

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy.....
Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you
as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of
Israel began to complain against Moses
and Aaron in the wilderness and said to
them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's
hand in the land of Egypt, when we were
able to sit down to pans of meat and could
eat bread to our heart's content! As it is,
you have brought us to this wilderness to
starve this whole company to death!'
Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will
rain down bread for you from the heavens.
Each day the people are to go out and
gather the day's portion; I propose to test
them this way to see whether they will
follow my law or not.
'I have heard the complaints of the sons of
Israel. Say this to them, "Between the
two evenings you shall eat meat, and in

the morning you shall have bread to your
heart's content. Then you will learn that I,
the Lord, am your God." ' And so it came
about: quails flew up in the evening, and
they covered the camp; in the morning
there was a coating of dew all round
the camp. When the coating of dew
lifted, there on the surface of the desert
was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine
as hoarfrost on the ground. When they
saw this, the sons of Israel said to one
another, 'What is that?' not knowing what
it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the
bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 77:3-4.23-25.54

**R. The Lord gave them bread from
heaven.**

1. The things we have heard and
understood, the things our fathers
have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. **[R]**
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. **[R]**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand
had won. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17.20-24

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians
I want to urge you in the name of the Lord,
not to go on living the aimless kind of life
that pagans live. Now that is hardly the
way you have learnt from Christ, unless
you failed to hear him properly when you
were taught what the truth is in Jesus.
You must give up your old way of life; you
must put aside your old self, which gets
corrupted by following illusory desires.
Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual
revolution so that you can put on the new
self that has been created in God's way,
in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John**

When the people saw that neither Jesus
nor his disciples were there, they got into
boats and crossed to Capernaum to look
for Jesus. When they found him on the
other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when
did you come here?' Jesus answered:
'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs

but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is
offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has
set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we
do if we are to do the works that God
wants?' Jesus gave them this answer,
'This is working for God: you must believe
in the one he has sent.' So they said,
'What sign will you give to show us that
we should believe in you? What work will
you do? Our fathers had manna to eat
in the desert; as scripture says: He gave
them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus
answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread
from heaven
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always'.
Jesus answered:
'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st August 2021

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and my
soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of
eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless
you, the Father, and the
Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**
Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

The bread of life - the Body of Christ - is often called "food for the journey".
Each Mass is the occasion of God giving himself to us in Christ as
a companion on our journey of life.



*'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'*



I can imagine them saying, 'He's talking about bread again'.
Jesus often mentions bread – the staple of life. In the years
before Jesus, bread was understood as a gift of God from
heaven; Jesus is the new Bread of heaven and of life.

The meaning expanded over time and when Jesus talks
about giving the bread of life, he is talking of his Word and the Eucharist. The
Word of God feeds the mind and soul, giving meaning to life, encouragement
in living our lives in the spirit of the Gospel, giving us a way of life, we can
touch into every day.

In the first part of every Mass we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharistic
bread. Catholics for years stressed holy communion over the word of God.
While both are essential to our Christian life, our daily life is well helped by
reading the Gospel every day. We often talked and still sometimes talk about
'getting communion', ignoring the first part of the Eucharist.

Maybe we can list sometime the words of the Scripture that enlighten our lives,
that help us and keep us in touch with God. The Jewish people wore the words
"The LORD is our God, the LORD alone", called the Shema, around their neck.
Touching them often to touch the Lord. Maybe we can do something similar.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God Our Father chose everyone for life. God is Lover and Giver of all life. God wanted
to give special food to his children, so He sent an angel to find a special food. But the
angel could find no food good enough in all the world. Then God decided to come
Himself to be our food, through His Spirit, in the form of bread and wine. Through His
Spirit, God comes to live in our hearts with Holy Communion at Mass.

