



SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

ST. MARY'S

Saturday 15th August 10am Parish Feast Day

Vincent Thornton, Anniv
Thomas O'Boyle, RIP & Birthday Remembrance
Pat Corcoran, RIP
Brigid & Willian Mullen—Anniv

Saturday 15th August 6pm Nano Linehan—Anniv

Sunday 16th August, 9am
Jack & Joan McKenna, Anniv
Ellen O'Sullivan, RIP
Gene Murphy, RIP

Sunday 16th August, 11am
Christopher McGregor, RIP
Jack & Joan McKenna, Anniv
John Sexton, Anniv

Monday 17th August, 10am
Una Twomey, Anniv

Wednesday 19th August, 10am
Denis McDonagh, First Anniv.

NO SUNDAY 6PM MASS FOR AUGUST

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE, KILTERNAN
Sunday 16th August, 12 Noon
Kathleen Spain, 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.

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. If you are not feeling well please do not
attend Church. 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.

**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,

I hope you are keeping well and safe in this uncertain time we all need to make an extra effort to look out for each other and to be aware of our social responsibility to protect each other by observing HSE guidelines. Once again my sincere thanks to all our volunteers who act as Stewards and help to keep us all safe in Church.

The Gospel this weekend seems at first, to be almost outright offensive. Christ is approached by a woman whose daughter is ill. And she, as hundreds of others have done, asked Christ for his help to cure the girl. But Christ says to the woman, "my concern is not with you, only with the people of Israel" but the woman does not give up, she presses her plea. And then Christ says something which seems very harsh. He says "It would not be right for me to take something that belongs to God's chosen people, the Jews, and throw it to the dogs, to someone like you".

The woman was a Canaanite, a member of one of the tribes the Jews had conquered when they took over the promised land and that ugliest of human emotions, outright prejudice, was the force at work in this Gospel scene. In the minds of the apostles the woman "was not one of us" and as such had no right to even make a request of God, let alone assume that he would do anything about it. And so Christ's attitude, the role he seems to be playing, was really much more directed towards the Apostles than it was towards the woman. By himself being so much a man of his time and culture, by recognising, even verbalising, the prejudicial attitude of his followers, Christ sort of picks up this intolerance and holds it up in front of their faces and then by his final loving acceptance of the woman, condemns it, contradicts it, begins to turn it around.

But the smug, self satisfied righteousness of the Hebrews was a deeply ingrained thing, and the controversy between those who believed that Christianity should be a sect of Judaism, such as Peter, at first, and those who believe that the Church must move to the world, open new horizons, be in fact Missionary.

For most of us the word Missionary conjures up images of South America, Africa or Asia. It is too bad that the word doesn't conjure up images of our dinner tables, our own living rooms, our Schools, our business places, the streets of our own city. There is a great deal of Missionary work to be done in our own community, to be a Missionary means to find places where Christ is not known, or known well and to be bring him there. And doing that is not the kind of Missionary work that is done by teaching Christianity. Rather that is the kind of Missionary work that is done by being Christian.

Fr. Andrew



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:**

**SÉAMUS AND NOONAN AND
JACINTA KELLY**

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: 2, 25, 13, 23**

(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 Total
July 2020: €4,976**

**Standing Order Total
July 2020: € 5,199**

**Online Donations Total
July 2020: €4,311**

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.



REST IN PEACE

We extend our sympathy to the family
and friends of Darren Durkan-Byrne
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may
perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

