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Rector's Ramblings

Greetings from Enniskillen (CDT +6).

If all has gone according to plan, we are ensconced in the Tirconail Lodge in Enniskillen when this edition of The Good News is released. I hope things have gone according to plan.

Anyway, after leaving Enniskillen this morning today is a pilgrimage day at the monastic ruins of Clonmacnoise. This monastery was founded in 544 AD by St. Ciaran and was one of the leading centers of religious life and learning in Early Middle Ages Ireland. It experienced a long decline during the High Middle Ages, and was finally destroyed by the English garrison of Athlone in 1552 (Edward VI). Those ruins stand to this day.

On Sunday, we will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist at the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas in Galway. This is the largest medieval parish in the Church of Ireland (Anglican). The building was finished no later than 1320, and still bears the marks of Cromwell's iconoclasm. The font itself is over 400 years old.

Please remember us in your prayers as we remember you.

St. Ciaran of Clonmacnoise, pray for us.

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July 20, 2018



Habitat Build Continues

Please Volunteer Today!

We are asked to provide volunteers for 28 July, from 8AM to Noon. We need a total of 12 volunteers. If you wish to volunteer, or have already signed up on our sign up sheet, please click on this [link](#) to confirm your status and fill out your waiver.

Thank you to all who will work on this project.

Men's Breakfast

Will take place on Saturday, 21 July, at 8AM. Roger Thomas has volunteered to take lead on breakfast cooking.

Christian Formation

Is finished for the Summer.

The sessions on the Sacraments have been recorded and are on DVD. If you would like to view them from the comfort of your home, please see Fr. Dave.

Theology Uncorked

Will meet at 6PM on 12 August.

Giving Statements Ready

Giving statements for the first half of 2018 are printed and ready for your review. Please help us save expenses by picking up your envelope in the hallway, just outside the Parish Hall.

Any statements remaining will be mailed.

Rector Vacation

Fr. Dave and Amy are in Ireland to celebrate (belatedly) their 25th Anniversary. They will return on 2 August.

Thank you to Deacon Tim for carrying the load of visitations and for officiating at Morning Prayer while Father is away.

Services in July are as follows:

July 22 Morning Prayer (Deacon Tim--Officiant)

July 29 Regular Schedule (Fr. Wells--Celebrant)

Outreach Opportunities

Due to the increased need of all local food pantries, the Outreach Committee is adding the month of July for our collections, which go to St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity continues to be greatly appreciated.

Outreach Opportunities for May and June - St. Vincent de Paul
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an international organization, has been in Bloomington for over 50 years. Its mission is "to seek and find the forgotten, suffering and the deprived." It is maintained entirely by volunteers. This past year they served around 1000 households a month.

Specifically, the following supplies are needed:

- Canned foods, especially those with protein as peanut butter and tuna fish
- Vegetables of all kinds
- Boxed foods as rice and varieties of rice and beans
- Macaroni and cheese
- Instant oatmeal
- Dry cereals
- Drinks as Gatorade and water
- Baby diapers and wet wipes

Please place supplies in the baskets in the Narthex and in the hallway by the fireplace. If you prefer to give money, make your check out to St. Matthew's and in the memo line write "outreach." Place these in the plate offering, not the baskets.

The volunteer workers of St. Vincent de Paul are most grateful for all we give and the Outreach Committee thanks you for your continued generosity in helping those in need.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Serving Schedule

22-July

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Martha Carroll

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter & Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Dedee Champion & Janet Hoffman

29-July

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Ray Laws

Coffee Hour: Roger & Debbie Thomas

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning July 22nd

Coffee hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer and breakfast

Friday -7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-morning-Habitat build

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for July 22, 2018

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2 Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. 5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Mark 6:30-34

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and

arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. 53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 22 - 28

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Julie Cooper
Decon Tim Leighton
Halian Littlefield

Lamp Dedications for this week

Collect for Sunday, July 22nd

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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