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Date	Time		
Sat 31st July	5.00pm		
	6.00pm	Jim Cooney, Seamie & Mark Doyle	Anniversaries
Sun 1st Aug	9.00am	Nancy Martin, Árd Na Gréine	5th Anniversary
	10.00am	Clare & Tony O'Flynn, Hospital Road Martin Whelan, Tanyard	Anniversaries 2nd Anniversary
	11.00am		
	12.00 Noon	Marie St. Ledger, Lower William Street	Months Mind
Mon 2nd Aug— Bank Holiday	10.00am	Elizabeth & Larry Larkin James Boland, Charlton Hill	Anniversaries Anniversary
Tues 3rd Aug	10.00am	William & Elizabeth Keating, and their Daughter Breda, Creacon Jimmy Wall, Bosheen	Anniversaries 3rd Anniversary
Wed 4th Aug	10.00am	Intentions of the People Michael Connolly, Mary Street	2nd Anniversary
Thurs 5th Aug	10.00am	Shelia Mc Gillick, UK Mary Kehoe, The Rower	Recently Deceased 1st Anniversary
Fri 6th Aug	10.00am	Sr Elizabeth, Knock Carmelites Michael Fleming, Chambersland	Anniversary 4th Anniversary
Sat 7th Aug	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the soul of Mollie St. Ledger (née Blanche), Upper William Street who passed away recently. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We pray for the souls of James Boland, Charleton Hill, Martin Whelan, Tanyard (2nd Anniversary), The Reynolds Family, Kilkenny & USA, Kitty Wall, Dublin (16th Anniversary), Jimmy Wall, Bosheen (3rd Anniversary), John Doran, High Hill & Nancy Martin, Árd Na Gréine who's anniversaries occurs around this time.

BAPTISMS: Resumption of Baptisms will be celebrated every weekend at the following times ***Saturday @ 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm & Sunday @ 1.00pm, 2.00pm & 3.00pm***. Please contact the Parish Office to make booking. Copy of Birth Certificates are required for the candidate. Photo ID also required for the person making / requesting the booking.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.

Sanctuary Lamps Intentions:
Available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left):
Johnny Furlong RIP

Altar (Centre):
Available

St. Joseph's (Right)
The Reynolds Family,

THE HOOK OF FAITH THIS WEEK

The homily for this Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time continues our reflection on the Eucharist. We have the eighth part of the series 'A New Irish Catholicism' that explores how the Church of the future will be more participative or might not be here at all. We have the usual newsletter insert and feature the recent defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill that sought to legalise euthanasia in Ireland. Next week the Church celebrates the feast of St John Vianney and the Transfiguration. We feature the significance of both occasions. Finally, we feature the recently published resources in advance of the Season of Creation that takes place from 1st September to 4th October. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



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Mass Bookings: From ***Tuesday 3rd August***, we will be taking mass bookings up to and including January 2022.

Next Weeks Readings: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1kgs 19:4-8. Ps 33:2-9, R/ v 9. Eph 4:30-5:2. Jn 6:41-51.

Confessions: Saturdays after 10.00am Holy Mass & before 6.00pm Holy Mass. Mon — Fri on request after 10.00am Holy Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in the Sacristy.

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our high quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

Safeguarding Representative: Mairin Jackson - Contact No: (051) 421348 - Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

Bethany Bereavement Support: Bereavement Support available by telephone Please ring 087 3846577 if you need support.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: 25th July 2021 @ € 1,301.20 (166 No. Envelopes). Alternatively you can donate via. The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Thank you for the support. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.** Thank you for the support.

St. Michael's Pastoral Centre: Available for Parish based activities, please contact the Parish office.

Reflection for weekend 31st July & 1st Aug 2021

Who is Saint Alphonsus Liguori?

Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Patron Saint of Arthritis, Confessors and Moralists. He was a Former Lawyer ordained near the age of 30-year-old. **Founder of the Redemptorists Order**. He was a Composer, a Musician, a Poet, Author, Scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He died at the age of 90 on August 1, 1787

Alfonso Maria de 'Liguori was born near Naples in 1696. The father wanted his eldest son to receive a good education, so Alfonso as a child was educated by preceptors. At thirteen, he started his law studies and at sixteen, four years before the normal age, he obtained his doctorate in civil and canon law in Naples university. It is said of him (with a little 'exaggeration) he has never lost a case in eight years of advocacy exercise. He loved the life of society, entertainment, fashion, and music of the Neapolitan theatre. In **Lent** of 1722 he made a retreat with the Vincentians and decided, in private, not to marry. He began to study theology and in 1726 was ordained a priest. For two years he devoted himself to apostolic activity in the kingdom of Naples and earned a reputation as outspoken, a good preacher and an effective confessor. His **confessional** was always crowded: many hardened sinners returning to the sacraments, enemies were reconciled and he resolved family disputes. It is said he never refused absolution to anyone. But some people found fault with his behaviour. He organized the "slackers", i.e., the unemployed and idlers of Naples, in groups and gathered them to give them religious instruction.

In 1729, at the age of thirty-three years. Alfonso left home to become chaplain of a college where they were preparing missionaries for China. Here he met Thomas Falcoia, a priest who was twice her age and who became his close friend. Falcoia had tried for years to find a new religious institute following a vision that he claimed to have had in Rome but was only able to find a convent of nuns in Scala near Amalfi. In celebration of **the Transfiguration** of 1731 the nuns dressed the new red and blue dress and began a life of strict enclosure and severe penance: it was the beginning of the Redemptorist nuns, still flourishing today in various countries. Alfonso himself extended the new rule and made it clearer. Bishop Thomas then suggested he found a new congregation of missionaries to work especially among farmers. From 1726 to 1752 he preached everywhere in the kingdom of Naples, especially in villages, with great success. He became a prominent moral theologian.

After the death of Falcoia in 1743, the life of Alfonso was very intense. After 1752 his health began to decline and therefore its missionary work was slowed down. Then he dedicated more time to writing. He was sixty-six years when Pope Clement XIII appointed him bishop of St. Agatha of the Goths. He began to reform the seminary. Then there were priests who said Mass in fifteen minutes or less: Alfonso suspended them until they had changed their way of celebrating. He also wrote an essay on the topic: "*Truly seeing one celebrate Mass in this way is enough to lose faith.*" He was in **S. Agatha** when plague and famine broke out. Given that thousands of people were starving, he sold everything to buy food for the hungry, He had too many debts to procure aid. At one point the people in turmoil wanted to kill the mayor of St. Agatha, wrongly accusing him of concealing food; then Alfonso, challenging their fury, offered his life in place of that of the mayor. He then calmed them by distributing food rations for two days.

In June of 1767 Alfonso got a strong and persistent attack of rheumatic fever. He received the last sacraments and even began to plan a funeral. But after twelve months his life was out of danger. The neck, however, remained bent permanently and that is found in the portraits. If the surgeons were unable to straighten him a little, the pressure of the chin caused him a living wound in the chest so much that he could not celebrate Mass. In later years he succeeded, using a chair at the time of communion. In 1784-85 through a terrible "dark night of faith" he is said to have suffered **temptations** on all matters of faith and all the virtues. He was assailed by scruples, by **fears** unjustified, by illusions then described as diabolical. This lasted for eighteen months. Then followed a period of frequent ecstasies. It is said that gifts of prophecy and even **miracles** had taken the place of the interior trials. Alfonso died in the night between July 31 and August 1, 1787, two months after his ninety-first birthday. In 1796 Pius VI, the Pope decreed the introduction of his cause in 1816. He was beatified in 1839 and canonized in 1871 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. In 1793 the government of Naples recognized the original rule of the Redemptorist's Order. Since 1732, the Redemptorists — a congregation of missionary priests and brothers — have followed in Jesus' footsteps, preaching the Word, and serving the poor and the most abandoned. Currently they are widespread throughout Europe, in America and in Ireland where they are remembered for their Novena Missions. St Alphonsus pray for us

