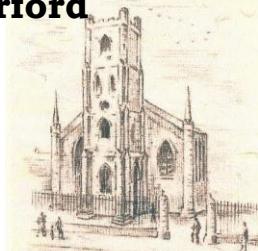


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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.
Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon-10.00a.m. (Polish)

Weekday Masses Mon - Fri: 09.30a.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- Monday at 9.30a.m.

No Mass on Saturday mornings.

Holiday Masses:

Vigil Mass at 6.00p.m. – evening before
09.30a.m. Mass only on the day.

WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY LITURGY AT ST. JOHN'S.

Today: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Being a Follower of Jesus.

It is a great privilege to be a follower of Jesus but it is also a challenge to be a reliable follower of Jesus and an effective witness to the Good News that he has revealed. Being a follower of Jesus means taking on the attitudes of Jesus as our own. It means: -Trusting God as Jesus did.

Making his project of teaching people to live in right relationships with themselves and with one another our own.

Being a compassionate presence in the world as he was. That's a tall order! Developing a belief that God is always with us is something that will not happen overnight. It is the fruit of time spent in prayer, reflecting on the word of God and meditating on the lessons life teaches us. It needs what might be called a 'contemplative' approach to

life. Do we give ourselves the time and the space to acquire this?

'Those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore; and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others.'

One way in which we do this is when we view others with the same compassion that Jesus showed in his life, reaching out to the hurt, forgiving those who have offended us or encouraging those who are afraid. As Christ put a human face on God's love for us, we also can do this for others whom we meet.

Becoming Christ-like is the task of a lifetime and there is no project more worthy of a Christian.

In Loving Memory



To you O Lord we commend the souls of our brothers and sisters whose anniversaries or month's mind occur at this time.

Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently:

*Roy Butler late of O'Reilly Road, Cork Road
Thomas (Tommy) Phelan, Poleberry, Waterford*

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-

6.00 Vigil - Saturday 21st August

James Kehoe

9.00am - Sunday 22nd August

Don & Mai Mahon

12 Noon - Sunday 22nd August

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Your Prayers

You are asked to remember in your prayers, those members of our Christian Community of St.

John's who are ill at home or in hospital at this time, that the Lord may make them comfortable in their illness towards a speedy recovery and help their loved ones to care for them.

Notice Board

Quip for the Week

Most of us would get along well if we used the advice we give others.



Questions People Ask!

Q. Somebody challenged my belief in the presence of Jesus in Holy Communion, showing me where Jesus said that the flesh has nothing to offer. Doesn't this contradict what Catholics believe about receiving Jesus, flesh and blood, soul and divinity ?

A. Catholic belief is based on the words of Jesus, such as: 'My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I live in them'.

(St. John's Gospel Ch. 6, v 55-56). In the line you quote the word 'flesh' indicates 'the way of the flesh' – human thinking without the light of faith.

Gardening the Soul

It is one thing to forgive others but quite another to receive forgiveness. Openness to forgiveness from others demands that we meet the next moment with new perception and an open heart, that we leave behind us the dust of former quarrels and bickerings and unpleasant encounters.

– Sr. Stan Kennedy

...thought for the week

It is my observation that too many of us are spending money we haven't earned to buy things we don't need to impress people we don't like

– Mrs Brown.

Welcome! The parish of St. John's would like to take this opportunity to welcome all visitors to our city and to our church. May you have a very pleasant stay and hopefully the weather will suit your disposition.