

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH February

It is all too easy to trust in our own possessions – and the more we have the easier it is. But they are all temporary. If we put our trust in the Resurrection and live in its spirit then we shall inherit eternal life.

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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Deaths

We remember in our prayers Bertie Kelleher, Pic-du-Jer Close and Theresa Bradley, late of Pic-du-Park, May they rest in peace. Our sympathies to their families, friends and neighbours.



Feast days of the week in February

Monday 14th St. Cyril, 826-69, and St. Methadius, 815-85, were brothers from Thessalonica in Greece. They preached the Gospel in Moravia using their own Translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. These translations into Slavonic were in an alphabet, now called Cyrillic, which they devised. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples and in 1980 Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe.

Tuesday 15th Saints Jovita and Faustinus, depicted as two knightly brothers holding the palms of martyrdom. Sometimes only Jovita is shown, richly dressed and on horseback; an angel may be shown saving them from drowning; sometimes shown with Faustinus of Brescia.

Wednesday 16th Saint Juliana of Nicomedia is said to have suffered Christian martyrdom during the Diocletian persecution in 304. She was popular in the Middle Ages, especially in the Netherlands, is the patron saint of sickness.

Thursday 17th St. Fintan was born in Leinster. He received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary, under the abbot Colum, and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule.

Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. There are a number of saints buried in Clonenagh including St. Fintan and St. Aengus. There is a famous St. Fintan's Tree at Clonenagh, where a well sprung up in its trunk when a farmer who lived across the road refused to allow people to visit a holy well in his field. The well miraculously transferred to the tree. The tree came to be known as "The Money Tree" people would hammer coins into its bark for some intention. It was blown down in a storm in 1994.

Thursday 17th Servite Founders. In the early thirteenth century seven young merchants of Florence decided to help one another live more perfect Christian lives. As the result of a vision, they became known as the 'Servants of Mary' and followed the Rule of Saint Augustine.

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**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**



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.**

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Pray For Vocations. Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations, is asking individuals and parishes to Pray for Vocations each day at 4p.m. during the coming year. Our Father, a Hail Mary or a Glory Be.



The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and tells whether you are qualified to be a "professional." According to Andersen Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers!

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*In Our
Thoughts
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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.



The Computer Swallowed Grandma

THREE BEERS

An Irishman moved into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walked into the local pub, and promptly ordered three beers. The bartender raised his eyebrows, but served the man three beers, which he drank quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man had finished the three beers and ordered three more. This happened yet again. The next evening the man again ordered and drank three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town was whispering about The Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broached the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers at a time?"

"Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replied. "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank, as a way of keeping up the family bond."

The bartender and the whole town were pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and a source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then one day, the man came in and ordered only two beers. The bartender poured them with a heavy heart. This continued for the rest of the evening. "Each time he orders only two beers," the word flew around town. Prayers were offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender said to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condolences to you for the death of your brother. You know -- the two beers instead of three, and all..."

The man pondered this for a moment, then replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, meself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

The computer swallowed grandma
Yes, honestly its true
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely
The thought just makes me squirm
She must have caught a 'virus'
Or been eaten by a 'worm.'

I've searched through the 'recycle bin'
And files of every kind
I've even used the 'Internet'
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine
The reply from him was negative
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So if inside your 'Inbox'
My Grandma you should see
Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

