

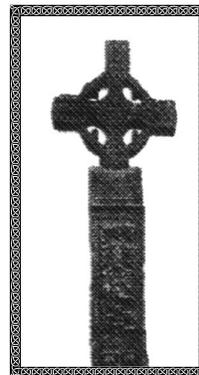
Deaths: We pray for Iris Murphy, Analore Street
Ann Brady, O'Neill Park
Michael Carron, Clonkeencole

Over 50's Alcohol Helpline provides advice and support to individuals aged over 50, concerned others, and professionals, who are worried about their own or someone else's drinking. Over 50s Alcohol Helpline continues to offer an enhanced service for individuals who are considering making changes to their alcohol use. The enhanced service provision offers callers up to 4 additional appointments, during which time Helpline alcohol advisors use evidenced based interventions to support callers to achieve their goals. The Helpline is open Monday to Friday from 12.00pm until 8.00pm and 10.00am until 4.00pm at weekends. The freephone number is **0808 801 0750**. To make an **online booking** for a **phone call** or **video chat**, over 50's, concerned others, and professionals, can access appointments slots by visiting the **With You** website.

The Word Became Flesh

We continue the Eucharistic meditation from John's gospel. Last week Jesus called his audience to be open to the gift of faith that will enable them to appreciate the Eucharistic mystery. In today's reading he explains further what this faith implies. Understanding that this passage is a meditative recollection of what Jesus had done for us, we are able to share in the outlook of the community in which this gospel was written. This passage echoes many of the themes that were fundamental to the faith of that community. John's gospel begins with a declaration of faith in the Incarnation: 'The Word became flesh'. This momentous truth is constantly reaffirmed in the writings of this community. Jesus is confronted, in our passage, by the complaints of those who find it hard to accept: 'Come down from heaven! This is Jesus the son of Joseph'. The faith to which Jesus calls us, however, is not an embarrassing burden. It is a blessing that comes to us from the depths of the divine generosity and freedom - we are 'drawn by the Father', setting out on a journey which leads to 'eternal life' in God.

The Father and the Son share in all things, and so he declares that faith is also his gift, a gift that will be ours when we 'come to him' - we must live in his company as his first disciples did. For Christian faith, Jesus is the revelation of the Father - he has truly 'come from God', and 'has seen the Father' - an echo of the memorable words of the gospel's opening: 'it is the only son who is close to the Father's heart who had made him known'. The teaching is like a commentary on his words at the Supper: 'Eternal life is this: to know you [Father], the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent'. Those who live by the faith Jesus is offering share in the divine wisdom itself; they 'hear the teaching of the Father and learn from it'. Referring to the manna - symbol of God's caring for the people of the Exodus - Jesus reminds his listeners that the time of foreshadowing has ended. (Our first reading mirrors this theme - in the strength of heavenly food, the prophet walks for forty days until he reaches 'Horeb, the mountain of God' - another name for Sinai where the old covenant was given.) The faith Jesus offers recognises that all the promises that sustained Israel's faith are being fulfilled: 'I AM the living bread come down from heaven'.



Parish of Clones

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8th August
2021

19th Week
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Ordinary Time

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		Masses and Intentions for the Week Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vigil	7.30pm	Tommy O'Connor, O'Neill Park; Patrick Reilly, Carn Dun; Chris, Anita & Darren Slowey, Aghafin
Sun 8th	10.00am 11.30am	Colleen Boyle, Knockmacaroonay People of the Parish
Mon 9th	10.00am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe Joe & Mary Kirke, Newtownbutler Road
Tue 10th	10.00am	St Lawrence, deacon & martyr
Wed 11th	10.00am	St Clare, virgin
Thurs 12th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Fri 13th	10.00am	Mass of the Day
Sat 14th	10.00am	St Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr
		The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil	7.30pm	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 11.30am	People of the Parish
		Sacred Heart Church Sat 14th Aug & Sun 15th Aug:
Readers	Vigil	Marie McPhillips
	11.30am	Ann O'Harte
Eucharistic Ministers	Vigil	Dympna Colgan
	11.30am	Keith Douglas
Altar Society		Ann Farnan, Berndaette K Appiah, Eileen Lendrum
		St Macartan's 15th Aug:
Reader	Caolan Faux	Eucharistic Minister Hugh Crudden
		St Alphonsus 15th Aug:
Reader	Leeanne Slowey	Eucharist Minister Eileen Gavin

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