

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th January 2022

Each Sunday liturgy is like a wedding feast in which Jesus is the bridegroom showing his love for us, -his bride- by providing food and drink for our innermost needs.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Feast days of the week

Monday 17th St. Anthony, died 356, 'Father of monasticism,' lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Thursday 20th Pope Fabian was the bishop of Rome from 236 to his death 250, succeeding Anterus. A dove is said to have descended on his head to mark him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice to become the next pope. He was succeeded by Cornelius.

St. Sebastian may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials. He is patron saint of archers and athletes and those who desire a saintly death.

Friday 21st St. Agnes, wealthy and beautiful was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early fourth century. Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls.

Saturday 22nd St. Vincent, deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture. Vincent's dead body was thrown in the sea in a sack, but was later recovered by the Christians and his veneration immediately spread throughout the Church.

According to legend, after being martyred, ravens protected St. Vincent's body from being devoured by vultures, until his followers could recover the body. His body was taken to what is now known as Cape of Vincent, a shrine was erected over his grave, which continued to be guarded by flocks of ravens.

Deaths.

We remember in our prayers
Ann McCarthy, Carrigmore Park,
Mary Kavanagh, late of Pic-du-Jer Park and
Tony O'Neill, Belmont Avenue.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*



A Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection will be taken up this weekend.

Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.

Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril.

Preserve us in peace; heal the sick, protect the vulnerable; keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Hand of God

Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in infant school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother commented, 'doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery did you know God painted this just for you?' 'Yes, replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left handed.' This confused his grandmother so she asked him, 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?' 'Well, said Philip, 'we learned at school last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand.'



Mass Attendance Guidance.

Thank you for observing the very important guidance and safety measures which were introduced in our church for the safety of all.

In the current climate, it is more important than ever to maintain the Health and Safety Guidelines in keeping with Government and Public Health recommendations.

