

Sacred Heart Church Sat 21st Aug & Sun 22nd Aug:

Readers	Vigil	Mary Kirke
	11.30am	Rachael McGuigan
Eucharistic Ministers	Vigil	Eddie Tackney
	11.30am	Lily Kenny
Altar Society	Eileen Maguire, Elizabeth McDonald	

St Macartan's 22nd Aug:

Reader Ciaran Carey **Eucharistic Minister** Rosemary Grew

First Holy Communion

Next Saturday 21st August, we will celebrate First Holy Communion in St. Macartan's Church, Aghadrumsee, with the children of last year's P4 class who have prepared in the past year for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We are all very well aware of the restrictions with regard to gathering in groups within the church grounds.

To remind ourselves, it is mandatory to

- enter the church wearing a face covering
- keep the face covering on for the duration of the time in the church
- sanitise our hands upon entering and leaving the building
- maintain a social distance of at least two metres from those who are not within our own pod
- not gather in groups outside of the church, either before or after the celebration.

These same regulations will apply to the children of St. Tiernach's Primary School when they receive their First Holy Communion.

The slow work of God

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.' (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it, the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In the Gospel extract, we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she were unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

(The Deep End, Intercom)

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15th August
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20th Week
in
Ordinary Time

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Masses and Intentions for the Week

Vigil	7.30pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Brendan & Jean Brogan, Annakilly; Veronica Monaghan, Cherry Park; Catherine McKiernan, Clonmackin
Sun 15th	9.00am	Theresa Herbert, Cloncorrick; Bridget & Bernard McCabe & Maureen McAdam, Clonfad
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	
Mon 16th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Tue 17th	10.00am	Our Lady of Knock
Wed 18th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Thurs 19th	10.00am	Vera McGrane-Forrest, London & Liseggerton
Fri 20th	10.00am	St Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church Thomas & Theresa Kelly, Carn Gardens Sarah & Gerard McCabe, Boneyblayneybawn
Sat 21st	10.00am	St Pius X, pope Phil McCarville, Cara Street (Month's Memory)
Vigil	7.30pm	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Dec'd Members of St Tiernach's GAA Club Liam Rooney, Clonkeencole; Dec'd Members of Woods Family, Cara Street, & Kathleen & Michael McCarney, Clonedergole Dympna, Hugh & Eugene Holland, Magheranure
Sun 22nd	10.00am	Jimmy & Bridie Courtney, Tattynageeragh
	11.30am	Peggy McPhillips, (1st Anniversary) & Mick McPhillips, Carn View

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