self-evident. It cannot be measured and weighed. It has little to do with common sense. That is why God's invitation is called "revelation" and our response is called "Faith".

A share in God's Kingdom is not built in a laboratory, where effect always follows cause, where precise techniques yield precise results. Rather, that share is pieced together in a very confusing (messy) world where the virtues of trust, faithfulness, forgiveness and love are the only techniques that truly work.

We may not understand God's design but we can act on it. And if we do, we have found that pearl of great price in the Gospel. And the satisfaction that comes from being in possession of that final good, the best that life has to offer, will be ours.

Fr Andrew



A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...

The pace of life slows...

A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile

in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me

with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.

(Author unknown)



WE HAVE REACHED THE MAXIMUM JACKPOT €8,000

Somebody's going to win, it might as well be you!

Tickets cost €2 each with a minimum spend of €10.

Why not buy an annual ticket for €100 and be in the draw every week for 52 weeks?

We have a card payment machine in the office so now its easier than ever to pay and play. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S LUCKY DIP WINNERS WHO EACH WIN €50:

WILLIAM COYLE AND PAOLA ROGGIERO

For more information on how to sign up, play and support the parish, visit our dedicated lotto page at

www.sandyfordparish.org. This week's winning numbers: 1, 9, 16, 27.

(No winner this week).

TAP AND GO DONATIONS

A Tap and Go facility is now available in St Mary's Church and it is located beside the Sacred Heart Altar. You tap your bank card as instructed, to make a €5 donation directly to the Parish. Thank you for your support.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Family Offering Envelopes June 2020: €2,250

Standing Order Total for June 2020: €4,658

Online Donations Total for June 2020: €775

Donations made in Family Offering Envelopes or by Standing Order (forms for both available in Church Porches) go entirely to our own Parish for the upkeep and running of our three Churches.

With your consent, the Parish can claim back 31% of every total annual donation in excess of €250.