



Parish of the Three Patrons

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A - 12th JULY 2020

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Thoughts on the Gospel

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on how to listen, and an explanation of the parable Jesus taught. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land, and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our own hearts as the soil: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? What condition is our 'soil' in? Any decent



gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil needs to be weathered, broken down; it can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs organic matter such as compost or manure. It needs lots of air and water; it needs to be tended and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives, and at times have manure thrown at us. This can either close us down and harden our hearts, or it can open us up help us to grow, ready to receive the seeds that are scattered. Like the soil, we must take care of our bodies, hearts, and minds, adopt a holistic approach to our well-being. The lesson on 'hearing' in the Gospel today is also important. How do we listen? Do we listen or read God's word while being distracted by many things, or are we fully attentive, even for a few minutes each day? How do we listen to one another? Fully attentive or with one eye on our phone? There is a great richness in the text today, spend time with it. Perhaps think about how you might prepare better the soil for planting. *'The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life.'* (Wendell Berry)

Jane Mellett

Lord, help us to be open to God's word, to listen to it, to treasure it in our hearts, and to make it bear fruit in the way we live our lives. Amen.

The July Edition of The Net Newspaper is available online on the diocesan website, www.derrydiocese.org. It covers a wide range of events, loads of interviews and photos, and plenty of news from parishes and people from all around the diocese.

The Messenger Messenger Publications are now offering a free online copy of The Messenger. To access the July edition, visit: <https://issuu.com/messengerpublications/docs/messengerjulyv11.3lowres>. If you have any difficulty accessing the link or if you have any other queries please email c.henry@messenger.ie.

Lough Derg Lake Shore and Ancient Pilgrim Path reopens for visitors. Walk and pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. The guided contemplative walk begins at noon. Approx 4 hours, 12 km moderate loop. Booking essential. Full details at www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org.

We welcome people back to the public celebration of the Eucharist in the three churches of our parish. For those who prefer to do so, we invite you to join us via webcam in Three Patrons' Parish by watching our live streaming which can be viewed at churchservices.tv/pennyburn, churchservices.tv/carnhill, churchservices.tv/galliagh or the parish website www.threepatrons.org/webcam. We encourage you to use the 3 churches of our parish to ensure adherence to social distancing regulations.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, PENNYBURN

Sunday 12th July - Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 12 noon: Mass

Monday - Wednesday

7.30 am: Mass

8.30 am: Morning Prayer led by Stephen, our diocesan seminarian

9.40 am: Rosary

10.00 am: Mass

Thursday - Friday

7.30 am: Mass

9.40 am: Rosary

10.00 am: Mass

Sunday 19th July - Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 12 noon: Mass



ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CARNHILL

Sunday 12th July - Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.30 am & 12.30 pm: Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Thursday

7.00 pm: Mass

Saturday

9.00 am: Mass

Sunday 19th July - Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

6.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 10.30 am & 12.30 pm: Mass

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GALLIAGH

Sunday 12th July - Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00am & 11.00 am: Mass

Monday - Friday

11.00 am: Mass followed by Rosary

Please visit the Franciscan Friars' facebook 'derryfranciscans' for their schedule.

Sunday 19th July - Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

7.00 pm: (Sat) Vigil; 9.00am & 11.00 am: Mass

It is important at this time that we pray asking God for protection. Perhaps individuals or families could commit to praying the Rosary each day for relief of this crisis.

A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus by Fr Brian Grogan S.J

Dear God, in 1879 the Apparition at Knock gave hope and courage to the people of Ireland in difficult times. We ask that Our Lady may now protect your beloved people from the coronavirus. May its victims be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community and restored soon to full health. We also pray for the medical personnel who deal with the virus. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen. *Our Lady of Knock pray for us. St Joseph pray for us. St John the Evangelist pray for us. Amen.*



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that you desire to make your home within me and that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace your love as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

Requiescant in Pace We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Marie Doherty, Talbot Park, Marie Duffy, Kingsfort Park, Jeffrey Harkin, Fernabbey Drive

Anniversaries Anne Quigley, Betty McElholm, Anthony McMonagle, Kathleen McMonagle, Margaret Henry, Michael Sherrard, Billy McCartney, Paul Nicell, Jo Ward, Tony Bradley, Hugh McCauley, Rose McGuinness, Alan Finnis, Patrick McCormack, Manus O'Neill, May they rest in peace.



