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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS LEAFLET UPDATES:

Email to : info@stmichaelsblackrock.ie

BAPTISMS: Saturdays 3 pm - 2 weeks notice required.

MARRIAGES: Minimum 3 months notice required by Church and State. Pre-marriage course required.

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am & 7.30 pm
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



The Good Shepherd

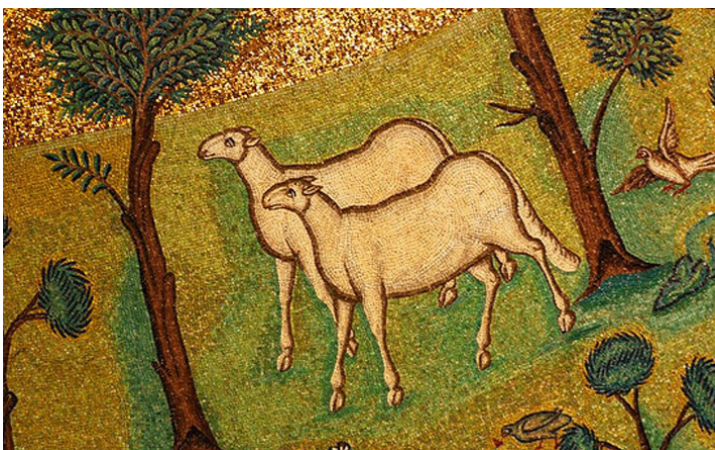
In the gospel this weekend, the disciples are tired and need rest. Jesus brings these tired disciples to a 'lonely place' where he is fully present to them and listens to their experiences and frustrations.

Some of them are so tired that they have forgotten to eat. In response, Jesus feeds them from his table. He 'teaches them at length' with words of nourishment and sustenance.

At this time of the year, we want to rest too. We are grateful for the gifts of family, friends and hopefully beautiful sunshine. Above all, we are grateful for the presence of Jesus and his nourishing words.

Please God, you can enjoy these days and have a good rest.

Fr. Michael



Welcome to the celebration of Mass

We have placed **yellow spots** to highlight where people should sit.

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE CHURCH.

We will continue to stand for the "Gospel" and "Our Father".

We ask that you **do not kneel-down** at anytime Ministers of the Eucharist will be positioned at the top and centre of the church. The Ministers will wear face masks and we ask that you maintain 2 metres distance in the line. Follow the Stewards guidance during Communion.
Many thanks for your help and we hope you all keep well.



Baptisms

Following the recent government announcement all baptisms arranged to take place after this weekend are deferred. Families have really looked forward to these special moments in their lives so it is disappointing but we hope that these can be celebrated soon when it will be safe to do so.

Parish Finance – Thank You

Many people now use the Donate Button on the Parish website to support the parish and priests. This is really appreciated in these challenging times for everyone.

First Holy Communions and Confirmations

Again, following the government announcement during the week arrangements for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are on hold.

Welcome and Thank You

We are so grateful to our volunteer stewards, church collectors, parish ministries and parish volunteers who continue to make sure that we can gather confidently and safely for Mass.

Go raibh maith agat.

Diocesan Needs Collection

The second collection this weekend is the quarterly collection to support services provided by the Diocese for parishes.



A Thought

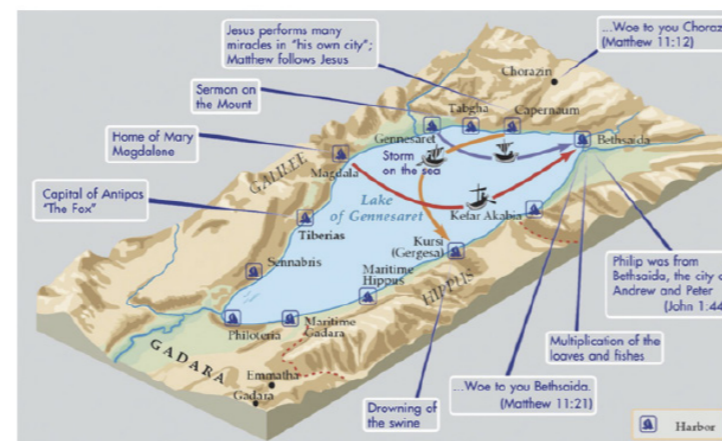
The Gospel double story registers various "lacks": lack of rest, lack of space, lack of nourishment and lack of calmness (order). As we emerge from the covid restrictions and enter the summer holidays, perhaps we can name our own "lacks" at this time — and they may well include a need of rest, space, sustenance and tranquillity.

What can I put in place to make sure that the holiday time will be truly refreshing? Time off can also be a tricky time for prayer, because our routine is disrupted. If meditation is to be continued, concrete choices will have to be made about where and when....

Jesus' role in Mark 6:30-34 is also a guide for us. He identifies the disciples' needs for them; he has compassion on the crowd, who are like sheep without a shepherd. The short extra Gospel exploration may be of help this week as it centres arounds the various "lacks".

Longboats FC

Best of luck to Longboats FC in their first game in the Cork Business League Shield this Sunday @ 10:45 in Douglas Community School.



You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you



When you use the newsletter, please take it home with you. **DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE**

BLACKROCK ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Under the current Covid circumstances, Fr. Colin has generously offered the poor box near the exit as a collection point for SVP. If you wish to contribute any time, it would be appreciated. Thank you.

If you would like to receive a weekly commentary on the Weekly Scripture Readings, both in AUDIO and in PDF, please log on to www.tarsus.ie and register to receive the emails.

Thought for the day

Our current culture of distraction seems to privilege busy-ness (the modernheresy of "activism"). It is, of course, an illusion to confuse hyperactivity with productivity or, even worse, administration with ministry. When people involved in ministry go on retreat, the first two days are often spent sleeping—itsself instructive! It is often only when we stop that we realise how much we are in need of rest and refreshment. While there is always more to be done, we have to choose how to use our time. An approach of "selective neglect" is not without its value, as recommended in The Joy of the Gospel.

Prayer

God of life and abundance, you call us to be bearers of the living and joyfilled Gospel. Help us to recognise our own need of time with you and refreshment in spirit. Amen! Let it be!

K. O'Mahony, OSA

Reflections for Prayer

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?

2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to live with energy and enthusiasm? What have these insights taught you about life?

3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?

4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

PRAYER

Compassionate God, from far and near you gather your Church into one. Safeguard the unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment that they seek.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS CARDS

We have received a supply of the Packet of 12 Mass Cards. Like everything else during Lockdown they have doubled in price. We will sell any parishioner a single Mass Card signed by the priests of the parish – the cost €1.00 per card plus the Stipend for the Mass.

Coronavirus COVID-19

Stay safe. Protect each other.

Continue to:



Wash
your hands well and often to avoid contamination.



Cover
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely



Distance
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell

PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**