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Parish Office- The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- 19th August 2018.

More thoughts from last weeks Diocesan Letter by Mgr McGuinness, Diocesan Administrator:

Lay Ministry: As well as challenges, I have also mentioned possibilities. A key element in the life of the church in our parishes is the ministry of laypeople. Without the generous and loyal help of many lay volunteers, our liturgical and faith life would be greatly impoverished and the day to day running of our parishes and Diocese would be impossible. I thank each and every one of you for the way in which you continue to share your gifts to support and enhance the life of your parish.

Lay ministry within our church is central to its mission. Fully appreciating and expanding the whole range of ministries across our Diocese involves both great challenge and exciting potential. This is not about making up for the diminishing numbers of priests. It is a response to the baptismal calling of each one of us. It is about encouraging every one of us to reflect upon what we can give in service to our church community. It is about allowing the gifts of each one of us to find a rightful and fruitful place in the service of God and our neighbour.

It is my hope that the range of ministries in our Diocese will expand substantially in the future. Already we have seen the first Permanent Deacon ordained for the Diocese. I encourage any men in our Diocese who feel called to this ministry to make contact with their local priest to seek more information and explore whether this may be a possible path of service for them. But this is only one form of ministry among many and all have their unique value. There may be more men and women who can contribute to the life of our parishes and Diocese in liturgical ministries, as catechists, lay pastoral workers or in youth ministry or who have skills in safeguarding, management, finance, communications and so on. The range and quality of the gifts and talents of the people in our parishes and the generosity shown already by so many, should be a cause of great encouragement and hope for all of us.

Vocations: While we acknowledge the great gift of lay ministry in our Diocese, let us continue to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood. We need priests because Catholic communities across our diocese need to be nourished by the Eucharist. Without priests we cannot celebrate the Mass. We need priests, because the life of a priest is a positive sign of God's presence in the world and in the community.

Today's world often tries to tell us that the life of a priest is a lonely life. His role is often painted in negative terms. Let me assure you that the priest's life is not lonely. It is joy-filled. Yes, like every life, it has its moments. But the beauty of encountering the Lord in prayer and in the Mass and Sacraments, the joy of bringing pastoral care and accompaniment to all of God's people, the friendship of many men and women, young and old, the support of other clergy and the satisfaction of being of service to people and to God, is simply marvellous. Parents, if your son is considering the call to priesthood, please do not dissuade him. Instead, accompany him. It is the Lord who is calling. Also, I urge any man who is thinking about God's call to him, to please come forward and enter the door that God is opening for you. Friends, your kindness, support and understanding to your priests is immeasurable. Please continue to pray for us and to help us, and if there is a new priest coming to your parish, know that he comes with an open heart and give him a warm welcome.

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Saturday (Vigil) Mary, Joe & Gerry Roarty (Church Road).

Sunday 8.30am. Mary Timoney & Sr. Theresa Agnes Gallagher.

11.00am. Alice Carty (Mountain View) M.M.

12.30pm. Dec Members Fitzpatrick Family (St Colm's Tce), Caroline Loughlin (London).

Monday 9.30am. Andrew Hogan (Galway & Dinglei Coush).

Tuesday 10am. Private Intentions. **Wednesday 10am. Prayer Service.**

Thursday 10am. Martin Hogan (Limerick)

Friday 10am. Private Intentions.

Saturday 10am. Harry McCauley (Shene Ave). Saturday 7pm. Bridie Hanley (Brandra).

Sunday 8.30am. Dec Mbs Mulreany Family.

11.00am. People of the Parish.

12.30pm. Very Rev. Canon Gerard McGreevy.

Special Ministers for August

7.00pm. M. Stuttard, M. Gormley & L. Ryan.

8.30am. M. Mulreany & K. Gallagher. **11.00am**. A. Gaye, M. Carty & B. Fox.

12.30pm.

August Ministers of the Word

7.00pm. Marie Stuttard8.30am. Mary Mulreany11.00am. John Fallon

12.30pm.

August Altar Society:

Sylvia O'Neill & Mary Mulreany.

Weekly Ministers 20/08/2018

Minister of the Eucharist Ray Kerr Ozanam House Ray Kerr Minister of the Word Ray Kerr

Prayer Service Leader 22/08/2018:

Breege Connor.

Church Collectors for August.

7pm. Cindy O'Beirne, Kathleen McGrath, Kathleen Connolly. **8.30am**. Patricia Brennan, Cormac Meehan.

11.00am. Pat McGovern, Danny Breslin, Joe Smyth, Mary Carty. **12.30pm.** Donal Breslin.

Altar Servers:

Saturday 25th August: Ryan & Erin McGloin, Lucy Currid, Justin Kelly, Mischa & Maria Keenan.

Sunday 26th August: Bradlee Goodwin McGowan, Bruno Versilo, Siofra & Shannon McMahon, Callum Tierney, Elishia & Grace Rodgers.

<u>Cake Sale:</u> Will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September after each Mass. We would be most grateful if you could kindly sponsor some homemade baking. Cakes buns, etc. can be left into the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 15th from 2pm to 5pm.

Sunday August, 19th at 10am

John & Stephen Prior

Maureen & Walter Doyle (Station Road).

MondayTuesday10am. Prayer Service.

Wednesday 10am. Mass

ThursdayFridaySaturday10am. Prayer Service10am. Prayer Service.

Sunday August, 26th at 10am.

Josie Gallagher (Portnason).

Liturgy Teams for August

Minister of the Word.

Bernie Boyle.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist.

Clare Harte & Patricia McInerney.

Church Collectors.

Front. Eamon Daly Back. Patrick Mc Kenna

Altar Society.
Breege Loughlin.

Important Future Dates for the Rock.

<u>Cemetery Sunday:</u> Sunday September 16th after 10am Mass.

We remember all those who have died recently: May They Rest in Peace.



Eileen McMullan (Convoy)
Mary Melly (Manger, Belleek)
Mary Lewsley (Belfast)
Sean Nicholson (Dublin)

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Finances August 11th & 12th, 2018

Weekly Offering: €2,480.00 Envelopes Returned: 140

Second Collection - €940.00 Thanks to everyone. Thanks to those who have made separate donations.

St Joseph's Church Finances. August 12th, 2018
Offertory Collection: 54 Envelopes Returned
Envelopes €473.00 Baskets €247.00 Total €720.00
Development Fund: 72 Envelopes Returned
Envelopes €268.00 Baskets €172.00 Total €440.00
Thanks to those who have made separate donations.