



ST. CONLETH'S PARISH NEWBRIDGE

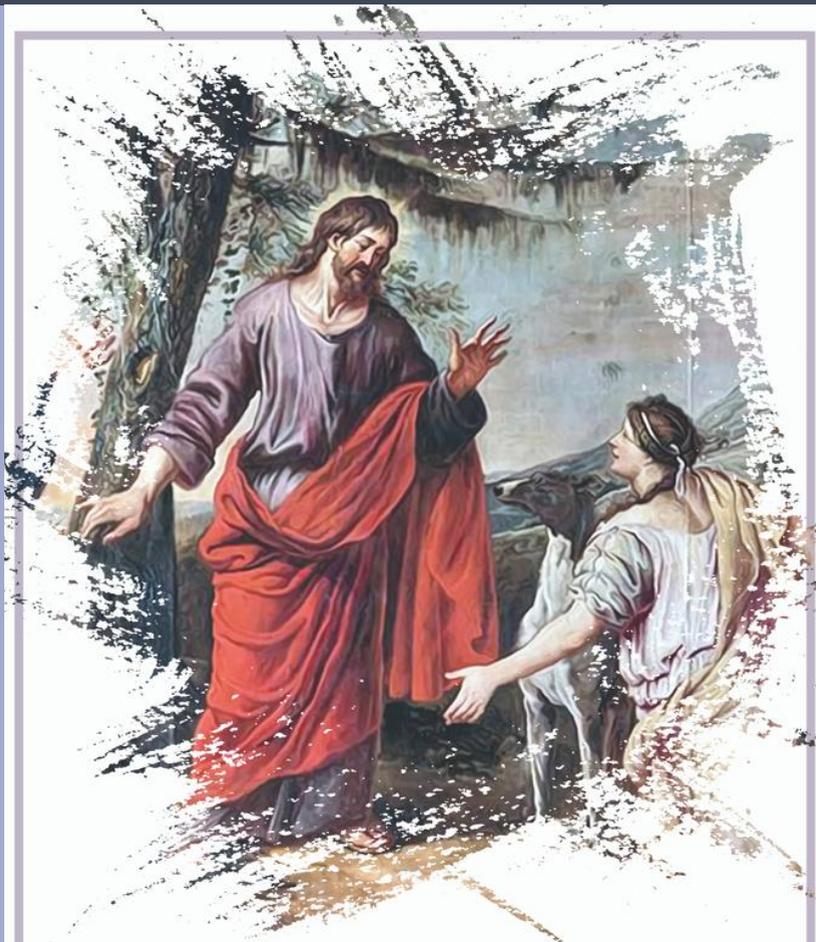
Sunday Newsletter

Week beginning Sunday, 16th August 2020 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, "O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH." —MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
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Salvation for All

Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. This week's Gospel focuses on the story of the Canaanite woman. This woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus requesting that he heal her demon possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. For them, she was a nuisance and an embarrassment and they wanted to get rid of her as quickly as possible.

The woman, however, persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

This nameless Gentile woman is an example of great faith and also of great love. We see the depth of her love for her daughter in the trouble she went to in persisting with Jesus. Love is the greatest power in the world. It is amazing what people will do when motivated by love.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Lord, grant us a strong and courageous faith, a faith that burns brightly even in times of darkness, a faith that doesn't falter even when there are no miracles or happy endings, a Good Friday faith that trusts in the dawn of Easter, a faith that is rooted in your love for us and that expresses itself in love for others.

Amen.

A Word Of Heartfelt Thanks...

In August, 2014, I came to Newbridge. It was somewhat daunting coming to a very large parish, wondering what the future might hold. My fears were short lived because from the moment I arrived, the welcome was warm and hospitable. Looking back over the six years spent here, I can say they were some of the happiest in my life.

I was blessed and privileged to work with great priests, a wonderful Parish Team, and dedicated Staff. Special mention has to be made of my housekeeper, Adrienne Murphy. The commitment and care shown by all of these was an inspiration to me in my ministry. Everyone went the “extra mile” when needed, something I very much appreciate.

So many others contribute to Newbridge being such an active parish. I think of all involved in ministry; Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Collectors, Religious Communities, Share Food Volunteers, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, School Principals, Teachers, Staff and Chaplains, Lourdes Committee, Amadeus Youth Group, Funeral Ministry, Adoration, those reaching out to people in Direct Provision, stewards, Altar Society, and so many more. This active involvement is also the case for the people of Caragh and Prosperous. All of this illustrates a Church that is alive and active, a Church which is rooted in Christ!

As a priest I've had the privilege of journeying with people in the happiest and saddest of times. The Baptisms, Weddings, Communions, Confirmations, Novenas and the Funerals. I've said before and I say again, the faith displayed by so many people in the face of difficulty and tragedy has inspired me on my own faith journey. I thank you sincerely for that.



It would have been far easier to say “no” and continue happily on the path I was on. However, in complete faith, trusting that this is what the Lord wants, I said “yes” to Pope Francis’ request. Priesthood is about call and response. When the Lord calls, despite our unworthiness, fear, and anxiety, the challenge is to respond positively, trusting in His love. This is what I have tried to do.

I was due to be ordained bishop on 19th of April last, but COVID 19 had other ideas! This meant my move West was delayed by a number of months. As it turned out, I was so glad to be in Newbridge during the lockdown. I, along with the other priests, were able to serve the parish, albeit online, for the Easter Ceremonies, Novena, daily and weekend Masses and funerals. It has been a strange few months, but I know we were in it together, something I will always remember.

My move to the West is imminent. I am due to be ordained bishop on the 30th of August. I have been deeply humbled by the amount of good wishes, cards, gifts, calls and, of course, prayers, from so many people. Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity and love. Despite my sadness on leaving Newbridge, it gives me great strength to have your support as I begin this new chapter. I look forward to coming back to visit someday when the COVID 19 crisis is behind us.



As we look ahead in these uncertain times, I finish with an encouraging thought; “Don’t worry about the future, God is already there...”

Please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you in mine.

With heartfelt thanks and every blessing,

Fr. Paul Dempsey

Notices

Adoration

Due to the government restrictions for Co. Kildare there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until further notice.

Face Coverings

We would ask that people would wear face coverings in our Churches & Parish Centre.

Parish Lotto

Our Parish Lotto has now resumed and you can purchase tickets from the Parish Centre, Roseberry Stores, Applegreen, Casey's Londis and Sean's Butchers. Currently the Jackpot is €20,000. Your support is much appreciated.

Masses - ONLINE ONLY

This week's schedule of Masses:

Each Weekday: 9.30am

Saturday: 9.30am & 6pm Vigil for Sunday.

Sunday: 11am.

Masses are live on our website & our Parish App

Parish Updates

Ministers of the Word Sunday, 23rd August

Parish Church

6.00pm: Claire Joyce

11.00am: Veronica Murphy

Saints Of The Week

Mon 17th Aug: Our Lady Of Knock

Wed 19th Aug: St. John Eudes

Thurs 20th Aug: St. Bernard

Fri 21st Aug: St Pius X



Recently Deceased

Pat Hanlon, Ballymany Park,
Newbridge.

Sister Maureen O'Mahony, Holy
Family Convent, Newbridge

*We express our deepest
sympathy to their families. May
they rest in peace.*

PLEASE
WEAR A FACE
COVERING



Newbridge Parish Lotto

**Wednesday 12th August 2020
06, 10, 12, 19**

No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

34 Match 3s win €30

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.**



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