14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time





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Daily Mass 10am (No 10am Mass on day of funeral)

> Saturday 7p.m.

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The Power of Empathy

In the 1870's, the idyllic sunny island of Molokai might not have been one of your top holiday destinations. Molokai was a settlement where the government kept segregated all persons afflicted by leprosy. It was here that a young priest named Joseph Damien de Veuster (Fr. Damien), at his own request arrived at the settlement to preside as its resident priest. There were then six hundred lepers many rendered helpless by the disease. For a long time Fr. Damien was the only person to bring them the help they needed, both spiritual and practical.



After twelve years of this heroic service he eventually contracted the disease himself. At the age of forty five he stood before his brethren and addressed them, "My dear brethren my fellow lepers. ... I am one of you now." In today's gospel Jesus is called upon to cure a leper. Jesus could have done this with a few words, but he does more than this ... he reaches out and heals the leper not only with words but the touch of his hand. This might seem a small detail, but the simple gesture speaks volumes. The gesture tells us that Jesus was setting aside the stigma that accompanied this terrible disease. Jesus is able to take on the leper's condition and know his needs. We call it empathy, an empathy essential for true compassion. This is the example that we see Fr Damien live to the letter. To learn from Jesus' example we do not have to rush off and find a leper colony as Fr Damien did. There are plenty of social lepers everywhere we look. There are all sorts of social misfits that we stigmatise and push to the edges of our society. If we are to learn by Jesus' example we have to employ all our powers of empathy before we can even begin to make changes. That Jesus uses his powers to cure leprosy is amazing, but more important is how we can learn from this miracle in changing the lives around us.

<u>MASS ROTAS</u>

EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS Readers

10am. Mon 15th Feb — Michael Daly

EDENDERRY—WEEKEND MASS READERS

7pm. Sat 20th Feb – Lynn Johns 11:30am. Sun 21st Feb – Philip Brady

Community Notices

Please note: the Parish Office is closed due to the new level 5 restrictions. Masses will go ahead via Webcam.. if you would like to book a Mass or have any queries please call

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email: edenderryparishcentre@gmail.com.

Baptisms: a simple reminder that baptisms may continue during this more restrictive phase, The attendance at each baptism is strictly limited to six. Mass Cards: If you would like to purchase a Mass

card, Stephanie will be in the Office on Monday -Wednesday & Friday mornings from 10am to 11:30am. Please ring the doorbell.

Affordable Live-in Homecare: provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a livein carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Weekly Envelope Box: can be picked up in the Parish Office on Mon - Wed - Fri morning from 10am to 11:30am

Mass via Webcam

Monday-Friday @ 10am Saturday evening Mass @ 7pm Sunday morning @ Mass 11:30am To view the Masses via Webcam Go to edenderryparish.ie



Molly Judge

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We welcomed the following into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Alfie James Rooprodit

Sunday 11:30am: Eileen English; Keith Flower; Anne Clarke; Abbie &



PARISH LOTTO DRAW RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON

Wednesday 10th February 2020 NUMBERS DRAWN



No Jackpot Winner 9 Matched 3's won €112 each

No local Winner

Next Week's Jackpot €14,000

1800 247 247 is a direct phone line to Pieta or text HELP to 51444. They are here to help and support you or someone you love and care for.



Anne (Annie) McDonagh nee Hill Rathmore, Edenderry Kathleen Nolan nee Kane Killane View, Edenderry

May they Rest in Peace. Our Sympathy to their families

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 7pm: Michael O' Sullivan, 1st Anniversary; Angela Dockery; Annie Davy Sunday 10am: Sunday 11:30am: Phyllis Dunne, 1st Anniversary; Eamonn Dunne, 1st Anniversary; Isey & Anne Mulvin; Tom & Julia Mulvin; Breda & Ned Pender; Anthony Hurst Monday 10am: **Tuesday** 10am: around this time. Wednesday 10am: Bernadette (Bunny) Cummins; Lucia Cummins Thursday 10pm: Brendan Kelly Friday 10am: Mass Card Intentions John (Sonny) Kelly Kathleen O' Brien Mallen Saturday 7pm: Henry Rennicks & deceased family members; William Walsh Liam & Shirley Moran; James & Jane Moran; Paddy & Rita McGonigle

We Pray for the following whose Anniversary occurs



The Season of Lent

Facts about Lent:

- Lent is a time when Christian people get ready for Easter.
- Lent is a sacred time within the Church calendar. It is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.
- Lent lasts for forty reminding us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert doing penance and fasting. It begins on Ash Wednesday (5th March 2014) and finishes before sunset on Holy Thursday. We don't count Sundays in the forty days because Sundays are days of celebration in the Church calendar.
- Purple vestments are worn by the priest during Lent.
- The Gloria and alleluia are not prayed at Mass during Lent.
- Lent comes for the word "lente" which means springtime.
- Many people promise to do something during Lent to help them to be more like Jesus. Sometimes they give up something they like, they fast from sweets, or television. Other people promise to do something like being kinder, going to mass, saying prayers or to put money in the Trocaire box to remind them to help others who are not as lucky as they are.
- What we do during Lent helps us to get ready for Easter.



Stepping Stones for Lent — (Here is a list of good deeds which you could do during Lent!)

Pray for Peace Tidy your Room Help at home Play fairly Tidy the playground Be friendly Smile more often Help your brother Be on time Say "thanks" to someone Do your homework Share your toys Pray for the sick Be Kind Don't complain Say 'yes' more often Try to be patient Visit someone who is sick **PENITENTIAL ACT** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 are 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

Let us pray that everything we do will be guided by God's law of love. God our Father, you have promised to remain for ever with those who do what is just and right. Help us to live in your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING (Lev 13:1-2,44-46) A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to the priest. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the one whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. *Response*
- But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of sin. *Response*
- 3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. *Response*

SECOND READING: (10:31-11:1) A reading from the first letter to St Paul to the Corinthians. Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (Mk 1:40-45) **Priest:** The Lord be with you **People:** And with your Spirit A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, we make this offering in obedience to your word. May it cleanse and renew us, and lead us to our eternal reward. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you give us food from heaven. May we always hunger for the bread of life. Grant this through Christ our Lord.