



**Welcome** to the Holy Faith Sisters



**Sr. Margo Delaney & Sr. Irene Dunne**

# Parish Newsletter

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# PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE

—St. Teresa of Kolkata

## *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



Sat Evening: 7pm Catherine Larkin also son Gerard (A), Marie Farrell (M.M.), May Browne (M.M.), Brigid Berney (B.R.), Ray Deane (A) Keith Byrne (B.R.),  
Sun: 9.30am Bill Gray & Stephen Wickham (A),  
Sun: 11.30am Andy Judge (A), Adam Histon (B.R.), Edel Dermody (B.R.), Billy Flanagan (A), Eileen, Patrick Fitzsimons, daughters & son Gemma, Eileen & Eamonn (A), Christine, John & Dominic Conroy (A), Joan, Dawn & Helen Lawless (A),  
Mon: 9.30am Eddie Moylan (A), Rita Halford (B.R.)  
Tues: 9.30am Mass Intentions (Living)  
Wed: 9.30am  
Thurs: 9.30am  
Fri: 9.30am Anthony & Derek O'Reilly (A), Eugene Dunne (A)

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### Mass Times

Sunday Vigil: (Saturday Evening) 7.00pm  
Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am  
Monday - Friday: 9.30am  
Saturday morning: No Mass

### BAPTISMS

Second Saturday of each month at 12.00pm  
Fourth Sunday of each month at 12.30pm

# With Heartfelt Sympathy



To the families of the late

John Rigney R.I.P. & Bridget Scanlon R.I.P.



# Welcome!



Welcome to Sr. Margo Delaney and Sr. Irene Dunne (Holy Faith Sisters) who will both begin living and working in our parish from next weekend. They will both attend the 11.30am Mass on Sunday next, 10th Sept. We hope that they will move into their new home (where Fr. Frank Duggan lived) in the coming week. So if you see them around make sure you give them a big 'Céad Mile Fáilte' to our parish and community. Following the 11.30 Mass next weekend we will have a cup of tea/coffee for all attending so that you have an opportunity to meet them and say hello.

## ministries

find your place

### Meetings for the different Groups in our Parish.

We will delay our Meeting of the different Groups in our parish until October to give the two new Sisters an opportunity to settle into their new home first.

So the following dates for meetings have been arranged.

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST.

Monday, 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Tuesday, 3rd October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

#### BAPTISM TEAM

Thursday, 5th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

#### FUNERAL TEAM & BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Oratory.

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It is important for each member to attend the meeting of your group. If you can't attend and wish to continue please let the Office or Fr. Joe know so that you can be included in any rosters that will be set for the coming months. If you are not involved in any of the above groups and would like to become involved we would be delighted to welcome you to participate. Just contact the Parish Office or Fr. Joe with your details.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

Can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding Work?

### ANSWER:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: "Rerum Novarum" (1891) by Leo XIII, "Quadragesimo Anno" (1931) by Pius XI, "Laborem Exercens" (1981) and "Centesimus Annus" (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in "Laborem Exercens," "The value of human work is not primarily the kind of work being done but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person" (#6). It's a good time to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

## INSPIRATION

Even as people of faith we often find ourselves reasoning our way through our trials and difficulties. It makes a huge difference using our own eyes and not those of God. God knows that we live in an imperfect world filled with suffering, pain, difficulties, disappointments, and death; all part of the mix. Jesus shows us by example that when we encounter hardships God transforms them into something better. We do not need to despair. God gives us hope. When we view our lives through God's eyes and not our own this gift of hope and transformation becomes very apparent. We must lose our lives in order to gain them.

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