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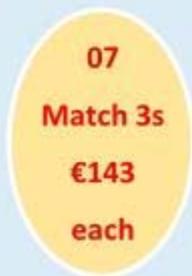


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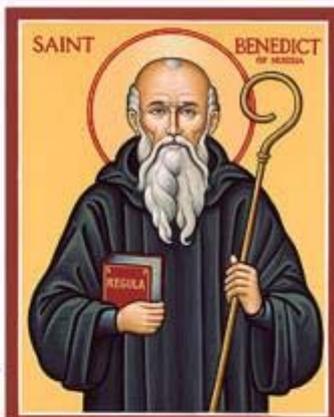
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Céad Míle Fáilte



We welcome Fr. Benny Antony OSB to our parish on a summer placement. Fr. Benny is a Benedictine Priest from Kerala in India, (*that very Catholic part of India which we have had a lot of contact with via Fr. George Augustine, Fr. Alex Kochatt and our Sacristans, the Ursuline Sisters*

living at 17 Parnell Crescent and greatly enriching our Parish). Fr. Benny is currently studying Liturgy in Rome and spending his summer break among us. He will be with us until September.

Fr. Thulani from South Africa will also join us next week until the end of August. He is no stranger, having spent portions of the last two summers with us. They are a great reminder to us of the universal Catholic Church and are very welcome.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for July 2019



There is a belief inbuilt from childhood that justice will always prevail. As we grow older

we realise that justice needs a helping hand. We realise specifically, that there are many without a voice who unable to defend themselves. These might include the elderly, the disabled, the imprisoned or the enslaved. We all need to keep an eye open for the injustices going on around us. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention **"...That those who administer justice may work with integrity and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word."**

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Friday

7.30am & 10am

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhríde, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

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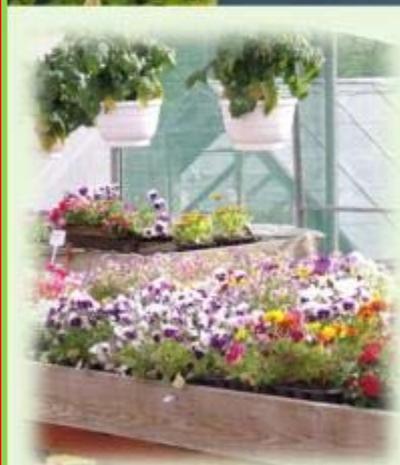
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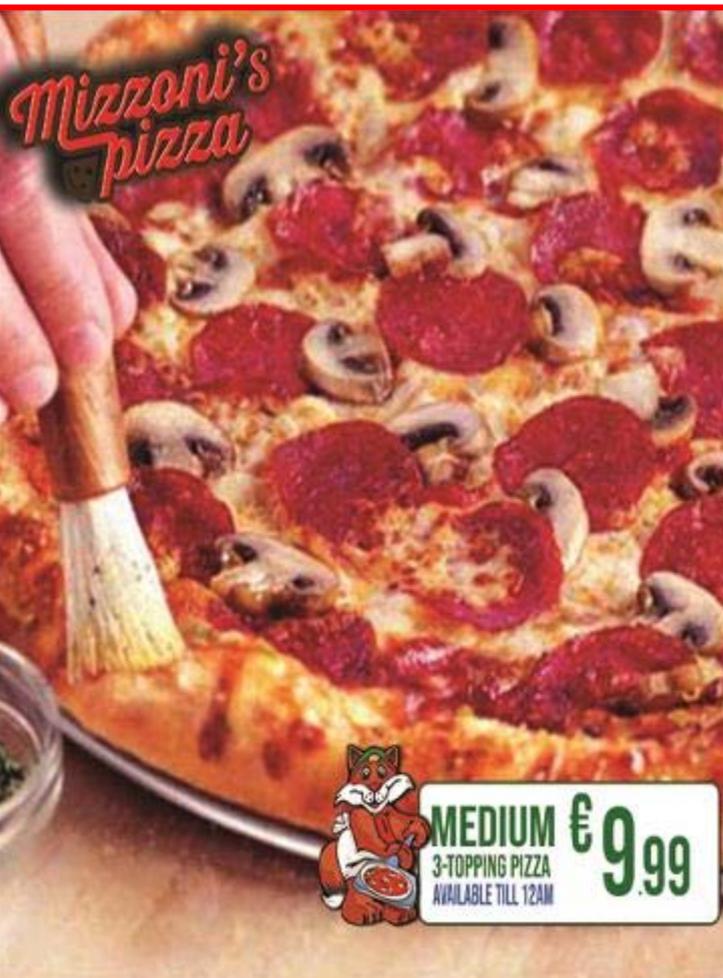
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"I ain't got none", replied the farmer.

