

LITURGY NOTES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 30th August – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A – Gospel of Matthew

As the day of resurrection, Sunday is not only a remembrance of a past event; it is a celebration of the living presence of the risen Lord in the midst of his own people. For this presence to be properly proclaimed it is important that the disciples of Christ, saved as the People of God, come together to express fully the very identity of the Church (*Pope John Paul II, Dies Domini, 31*)

Monday 31st: St Aidan of Lindisfarne was of Irish descent and was a monk of Iona. When Oswald, the exiled king of Northumbria who had fled for refuge to Iona, returned to his throne in 634, he invited Aidan to come to reconvert his people. Aidan made his headquarters at Lindisfarne. With the aid of the king as interpreter, he was very successful in his mission. He died in 651.

Tuesday 1st: Today, the **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**, offers to individuals and the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation.

In what way has your wonder and love for nature led you to care for and protect it where it is most vulnerable?

Thursday 3rd: St Gregory the Great, 540-604, Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As pope, he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself 'servant of the servants of Christ'. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. Patron of musicians.

Saturday 5th: St Teresa of Calcutta, born 26 August 1910 came to Dublin at age 18yrs. To become a Sister of Loreto with a singular desire to be a missionary in India. Mother Teresa, as she was universally known, is an outstanding witness of Christ, reaching out to our suffering brothers and sisters. She died in Calcutta in 1997, was beatified in 2003 and canonised in 2016.

ADORATION INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 2026

- FOR THE CARE OF WATER.
- THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.
- THE HOLY FATHER'S ENCYCLICAL ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.
- FOR ALL WORLD LEADERS.
- FOR ALL CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND FOR THEIR TEACHERS.

YOUNG CHURCH

A Back-to-School Kindness Challenge

As a new school year begins, Jesus invites each of us to be a light for others. This month, try to complete as many acts of kindness as you can. Smile at someone who looks lonely, include a new classmate in a game, help a younger brother or sister, write a thank-you note to a teacher, tidy up without being asked, or donate a book, school supplies, or some of your pocket money to help someone in need. Every small act of love makes a big difference. Why not keep a "Kindness Count" and see how many thoughtful things you can do before the end of September? Remember Jesus' words: *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40)

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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

Don O'Donovan

At 9am Mass we remember

Peter Byrne

Lillian Higgins

Sean & Sabina Murtagh

At 11am Mass we remember

Krzysztof Konior

Pawel Matejo

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 SEASON OF CREATION

This year's theme: "Living Water"



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Each year, the Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee proposes a theme for the Season of Creation. This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezek 47:9,12)"

Creation is God's sacred gift, entrusted to our care. Christians are called to protect and nurture Creation working in partnership with others and passing this responsibility on to future generations. The essential element of water maintains the balance of earth, and if our waters are polluted and threatened, our earth's flourishing is compromised.

Pope Francis challenges us: "What is the goal of our work? What need does the Earth have of us? Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is up to us" (Laudato Si', 160). <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/>

HOUSE OF MERCY, BAGGOT STREET

The House of Mercy, opened by Catherine McAuley in 1827, is preparing to mark its bicentenary in 2027. As part of the preparations, Mercy International Centre at 64A Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, has reopened following nine months of essential works.

A rich bicentenary programme is now being developed, with exhibitions, conferences, formation programmes and youth events planned for the House, alongside a number of special residencies. The programme will provide opportunities to celebrate Catherine McAuley's legacy, explore the story of Mercy, and consider what it means to respond with Mercy in our world today.

The House of Mercy is now open to visitors for daily guided tours at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Advance booking is recommended for larger groups. For further information and contact details, visit www.mercyworld.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will resume on **Tuesday, 8th September**, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break.

As always, **new members are very welcome** to join the Tuesday Adoration team. The commitment is simply to spend one specific hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday.

If you would like to join the team or would simply like to find out more about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact **Liz on 086 831 9779**.

We hope to see many familiar faces, as well as some new ones, when Adoration resumes in September.



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.