

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Mary the mother of Jesus – has conquered sin and death. She has**  
**been brought to heaven and we pray that when our time comes**  
**we may join her in her Son's kingdom.**

**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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**Feast Days of the Week**

**Today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** The Assumption of Mary honours the fullness of blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of her immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ.

Father in heaven,  
 All creation rightly gives you praise,  
 For all life and all holiness come from you.  
 In the plan of your wisdom  
 She who bore the Christ in her womb  
 Was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven?  
 May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness?  
 And join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Our Lady of Knock  
 The story of Knock began on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1879 when Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. Knock is an internationally recognized Marian Shrine. Saint John Paul II visited Knock as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park, Dublin on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** St. John Eudes from Normandy, France  
 Founder of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** St. Bernard Patron of beekeepers.

**Deaths**

We remember in our prayers Thelma FitzGerald, Ardfallen Road, Noreen Russell, Willow Lawn, Kevin Desmond, Bellair Estate and Noel (Christopher) Coughlan Glencoo Gardens, may they rest in peace. Our sympathies to their families, friends and neighbours.



**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Novena**

**Sacred Heart Church, Western Road**  
**Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Daily 10am & 7.30pm Live Streamed**  
**Theme: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**  
**'Hope of the Hopeless.'**  
**Preacher: Fr. Paul Clayton Lea**

**Prayer – Dark Cellar**

Three men were trapped in a dark cellar that had no doors or windows. The first man was a writer by the name of George. He had no faith. He just sat there cursing the darkness. "There is nothing we can do" he said despairingly, we might as well resign ourselves to our fate."

The second was Peter, who was a very religious man. He prayed for a long time. When he had finished he sat back and waited for a miracle.

The third man was a bricklayer by the name of Ivan. Ivan was quite religious in his own way but was also a very practical man. He had a small chisel in his pocket and began to chip away at the wall. The work was slow and monotonous and extremely tiring. He got dust in his eyes and blisters on his hands. Neither of the other two showed any inclination to help him. George sat in one corner smoking. Peter sat in another corner praying. From time-to-time Ivan too prayed. "Dear God, I believe that with your help we can make it out of here. Please help me."

After hours of painful work, he succeeded in dislodging a brick and suddenly light streamed in from the outside. He began to shout for joy praising and thanking God at the same time. His two companions helped him to enlarge the hole, and eventually all three crawled through and were free.



Here you have three different attitudes towards prayer: For George prayer was a waste of time, since he had no faith his attitude was logical. For Peter prayer was a substitute for action so once he had prayed, he sat back and waited for God to come to his rescue. A lot of our private prayer is like this especially our prayer on behalf of others. It's just words and an excuse for doing nothing.

Ivan believes in prayer but not as a substitute for action, but also a spur to action. Having prayed he immediately took what action he could.

**Our Lady's Crown Prayer**

**Most Glorious Queen of Heaven and Mother of God,  
You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory.  
You are the Sovereign Queen over all God's Creation.  
I place myself and all my loved ones under the power, protection, and  
sovereignty of your crown.  
Under the protection of your crown I will fear no other crown and through  
your immense intercessory power  
I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the corona virus.**

**Dearest Mother and Queen,  
We, your children in Christ Jesus,  
Ask you to obtain for us  
An end to the spread of this virus. Amen**

**The Memorare:**







