



ST. CONLETH'S PARISH NEWBRIDGE

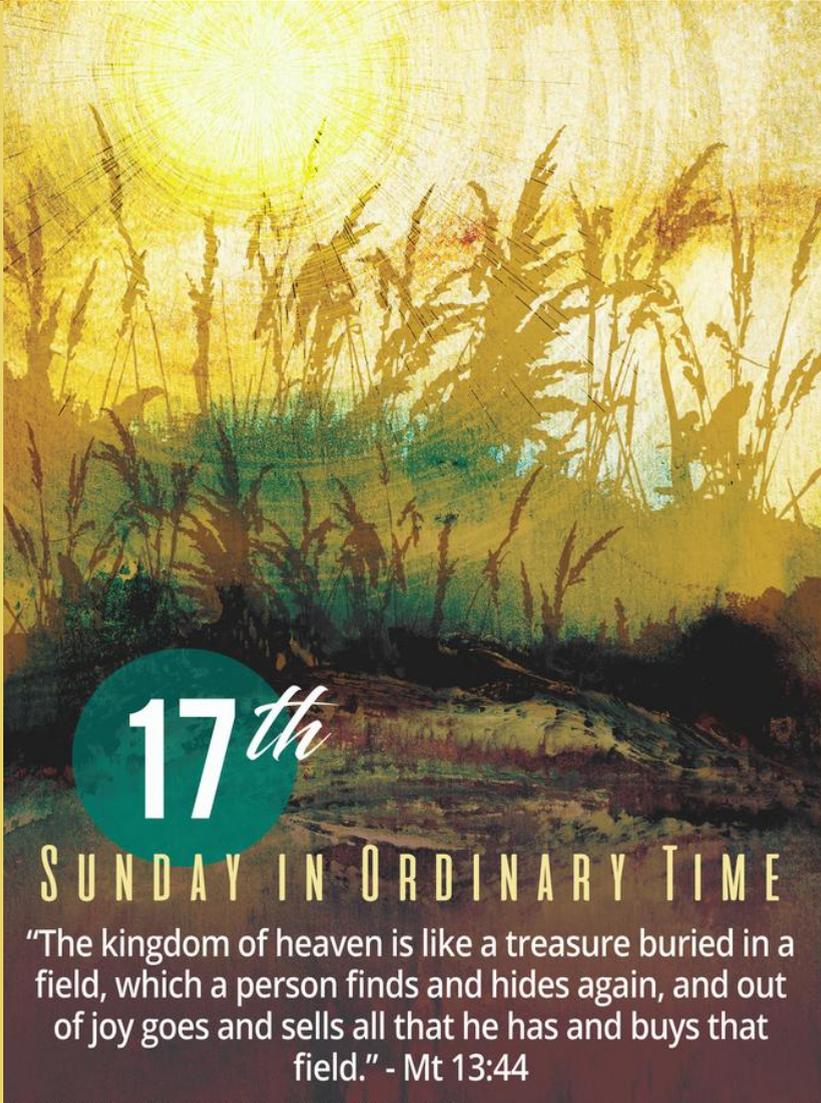
Sunday Newsletter

Week beginning Sunday, 26th July 2020 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Parish Mass Times

St. Conleth's Parish Church

Saturday: 9.30am & 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.
Weekdays: Monday - Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am & 7pm
Holy Days: Masses as on Sunday,
except no 12.30pm Mass
**Confessions (available after every
weekday Mass)**
Saturday: 10am-11am & after 6pm Mass
First Friday: 9am - 9.20am
Parish Church Sacristy: (045)432808

Cill Mhuire

Saturday: 7pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 10.30am & 12:30pm (Polish)
Weekdays: Monday - Wednesday: 10am
Thursday: 10am & 7pm
Friday: 10am
Holy Days: 7pm (Vigil) & 10.30am
Confessions (None during Mass):
Saturday: after 7pm Mass
First Friday: 9.30am-9.50am
Cill Mhuire Sacristy: 045 432286

Dominican Church

Saturday: 8am, 10am & 8pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 9.30am, 10.30am, 12noon
& 5.30pm
Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7.30am,
10am & 6pm (Evening Prayer at 5.45pm)
Holy Days: 7.30am, 10am, 12noon
& 5.30pm.
Confessions (None during Mass):
Saturday: 9.30am - 10am, 10.30am -
12noon and 7.30pm - 8pm.
First Friday: 9.30am - 10am,
5.30pm - 6pm
(No confessions during Mass)

