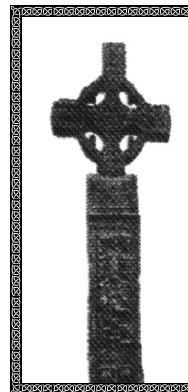


The Genesis story tell us that the Lord God was pacing up and down the garden anxiously, before he called out to Adam, "Where are you?"
Jordan O'Brien OP offers these answers:

We are here in the Earth Garden
that needs tending and cultivation.
We are here but the land is wasted
and does not provide for our needs.
We are here in our poverty of ideas
as to how we can provide food for all.
We are here thirsting for clean water
for our families, crops and animals.
We are here living the poverty of our times,
and misunderstood by the rich.
We are here seeking shelter and protection
from climate change.
We are here barefooted and in rags
seeking respect and dignity.
We are here diseased and covered in sores
awaiting medical attention.
We are here oppressed by neighbours,
political factions and gangs.
We are here in over-crowded refugee accommodation
seeking asylum.
We are here at your borders,
but we face barbed wire and armed troops.
We are here lamenting that our land
is taken over by mining companies.
We are here but our water is contaminated
by industrial and chemical waste.
We are here homeless
because they have cleared the forest that sheltered us.
We are here but we are naked
before a world that seeks only to exploit us.
We are here oppressed
because we are not aligned with the ruling party.
We are here in a war zone
that does not make sense either to us or the world.
We are here hungering for justice and longing for peace.
We are here crying out Abba, Father,
Hear us; Abba, Father, be with us.



Parish of Clones

Sacred Heart, Clones
St Alphonsus, Conons
St Macartan's, Aghadrumsee

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26th July
2020

Seventeenth
Week
in
Ordinary Time

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 25th Vigil	7.30pm	Anne McKernan, Clonavilla
	10.00am	Benny Courtney & Tommy Swift, Tonlygorman
Sun 26th	11.30am	People of the Parish

Mon 27th	10.00am	No Mass
Tue 28th	10.00am	
Wed 29th	10.00am	St. Martha
Thurs 30th	10.00am	
Fri 31st	10.00am	St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 1st Vigil	7.30pm	Packie Cunningham, Roslea Road; Tommy O'Connor, O'Neill Park; Michael, Josephine & Michael (Jnr) Corr, Crockawaddy
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Theresa Crudden, Rossbrick; McCaul Family, Drumma
	11.30am	Murtagh Family, Clonkeelan

Pope's Intention for August

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea,
among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Parish Mobile (in case of emergency): 085 817 6203.

Masses for the week

Saturday 7.30pm Sacred Heart, Clones
Sunday 10.00am St. Macartan's, Aghadrumsee
11.30am Sacred Heart, Clones

Masses during the Week: Tuesday - Saturday in Sacred Heart Church at 10.00am
(When there is a funeral in Clones, the Mass will be at **11.00am**)

Baptisms are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on the second Saturday of each month at 4.00pm and in St. Macartan's Church on the third Sunday at 1.00pm.

Adoration: Wednesday, 10.30am - 6.00pm, in Sacred Heart Church.

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian faith community
Fergal Óg Michael McFarland
Ruairí Joseph Carey

Deaths: We pray for Mgr. Sean Cahill, Enniskillen
Donal Giltinan, Milford, Co. Cork & Scotland

St. Macartan's, 2nd Aug

Reader Michael Grew
Eucharistic Minister Shane Manley
Altar Society Aug Mary Breslin, Catherine Higgins, Kitty Faux

Sacred Heart Church, 1st & 2nd Aug:

Readers Vigil Jim McMahan
11.30am Joe Kirke

Ministers of the Eucharist

Vigil Edward Tackney
11.30am Lily Kenny

Altar Society Eileen Maguire, Elizabeth McDonald, Ann Farnan

The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim Him with their mouths and deny Him with their actions is what an unbelieving world finds unbelievable. *Karl Rahner*

Dates for your Diary

Clones

Wednesday 12th August First Confession at 7.00pm
Saturday 15th August Confirmation at 12.00pm for St. Tiarnach's
& at 3.00pm for St. Comgall's and Gael Scoil
Sunday 16th August First Holy Communion at 2.00pm

Aghadrumsee

Wednesday 19th August First Confession at 7.00pm
Saturday 22nd August Confirmation at 12.00pm
Sunday 23rd August First Holy Communion at 2.00pm

Gael Scoil

Thursday 3rd September First Confession at 6.30pm
Saturday 5th September First Holy Communion at 1.30pm

Saint Martha ~ Feast Day 29th July

Saint Martha, eager and willing to serve,
be with me as I too seek to do that which pleases our Lord.
Help me to balance my activity and work with a
prayerful and listening heart.
May I, like you, hurry to meet Jesus whenever I hear him
approach me in the sick, the poor and the downcast.
Make my charity and service fruitful and humble.
May I see Jesus in the faces of all those I am called to serve,
and realise that whatever I do for one of them,
I am doing for Christ himself.
Through a life of generous service, may I too say to Jesus:
"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God..." (John 11:27)