Saints of the Coming Week: Monday: St Henry; **Tuesday:** St Camillus de Lellis, priest; **Wednesday:** St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church; **Thursday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity.

O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth,

I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to help me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)

Anniversary Masses and Prayers If you wish to have an anniversary Mass offered or a Mass or prayers offered for any intention, please email the parish offices at stpatricks@threepatrons.org or stbrigids@threepatrons.org or phone the parochial houses at St. Patrick's (028 71262360) or St. Brigid's (028 71351261).

Supporting Your Parish Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the offertory collection through envelope, standing order, online payments and the 'donate' button on our parish website. Thanks also to those who have returned Gift Aid declaration forms. Your support is greatly appreciated. **Boxes are available in our three churches to return your parish envelopes.** If you require information about any of the above methods of supporting Three Patrons Parish, please contact the parish office - stpatricks@threepatrons.org or 028 71262360. The bank account details for Three Patrons' Parish are: sort code: 90 49 74; account number: 51442271.

Readings for Sunday 19th July, Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; **Responsorial Psalm:** 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-27; **Gospel:** Matthew 13: 24-43

Thank You We extend our thanks to those who volunteer as stewards in our three churches. Thanks also to those who clean our churches everyday and ensure they are safe spaces for all.

Accord (Catholic Marriage Care Service) Accord is offering a Covid-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line. If you need to speak with an experienced Couples and Relationships Counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 003531 5313331 or 028 95680151 or 003531 9059555 (Monday - Friday 9 am - 8 pm). Calls charged at local rate.

Online Youth Programmes To access a wide variety of initiatives and activities by Derry Diocesan Youth, visit: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DerryDiocesanYouth/> Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/derryyouth/>

Online Youth Course - Sundays 7 pm Calling all young people 15 - 18 yrs from Derry Diocese. Our online meeting course continues at 7 pm. We will have some craic, play games and quizzes but will also explore some big questions about our faith with the help of a programme called Alpha. Alpha Youth explores the Christian faith and answers some pretty big questions. Each week as part of the meeting we will watch a video and have a discussion afterwards. This trailer will give you an idea what to expect from this part of the meeting: <https://alpha.org/run>.

'Scripture Saturday with Bishop Donal' Created by Derry Diocesan Youth, Bishop McKeown presents a series of short lessons on the gospel in easy-to-understand, short (3 - 4 minute) videos, with tips and references of where and how to use these lessons in your daily life. View the series at <https://www.derrydiocese.org/scripture-Saturday>.

Derry Diocesan Trust Job Opportunities The Diocese invites applications for **Part Time Housekeeper for Retired Priest in Co Donegal** This permanent contract is for 15 hours per week - Monday - Friday. Also, **Part Time Housekeeper for Banagher Parish** This permanent contract is for 10 hours per week as follows: Monday & Wednesday 4 pm - 7 pm and Saturday 11 am - 3 pm. For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis St, Derry, BT48 9AP. Tel: 028 71262302 or email: payroll@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications for both positions must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, BT48 9AP or via email to payroll@derrydiocese.org no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 13th July 2020. Derry Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

The IOSAS Centre and Celtic Prayer Garden, Derryvane, Muff invite you to visit their newly opened Sanctuary cafe which is open daily from 11 am - 4 pm and finish your day with a walk in their beautiful gardens. They look forward to welcoming you there. COVID-19 guidelines are in place. All welcome.

Twenty-Second Mass Remembering and Praying with Sr Clare Crockett will be celebrated on Sunday 12th July at 7 pm and will be streamed live on Termonbacca Facebook page and Termonbacca Youtube channel.

Foyle Women's Information Network offer cookery classes, flower arranging, meditation, exercise programme, talks and book club each week. Visit their Facebook page to join in.

Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Memory Walks will not take place as planned this year. But you can still get involved by signing up and taking part in your own Memory Walk for loved ones on 20th September or another date that suits you. Whether you walk on your own, with your household or your four-legged friends, it guaranteed to be an uplifting occasion. It's up to you where you walk, from lapping your garden or local park or even revisiting somewhere special. It's your walk, your way. Visit memorywalk.org to register and get fundraising ideas. If you raise £100 or more we'll send you a medal in the post to say thank you for your support. Walk towards life-changing dementia breakthroughs. Thank you.