"Didn't you plant any?" asked the stranger.

"Nope," said the farmer, "I was afraid the boll weevils would get it."

"Well," asked the stranger, "how is your corn?"

"Didn't plant any corn either," replied the man, "I was afraid there wasn't going to be any rain."

"If you didn't plant any cotton or corn, what did you plant?" asked the man.

"Nothing," said the farmer. "I just played it safe!"



Well, I guess if you don't plant anything, it makes the harvest a lot easier, doesn't it?

In the Gospel today, Jesus sent out people to bring in the harvest. The harvest Jesus was talking about was not cotton, fruit or vegetables. He was sending out workers to bring people into the kingdom of God. He said that there were many souls who were ready to be harvested, but there were not enough workers. One reason it was hard to find workers was that it was very difficult work. Jesus warned that the workers in his kingdom would often be treated very unkindly.

Jesus is still looking for people who will work for him and bring people into his kingdom. That is what the church is supposed to do. It won't always be easy. In fact, it will be hard. Many people in the church are like the farmer in our story -- they are "just playing it safe." I have heard that eight out of ten church members have never invited anyone to church and that nine out of ten church members have never won anyone to Christ.

How about you? Are you willing to work for Jesus and invite people to come to church? Will you go and tell people about Jesus' love and that he died on the cross so

that they could have everlasting life? There are many souls who are need to be brought into God's kingdom, but there just aren't enough workers.



Dear Father,

Father, we want to be faithful workers telling others about Jesus and his love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





Jesus Sends Out Workers

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every _____ and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The _____ is _____, but the _____ are _____. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like _____ among _____. Do not take a _____ or bag or _____; and do not greet anyone on the road.



"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his _____. Do not move around from house to house.

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LAUGH A MINUTE



Q. When is a vet's busiest time?

A. When it is raining cats and dogs and there are poodles on the road.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson - he brought the house down.



Q. How many feet are in a yard?

A. It depends on how many people are standing there.



The message in our gospel today is that Jesus asks his disciples to take with them whenever they go is a message of peace. The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of peace. Some will welcome the message and others will not. The disciples must, however, stand firm in the obstacles they encounter.



TIME TO THINK!

CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

The Vatican announced recently that Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman will be canonized on October 13th 2019, in Rome. During a consistory of cardinals July 1st, Pope Francis decreed that Newman and four other blessed will be canonized together in St. Peter's Square. Indian Sister Marian Theresia, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini; Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes, and Marguerite Bays, a Swiss consecrated virgin of the Third Order of St. Francis will be canonized alongside Newman. Their canonizations will take place during the 2019 Special Synod of Bishops from the Pan-Amazonian region to be held at the Vatican Oct. 6th-27th.

Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. Newman's conversion to the Catholic faith was controversial in England, and resulted in him losing many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again. The British cardinal founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England, and was particularly dedicated to education, founding two schools for boys. He died in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89. In October, Cardinal Newman will become Britain's first new saint since the canonization of St. John Ogilvie in 1976.

At Newman's beatification Mass in Birmingham, England in Sept. 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Newman's "insights into the relationship between faith and reason, into the vital place of revealed religion in civilised society, and into the need for a broadly-based and wide-ranging approach to education were not only of profound importance for Victorian England, but continue today to inspire and enlighten many all over the world."

"What better goal could teachers of religion set themselves than Blessed John Henry's famous appeal for an intelligent, well-instructed laity: 'I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it,'" Pope Benedict said.

The first miracle attributed to Newman's intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition. His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman. The woman prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover. "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons," Blessed John Henry Newman wrote. "He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments," he said.

Lead Kindly light

In 1833, the young theologian and Anglican vicar John Henry Newman (1801-90) was travelling in the Mediterranean when



he was struck down by a fever that nearly killed him. 'My servant thought I was dying and begged for my last directions,' he recalled in his autobiography. 'I gave them as he wished, but I said, "I shall not die, for I have not sinned against light."

Newman recovered slowly, but felt desperately homesick. On the way back to England, he took an orange boat from Palermo to Marseilles which was becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio. Thus stranded, in an exhausted and emotional state, Newman was impelled to write this verse as a meditative poem called 'The Pillar of the Cloud', expressive of his longing for consoling Christian certainties in an age of mounting doubt.

There has been much puzzlement over the nature of the 'kindly light' and the identity of the lost 'angel faces' in the last line. When challenged on these points, Newman replied crisply, 'I am not bound to remember my own meaning.'

