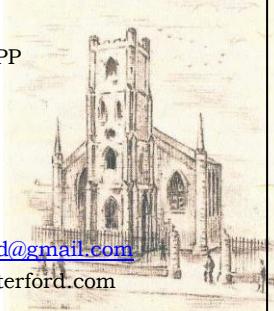


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Saturday Vigil 6.00p.m.
Sunday 9.00a.m. & 12 noon-10.00a.m.
(Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES MON - FRI: 9.30a.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
- Monday at 9.30a.m.
No Mass on Saturday mornings.

HOLYDAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass at 6.00p.m. - evening before



Welcome to our Sunday Liturgy at St. John's - 30th in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel tells the lovely story of how Jesus gave sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus, to the amazement of all who saw the miracle. The story of God's redeeming love is a marvel to be celebrated every day. But, sadly, we too easily pass through this world blind to its wonders. With Bartimaeus we cry out that we may see. Helen Keller, physically blind and deaf, once asked a friend what had she had seen in her forest walk. 'Nothing really.' Helen, who could catch the singing of a bird on a branch through its vibration, was stunned. If I pass a day without responding in praise to God, I should ask myself what holds me in bondage?

Master, let me see again.

Deliver us, O Lord from our bondage.

May our eyes be opened to your wonders.

And our ears receptive to your story.

What marvels the Lord worked for us,

Indeed we were glad.

In Loving Memory



Remember in Your Prayers those who died recently -

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:-**6.00 Vigil - Saturday 23rd October***People of the parish***9.00am - Sunday 24th October****12.00 Noon - Sunday 24th October***Joan O'Mahony***9.30am - Monday 25th October***Catherine Halligan***9.30am - Tuesday 26th October***Harry Halligan***9.30am - Wednesday 27th October***Rose Swift***9.30am - Thursday 28th October***Tom Moylan*

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

Notice Board

**Holy Souls Novena**

The novena for the Holy Souls will begin on Tuesday November 2nd for 9 days ending on Wednesday 10th November. Envelopes with a card for the names of those you wish to have remembered during the Novena will be available from this weekend at the back of the church.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. This year's theme 'We Cannot Remain Silent - We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)' is twofold. It is a message of hope - Jesus Christ is risen and we cannot keep his love, compassion, and mercy to ourselves. It also challenges us to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who are weaker. All too often, the voices that need to be heard are not the loudest. For them, we cannot remain silent.

ORDINATION

Reverend John McEneaney, a native of Tramore, will be ordained in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity on Sunday 24th October at 3.00 p.m. Please remember John in your prayers.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

With the easing of government restrictions we can now have full capacity in our churches. From this weekend all seating restrictions will be removed. We would ask you to still be mindful of social distancing when choosing your seat in the church and for your safety and the safety of others please continue to wear a face covering.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated birthday wishes to Sr. Catherine Veale - Good Shepherd Community Hennessy's Road - who celebrated her 95th birthday on Sunday last. Catherine has been an active member of the St. John's parish community for many years and spent the greater part of her working life on the missions.

From all at St. John's

AUTUMN COLLECTION

Fr. Rogers would like to thank all who have contributed to the Autumn Collection in aid of our parish. Those who omitted returning their envelope to the church to date may do so by handing it in to Eddie in the sacristy. *Thank You.*

The Bible in Our Everyday Lives.

(continued from last week)

There is a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.

A time to embrace and a time to refrain.

A time to search and a time to give up.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear and a time to mend.

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

From 'The Little Book of Epitaphs'**Jemima Jones (died 1803)**

This is the last long resting place of aunt Jemima Jones. Her soul ascended into space amidst our tears and our groans. She was not pleasing to the eye, nor had she any brain. And when she talked twas through her nose which gave her friends much pain.

But still we feel that she was worth the money that we spent.

*Upon the coffin, hearse and stone
(the funeral plumes were lenty).*

(Phyllis D.)

Questions People Ask!

**Q. May a Christian believe in evolution?
Must we accept that the universe was made in six days?**

A. Christians profess faith to God as the creator of all things. This does not offer an explanation of how things developed or how long it took. The act of creation is the step from nothingness into being. The bible gives poetic expression, not a scientific explanation to the belief that everything has its origin and meaning in the mind of God. The more scientists unravel the development of the universe and life, the more reason we have to admire the wonders of the Creator.

Gardening the Soul

I knew a woman who, after her husband's sudden death, lost everything. Suddenly she had no home, no job, no income. She described the feeling to me 'When I walk down the street I feel so ashamed, I feel as though I have a neon light over my head saying homeless.' For her it was a devastating experience to have that label put on her. Fortunately, she has since been able to make a new home for herself and her family. We do tremendous harm by putting labels on people. People who have no job, no family, no friends, no home, no address, have taught me this. They have also taught me how easy it is to define ourselves by what we do and what we have rather than by who we are. But it is what we are that counts, and striving to realise that is the work of a lifetime. *Sr. Stan*

...thought for the week

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses and some don't turn up at all.

Quote for the Week

Don't be crazy to do a lot of things you can't do. *(E.W.Howe)*

Quip for the Week

Habits are at first cobwebs, then cables