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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

It is good to be home. Amy and I had a wonderful 25th anniversary trip, but as nice as it is to travel it is always a blessing to be home.

Our trip ended up as much a pilgrimage as a vacation. At one point, we had to quit stopping to pray at old abandoned churches or we would never have reached our B&Bs. But each time we did stop at a church, an abbey, or a monastic site we took the time to contemplate and pray.

Several of these sites left strong impressions on both of us. The Monastic City at Glendalough was a highlight, especially after we were given permission to visit the ruins of the women's Monastery of St. Mary.

Another site was Reask on the Dingle Peninsula. This early medieval site is a bit off the beaten track and worth the visit to pray. The arrangement of the monastery is reminiscent of the desert foundations of the early Christian monastic movement.

It was wonderful to participate in worship with our Church of Ireland brothers and sisters. Not all worked out as we planned for our visit to The Rock, so we sojourned on to Kildare and by grace arrived in time to participate in Morning Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Brigid (consecrated in 1230, rebuilt in 1875, on the site of the Abbey founded by Brigid herself in 480). It is a lovely community.

We also arrived at St. Patrick's in Dublin (founded 1192 and of which Johnathan Swift was

## The Good News

August 10, 2018



### Christian Formation

Will resume on September 5th. We will meet for Eucharist at 5:30 with study to follow. Our topic for the fall is "Paul's Greatest Hits". We will follow a seminar format that includes a study guide published before each session.

### Confirmation/Inquirers Class

St. Matthew's is offering a Confirmation/Inquirers class for anyone interested in the Theology and History of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church. Sessions will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 9AM and run through the Fall Quarter.

### Theology Uncorked

Will meet at 6PM on 12 August.

### Outreach Opportunities

During the months of August and September, the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for needy children at Oakland School. Items are needed for Grades K-5. Some examples of school supplies include:

- #2 pencils (sharpened)
- erasers
- regular sized crayons
- Elmer's glue (bottles or sticks)
- boxes of facial tissues
- backpacks without wheels

A list of many other items is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please put your school supplies in the baskets in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the parish

sometime Dean) to discover that Evensong would be offered while we were there. Of course, we took the opportunity to pray and sat in the Chancellor's pew. The settings were sung by a four-part male chorale and all a cappella. It was a very moving and beautiful experience.

Thank you again for the time away and support of our journey. I highly recommend making a pilgrimage like this. It is good for the soul.

In Christ,

Dave Halt, Rector  
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## Ministry Links

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

hall.

In addition, we continue to collect "Boxtops for Education," The PTO newsletter for Oakland School reads: "Simply save the boxtops from General Mills products." Collection boxes are in the narthex and attached to the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you for helping the Outreach Committee with these important projects.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Serving Schedule**

12-August

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Mallory White

19-August

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Debbie Leighton & Patty Pitts

### **St. Matthew's Schedule beginning August 12th**

*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-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

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 August 12, 2018**

Hymns: #433, #323, #298

Old Testament

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Psalm 34:1-8

*Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

The Epistle

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries August 12 - 18**

Anniversaries

Susan & Jeffrey Clark

Birthdays

William Jones

Susan Long

## **Lamp Dedications for this week:**

### **Collect for Sunday, August 12th**

Grant to us, Lord we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

