

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH JUNE 2021

Jesus chooses the sea, the place of a fierce force, to exhibit his supreme power. We are being called to trust in his power.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.

Working Holy Days: Vigil 6p.m. Holy Days 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

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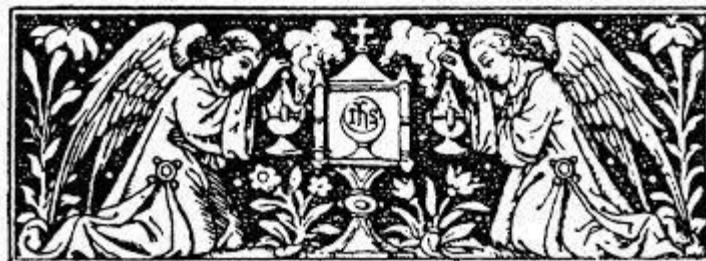
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A new livestreaming service for the church webcam has replaced the service provided by MCN Media. The new provider is Church Services TV. Please note the new access for the livestream from Ballinlough: www.churchservices.tv/ballinloughlourdes



Deaths

We remember in our prayers John O'Mahony, Ballinlough Road. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy to his family, friends and neighbours.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard on Saturdays at 10.30am and at 5.30pm in the room adjoining the sacristy.

Twelfth Sunday

Rumour and tradition tells us that the phrase *do not be afraid* appears in the bible 365 times! That's one for every day of the year. Whether or not it actually does appear this many times in the bible, it still offers us hope, strength and courage when we are in doubt or struggling in any way. When Mary was called and chosen to be the mother of Jesus, we are told that she *was deeply disturbed and wondered the words and message*

meant. Immediately she was encouraged with the words, 'Mary, do not be afraid'. When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant he was going to divorce her informally. But in a dream he had, he too heard these words, 'Joseph, do not be afraid'. In each experience God called Mary and Joseph by their names and asked them to take on what seemed like an impossible task. But having been called, they were not to rely on their own strength and determination; God who called them would also strengthen, support and encourage them. They would never be alone.

Fear is part of life and part of each of our own daily lives. We are afraid of many things; failure, death, violence, the rise of terrorism and religious intolerance in our world and in our country. Donald Trump talks of building a wall. This is the language of separation, segregation and exclusion. It is neither the message nor the values of the gospel.

Like Mary and Joseph each of us is called by name by God. We are called to be examples and witnesses of Jesus in our world today. In the gospel, Jesus asks us to declare ourselves for him in the presence of others. At times this can be difficult and challenging. The values of the gospel are often and generally not the values of the world. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we behave, we are to be the real and credible witnesses to Jesus and his gospel. We won't be left on our own, Jesus will be with us. As Mary and Joseph were called and encouraged, so too will we with the words, 'do not be afraid.'

Let us not be afraid of what is being asked of us. Let us not be paralysed by our fear. Instead, let the words of Pope Francis encourage us, 'go out again and again, without fear and proclaim the good news which is for all people'.

Lough Derg 2021

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3rd – 5th July.

The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 0(0353) 71 9861518 or www.loughderg.org

Petition for SAFE ROAD CROSSING at Our Lady of Lourdes NS

The Parents Association of Our Lady of Lourdes NS is asking the Chief Executive of Cork City Council to prioritise creating a safe crossing point at Our Lady of Lourdes National School at the junction of Bellair Estate and the Ballinlough Road.

To sign the petition, go to: <http://bit.ly/OLOLNSCrossing>