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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Greetings from Kilbrittain.

This morning we are at Bridgeview Farm in Cork County, and will be leaving here to travel to Portaloise. On the docket is a stop in Tipperary (it's a long way, but I am with the sweetest girl I know), and the Rock of Cashel.

Sunday we will be worshipping in a small country church called Holy Trinity (The Rock) at Dunamase. Dunamase is a ruined Hiberno-Norman castle on the site of a 9th century fort that was pillaged by the Vikings.

After service, we will continue a pilgrimage day to St. Brigid's tower and well in the vicinity of Kildare. Next to St. Patrick, St. Brigid (Bride) is the most beloved Irish saint.

Following on from Kildare we will visit Glendalough. Set in a valley of the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough is an important early Christian monastic site, and was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th Century AD. The monastery city was destroyed by the English in 1398. It remains, however, a popular pilgrimage location.

One of the interesting aspects of Irish religious life is the role the monasteries played in evangelizing the population. In the Irish model, monks would arrive in an area and form a monastic community working, living, and praying alongside the indigenous population. Over time their generosity and holy manner of living (being radically different from the cultural values surrounding them) became

The Good News

July 27, 2018



Habitat Build Continues Tomorrow.

Please Sign up today!

St. Matthew's continues to partner on the build for Kia and Georgia. Our next work day is tomorrow. Please consider volunteering to make this crew day possible.

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.

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.

Continuing Vacation

Amy and I return on 2 August.

Thank you to Deacon Tim for ensuring that Pastoral Care continues during my absence, and for officiating last week.

This Sunday, Fr. David Wells, assisting priest at the Cathedral will be the Celebrant at both services.

attractive to the population. This difference and faithfulness earned the monks the right to be heard, and the surrounding population was converted to the Christian faith.

I do believe we can learn from their example.

St. Brigid and St. Kevin, pray for us.

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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

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

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: Roy Laws
Coffee Hour: Roger & Debbie Thomas

5-August

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham
Lector: Bill Johns
E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson
Crucifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Cris Embree
E.M.: Shelley Carter
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense
Coffee Hour: Susan & Jeffrey Clark

Summer Lector's Serving Schedule

Lector's are scheduled by a fixed rotation that sometimes does not fit with their family plans. Please look ahead and trade with one another if you are unable to serve. Thanks.

7/29	Bill Johns	Robin Levine
8/5	Mona Johnstone	Cris Embree
8/12	Chris Bennett	Sandy Kohlase

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning July 29th

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

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 29, 2018

Hymns: #362, #642, #644, #304, #610

Old Testament

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Psalm 145:10-19

Exaltabo te, Deus

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 29 - August 4

Anniversaries

Julie & Jim Cooper

Birthdays

Allan Horsman

Jenny Pitts

Lamp Dedications for this week

Collect for Sunday, July 29th

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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