Parish Services

ACCORD Newbridge

COVID19 COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS SUPPORT LINE:

If you need to speak to an experienced
couples & relationships counsellor during
this time of unprecedented stress and
pressure on family life contact:

Tel: 01 5313331 **Web:** www.accord.ie

Useful Websites, Emails & Helpful n Numbers

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

iCatholic Player Website:

www.icatholic.ie

HOPE (D) Counselling Service:

2 Henry St, Newbridge.

Phone: 087 151 3535

Samaritans: jo@samaritans.org

24 hour confidential line free to call
116 123.

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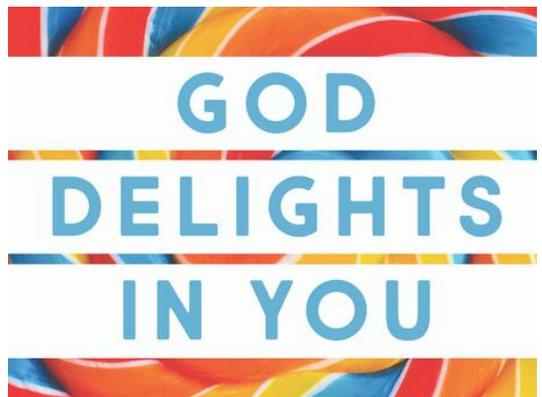
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The Pearl of Great Price

One of the realisations coming out of the Coronavirus Lockdown for many people was the importance of truly appreciating the important things in life, valuing family, friends and life itself, paying attention to the things that really matter.

Our Gospel today picks up on that realisation when it reminds us that the kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most of God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Responding to it will be worth putting everything else aside.



Lighting Candles

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power cuts, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honouring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning of these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

Farewell

No parish can run smoothly without a team of people in various roles – pastoral, administrative and practical. This week we bid farewell to one of our valued members of staff. For many years Marie Malone has been on the frontline of parish work in her role as Parish Secretary. She has given dedicated, generous service over that time. As a member of the secretarial team she brought her many talents to the Parish Office. Always ready to meet people with compassion and kindness, she responded to their various needs and requests with competence and professionalism.

Her cheerful presence in the Parish Office has been a great support to the Parish Team over the years – nothing was ever too much trouble for her. Marie is a great organiser and has a great way with people and she brought those skills to many aspects of parish life. While many will have met her through her work as parish secretary, countless others will know her through her work with the Parish Lourdes Fund and the Parish Social.

In recent years Marie has met some challenges with health issues. She has now decided to take more time for herself and for her family. We thank her for her generous and loyal service through the years and we wish her every happiness and blessing as she leaves the secretarial team. We are so sorry to see her go and will miss her unique presence among us.



Thank you for everything, Marie, most especially for being you.

Paul Dempsey

Fr. Paul Dempsey P.P.

Parish Updates

Ministers of the Word Sunday, 2nd August

Parish Church

6.00pm: Mary Doolan
8.30am: Brian Maginn
11.00am: Margaret Roche
12.30pm: James Doody
7.00pm: Phil James

Cill Mhuire

7.00pm: Stephen Hall
10.30am: Brenda Whelan

Saints Of The Week

Wed 29th July: St. Martha
Thurs 30th July: St. Peter Chrysologus
Fri 31st July: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Sat 1st August: St. Alphonsus Liguori

PLEASE
WEAR A
FACE MASK



Parish Finances

Development Fund: €4,045.00
Offertory Collection: €1,827.00
€5,872.00

Many thanks to our parishioners
for their continued support.

Recently Deceased

James (Jim) McDermott,
Pairc Mhuire, Newbridge.

*We express our deepest
sympathy to his family.
May he rest in peace*

Newbridge Parish Lotto

Wednesday 22nd July 2020
04, 13, 14, 22

No €19,000 Jackpot Winner
26 Match 3s win €39

Next week's Jackpot - €20,000
"If you're not in you can't win!"

Tickets are on sale every day in the
Parish Centre and until **12.30pm on
Wednesday (the day of the draw)**.
Tickets are also available in a number
of outlets throughout the town;
Roseberry Stores, Applegreen, Casey's
Londis & Sean's Butchers

Many thanks to all who support the
Lotto and special thanks to all our
promoters.

