

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5<sup>th</sup> September

The signs that Jesus is present and that we are his true witnesses is that we attend to our sick, console those who are in despair, befriend the friendless; work for social justice, we must not be mute through fear or self – protection. We must do all things well

### 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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We extend a warm welcome to Ronan Sheehan Seminarian for the Diocese of Cork & Ross who will be based in this parish until Christmas. Ronan will be ordained a deacon for the Diocese on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Feast of St. Finbarr.



### Feast Days of the Week

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

**St. Ciaran**  
Was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.



**Legion of Mary.** There will be a special Mass on the 7<sup>th</sup> September which will be live streamed from the Cathedral (Main Celebrant Bishop Fintan Gavin) to mark the anniversary of Frank Duff founder of the Legion of Mary.

### St. Mary's Popes Quay Cork

Will be hosting two upcoming conferences in September.

A Catholic Women's Conference on the 18<sup>th</sup> September and a

Catholic Men's Conference on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

For more information on conference topics, key-note speakers, times etc. please see the leaflets in the church porch.

### Be Thankful

A blind boy sat on the corner of the road with a signboard beside him which said, "I am blind, please help me" and with a hat for passers-by to put coins in. As the day wore on there were only a few coins in the hat. In the afternoon, a certain man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words on it. He put the sign back so that everyone who passed by could see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That evening the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign earlier in the day? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth." I said what you said but in a different way." What he had written was: "Today is a beautiful day and I cannot see it." The boy said, "But the meaning is the same, what made the people help me more than usual.

The man said, the first sign said simply that you were blind. The second sign made the people aware that they were not blind. The boy now understood it very well. You don't value a thing unless you don't have it.

Do you think the first sign and the second sign were saying the same thing? Of course, both signs told people the boy was blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Be thankful for what you have.

THERE'S  
always  
something TO  
BE thankful  
FOR

**generous man too".**

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

**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**

**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:**

**Deaths**