Extract from: <http://biscobreak.altervista.org/2013/07/san-alfonso-maria-de-liguori/>

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GRAND-PARENTS AND OLDER PEOPLE

There is an incident in the Gospels where Jesus went to visit His friends Martha and Mary. Martha appears to have been the head of the household — she was frantic, over-anxious to ensure that everything would be in order for this special guest. Mary, on the other hand, was quite content to sit idly by and be the gracious host, greeting and smiling. No pressure. Martha complained to Jesus about Mary's lack of support but He didn't really give her much consolation, saying that both had different but important roles in the family.

That is equally true in the case of parents and Grandparents in their relations with children. Both love the children but that love is expressed in different ways. PARENTS/GUARDIANS are the MARTHAS of today- loving in ways at times that the children might not fully appreciate — busy in doing everything to train, to guide, to correct, TO REAR the children to behave, doing all that is necessary — pleasant and unpleasant as the case maybe- to set them up for life. Practical, hands-on, down to earth approach

The grandparent's role is also one of LOVE after the style of MARY- love with a welcoming, approving, smiling face. A positive experience for the grandchildren- happy, hugs, generous to a fault with time, with gifts and a listening ear.

As long as there roles are respected the children will be blessed in their parents and in their grandparents. We join with Pope Francis today 25th July in celebrating the first INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY.

Interestingly tomorrow Monday 26th July is the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne- believed to be the parents of Mary and therefore the grandparents of Jesus.

The Pope is anxious to stress the contribution every individual can make to the lives of others and to family life. It might be more obvious how parents, grandparents and the elderly can help the young. But in today's Gospel - in what must have been a spectacular event- the feeding of 5000- Jesus showed just how the young can make the difference. A young boy came forward to offer the little he had and as a result we are talking about him today.

The whole idea of this day is to emphasise how inter-connected we are. We all belong. As children of God we share His life; He asks us to share in the lives of others too. We are not save alone. In this time of pandemic for example the elderly depend on the strength of the youth to meet their needs; while the youth in turn need to hear from the older generations that from their life's experiences, the darkest days pass.

It has been said that a people who forgets their past, cannot understand the present and have no future.

It is always important that we know who we are; what our story is so that we can build our future. The Pope says ***HOPE AND A FUTURE PRESUPPOSE MEMORY***. The memory of the elderly sustain us on the journey on. The future of society is rooted in the elderly and the young. Youth have the energy and strength to carry history forward; the elderly provide the memory that is its foundation. It says pointedly in the Old Testament ***DO NOT DISREGARD THE DISCOURSE OF THE AGED; FOR THEY THEMSELVES LEARNED FROM THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS BECAUSE FROM THEM YOU WILL GAIN UNDERSTANDING AND LEARN HOW TO GIVE AN ANSWER IN TIME OF NEED***. The great danger today is that youth may look elsewhere for their guidance it would be a disaster if social media were to replace the central role played by Grandparents in the lives of the next generation

The people we honour today bring a richness of experience, wisdom and faith to colour and influence modern life. We discard such gifts at our peril. A psalm says do not cast me off in the time of old age'

Listening to Grandparents and the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighbourhood and country. Who lights the candles and makes the novenas or splashes them with Holy Water? Their way of handing on the faith. Their prayer and faith are great gifts to be retained and hand on.

Finally we will plant a tree outside after Mass to remember this day.

The poet said POEMS ARE MADE BY FOOLS LIKE ME BUT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE.

The tree is a fine symbol of the family and all aspects of its work. All parts interconnected, dependent, all working in unison. The blossoms and fruit are the youth of today - all coming from the roots-the elderly and generations before them. Our prayer this morning is that the youth of today, will in their turn be the roots for coming generations.

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH MCGRATH



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