

LITURGY NOTES FOR THE WEEK
Sunday 16th August – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A – Gospel of Matthew

*"You have great faith.
Your request is granted."*

Matthew 15:21-28



Monday 17th: Our Lady of Knock. The story of Knock began on the 21st August 1879 when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. Knock is an internationally recognised Marian Shrine. Saint John Paul II visited Knock as part of his 1978 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park, Dublin, on Sunday 26th August 2018. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine. Pope Francis, on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2021, declared Knock to be an international Shrine of Eucharistic and Marian Devotion.

Wednesday 19th: St John Eudes, 1601-80, from Normandy, France, spent a fruitful twenty years with the France Oratory, the left to found a congregation to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He founded also the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Thursday 20th: St Bernard, 1090-1153, became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen Abbot of Clairvaux in 1115. His writings reveal a solid grasp of biblical studies, spiritual theology and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers.

Friday 21st: St Pius X, 1835-1914, Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then Pope from 1903. Encouraged pastoral liturgy and sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

Saturday 22nd: The Queenship of Mary. During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1954. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship with the Assumption.

An opportunity to become an **Associate Member** of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be available after all Masses on the weekend of August 22nd & 23rd.

YOUNG CHURCH

Sometimes we have obstacles in our way, and things don't go as we planned. In today's story, the woman wanted Jesus to help her daughter right away, but it seemed like there were obstacles. She didn't give up. She kept trusting Jesus because she believed He could help. Jesus saw her great faith and answered her prayer.

Sometimes our prayers aren't answered straight away, or our plans change, but God is always with us and guiding us. Even when we don't understand what is happening, we can keep trusting Him, knowing He sees the whole picture and always loves us.

Church of the Assumption, Booterstown

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Mass times

Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m.,
Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with
Saturday vigil at 6 p.m.

Daily Mass at 10 a.m. is broadcast live,
Tuesday – Saturday inclusive: 10 a.m.
Daily Mass is also recorded, which
can be viewed on the day of the
Mass, and deleted the following
day.

Links to neighbouring parishes are
included on our website.

Confession after Saturday
10 a.m. Mass,
Rosary Tuesday – Saturday at
9.35 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays after 10 a.m.
Mass until 10 p.m.

Café 67 will reopen in September.
We look forward to welcoming you
all back for coffee and a chat.

Gluten Free hosts are available for
those with gluten intolerance. Please
speak to a Minister of Welcome on
your way into the church before Mass.

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ANNIVERSARIES

At 6pm Mass we remember

Hugh Roe

At 11am Mass we remember

Roseanna Bagnall

Katherine Dunn

Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Booking Anniversary Masses:

When booking an anniversary Mass for
a loved one, we ask you to do so ten
days in advance so that we can
respectfully manage the Altar List.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was already being celebrated on 15 August in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady's "Birth into heaven", or in the Byzantine tradition, her "Dormition". The feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century. It was not until 1 November 1950, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heaven. In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey.

www.vaticannews.va

Betty Ann Norton Theatre School

Betty Ann Norton Theatre School (*Ireland's longest running theatre school*) are delighted to announce their offering of Speech and Drama classes for children and teenagers in Booterstown Parish Pastoral Centre. The following classes will be available starting Saturday September 12th:

Step 1 Speech and Drama (Jnr.-Snr. infants) Saturdays 9-10am €240

Step 2 Speech and Drama (1st-2nd class) Saturdays 10-11:30am €360

Junior Speech and Drama (3rd-6th class) Saturdays 11:30am-2pm €600

Teen Speech and Drama (1st-6th year) Saturdays 2:30-5:30pm €600

All classes involve a mixture of speech, solo performance pieces like poetry and drama movement, mime, imagination, acting and improvisation. From Step 2 onwards students can partake in speech and drama exams with the Royal Irish Academy of Music, compete in national drama and poetry feiseanna, and take part in an annual production in a professional theatre.

More information about our classes as well as booking can be found on our website bants.ie. Get in touch by Emailing: info@bants.ie

THE GIFT OF SILENCE

By the time we reach the middle of August, summer seems to slip by all too quickly. Many holidays have come and gone, and before long, school bags will be packed, calendars will begin to fill, and the familiar rhythm of busy days will return.

These remaining weeks of summer offer us a precious opportunity, not to fit in more, but perhaps to do a little less.

We live in a world that celebrates constant activity, yet Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray before beginning His work. His example reminds us that stillness is not wasted time, it is preparation. Silence restores our hearts so that we can return to our responsibilities with greater peace, patience, and purpose.

As summer begins to draw to a close, savour these quieter days. Take a walk without your phone. Sit in the garden and listen to the sounds around you. Spend a few moments in prayer before the day begins or as evening falls. Even a few minutes of silence can help us return to the busyness of life with greater peace, patience, and purpose.

"Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10

SUMMER DUES

The Summer Dues collection in support of our priests began on the weekend of **13th/14th June**. Sincere thanks to everyone who has already contributed. Your contribution helps provide for the priests who faithfully serve our parish and diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, your generosity and continued support are deeply appreciated.

FINANCE

The two collections at weekend Masses go to the Diocese. The first for the support of priests, both working and retired, the second for the Share fund, along with all Dues collections.

To support your **Parish**, you can donate by using the card machine in the Church, you can go to our website and make a donation, or you can commit to make monthly payments via standing order. For further information please see our website.

For more information on these and other notices, please consult the website.