

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th September
There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.

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

Tuesday 21st St. Matthew, the tax collector, may also be identified with Levi, son of Alphaeus. He is said to have been a missionary in Persia and Ethiopia. We know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles. Patron of accountants, book-keepers, tax-collectors, customs officers and security guards.

Thursday 23rd St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), died 23rd September 1968. Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer.

St. Eunan, was born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704, He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is the Life of Colum Cille.

St. Eugene (Eoghan) lived in the sixth century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw, Co. Tyrone.

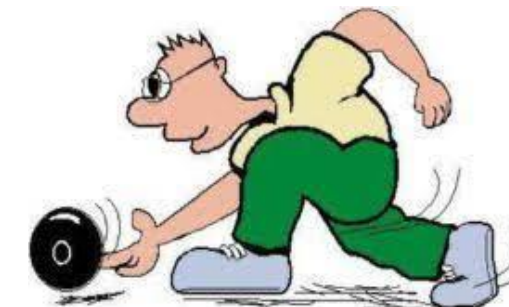
Saturday 25th St. Finbarr, came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

The Annual collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood will take place next weekend September 26th. This collection is the primary means whereby the Diocese funds our students in Seminary.

Ballinlough Men's Retirement Club

Will resume on Wednesday 22nd September at 2.30p.m. in Ballinlough Community Centre. Enjoy a game of Short Mat Bowls (Bowls supplied by the club) in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie or just drop in for a chat and a 'cuppa'. All those who are fully vaccinated or completely recovered from Covid 19 are welcome.

Contact person: Noel 085 - 1615 360.



The Annual Pilgrimage in honour of St. Finbarr will take place on Sunday 26th September in Gougane Barra.

Rosary will be recited at 2:30p.m. and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin at 3p.m.

People attending are asked to follow current government guidance in relation to social distancing between household groups and wearing of face coverings.



Cork Lions Club are holding a Covid compliant Drive In Bingo at 3:00p.m. Sunday September 26^h at Curraheen Greyhound Stadium. Gates open at 2:00p.m. You can buy bingo books on the day or on line at www.corklionsclub.ie

Gossip

The story is often told of the most unusual penance St. Philip Neri assigned to a woman for her sin of spreading gossip. The sixteenth-century saint instructed her to take a feather pillow to the top of the church bell tower, rip it open, and let the wind blow all the feathers away. This probably was not the kind of penance this woman, or any of us, would have been used to! But the penance didn't end there. Philip Neri gave her a second and more difficult task. He told her to come down from the bell tower and collect all the feathers that had been scattered throughout the town.



The poor lady, of course could not do it and that was the point Philip Neri was trying to make in order to underscore the destructive nature of gossip. When we detract from others in our speech, our malicious words are scattered abroad and cannot be gathered back. They continue to dishonor and divide many days, months, and years after we speak them as they linger in people's minds and pass from one tale-bearer to the next.

Some men are sitting around discussing the meaning of life.

One turns and asks the others, "If tomorrow all your loved ones found themselves at a funeral, gathered around your casket, what would you want to hear them say?"

One starts off saying, "I hope they would say I was a good father and husband".

The next says "I want them to say I was not only successful, but a kind and generous man too".

"I'd want them to say", says the last man, "Hey look, he's moving!"

**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:

Deaths

Our Lady's Crown Prayer

**Most Glorious Queen of Heaven and Mother of God,
You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory.**



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

