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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

August 3, 2018



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.

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 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

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

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

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

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

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning August 5th

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 August 5, 2018

Hymns: #47, #632, #335, #302, #137

Old Testament

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Psalm 78:23-29

Attendite, popule

23 So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, *

for he gave them what they craved.

The Epistle

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Gospel

John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are

you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 5 - 11

Anniversaries

Debbie & Roger Thomas

Birthdays

Emily Lavikoff

Jack Schaeffer

Lamp Dedications for this week:

*The Memorial lamp is lit in remembrance of
Robert Tussing & John Palm
beloved fathers of Melody & Chuck Palm*

Collect for Sunday, August 5th

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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