He was displeased when the poem was turned into a hymn in 1845 – by which time he had converted to Catholicism, where congregational hymn-singing formed no part of divine service. To no avail: his words embodied the maudlin spirit of the age, to the point at which Queen Victoria asked it to be read to her as she lay dying. It was also the last hymn to be sung on the Titanic – not, as is sometimes said, as the liner was actually sinking, but at the final service given on board by the chaplain on the afternoon before the disaster.

Personally I pray this beautiful hymn every night after night prayer;

*Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;*

*The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.*

*Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see,
The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

I was not for ever thus, nor prayed that thou, shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now, Lead thou me on,

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,

Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still, will lead me on,

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

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*Thank you for the warmth of the sun and
increased daylight*

*Thank you for the beauty I can see around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and
enjoy your creation.*

*Thank you for the increased time I have to be
with my family and friends.*

*Keep me safe this summer as I travel and as
I play*

*Teach me how to pray no matter where I am or
what I am doing.*

*Warm my soul with the awareness of Your
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Aisling will be remembered at the 6:30pm
Mass on Saturday 20th July.

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil: for you are with me: your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

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May Joan Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

My Precious Son

JAMIE-LEE MOORE

whose 4th Anniversary occurs 10th July 2019.



The moment that you died, my heart
was torn in two,

One side filled with heartache, the
other died with you.

I often lie awake at night, when the
world is fast asleep, and take a walk
down memory lane, with tears upon
my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy,
I do it everyday, but missing you is the
heartache that never goes away.

I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain.
Until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

*Love and miss you everyday Jamie-Lee, Love Mammy
xxxxxx*

Our Darling Brother Jamie-Lee

You will never be forgotten, that simply cannot be.

As long as we are living, we carry you with us.

Safely tucked within our hearts, your light will always shine.

A glowing ember never stilled throughout the end of time.

No matter what the future brings or what may lie ahead,

We know that you will walk with us, along the path we tread.

So rest our angel, be at peace and let your soul fly free.

One day we'll join your glorious flight for all eternity.

*Loved and miss you always Jamie-Lee; Tanya, Tina, Jake,
Taylor and your niece Kyra-mae xxxxx*

My beautiful Nephew Jamie-Lee

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane,
We would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say "Goodbye",
You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.

Our hearts still ache with sadness, and secret tears still flow,
What it meant to love you - no one can ever know Jamie.

*Love and miss you always, your Aunty Sharon, James,
kids, nanny Maureen and Kevin xxxx*

We wish we could see you one more time, come walking
through the door,
But we know that is impossible, we will hear your voice no
more.

We know you can feel our tears, and you don't want us to cry,
Yet our hearts are broken because we cannot understand why
someone so precious had to die.

We pray that God will give us strength and somehow get us
through, as we struggle with the heartache that came when
we lost you Jamie

*Love and miss you always, Nanny, Mag, Dad, Uncles and
Aunty Caroline xxxxx*

Jamie-Lee's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter
& Paul's Parish Church on Wednesday 10th July at 10am.

Rest in Peace Jamie-Lee

In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Peg) McEVOY

3 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs 7th July 2019.

*We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name,
But all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place with visit
and put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache
as we turn and leave you there.*

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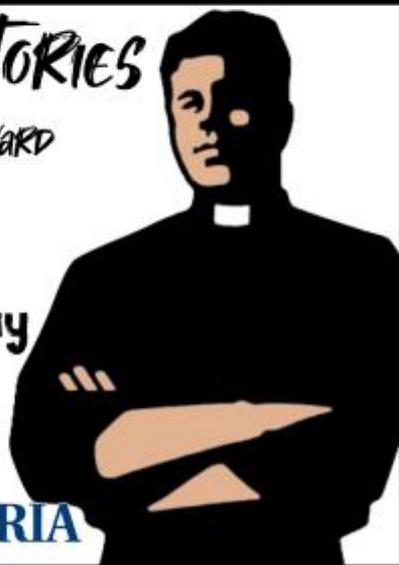
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Rosary: Please join the Prayer for Ireland team in praying the Rosary daily at 9.30pm on the Parish radio (106.5fm) or web cam.

Rosary at the Grotto: First Fridays and all Feast days to Our Lady, 8pm.

Legion of Mary: meeting every Wed. night at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

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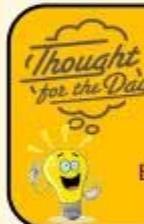
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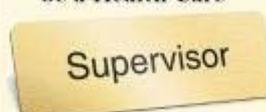
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