

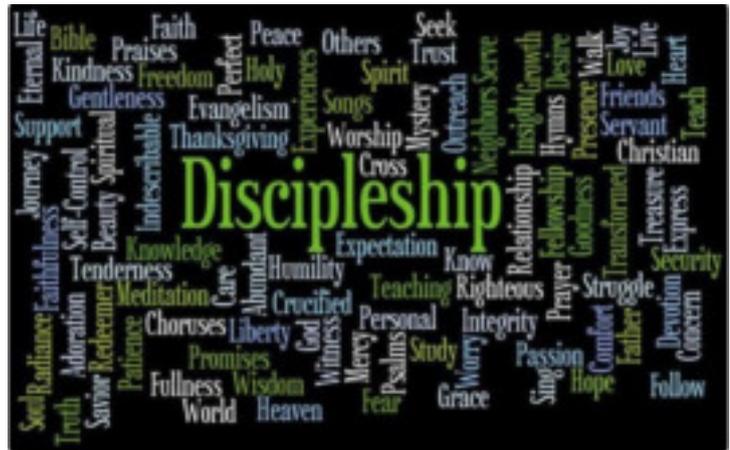


Parish News

Sunday 17th JANUARY

LOOK, THERE IS THE LAMB OF GOD.

We need time for the best things in life to come to fruition. Love grows in marriage, friendship and family over many years. It has significant moments but often it cannot be rushed. Jesus' disciples were invited to stay with him the rest of that day to get to know him; it would not happen immediately at the river. 'Rest of the day' would mean a very long time.



How well do I know Jesus? How much do I know about him? These are two different types of knowledge, like I can know everything about a person and not know the person.

What do I find out in this reading about Jesus? He is one who does not force himself on people – he asks 'what do you want?' He likes an honest answer. He looks into people and sees more to them, like he did with Peter and gave him a new name. He saw faithfulness in Peter even though others would see weakness.

When we read a gospel story, we can pause here and there and ask, what is new in this story about Jesus? Or what is new about myself? The gospel is always new. It is a treasure chest to bring out new aspects of the truth of Jesus each time we read it.

In prayer he has time for each of us. They stayed with him for a long time and he does not seem to hurry them. The lord is not in a hurry with us in any way except to love us.

*Let the words, 'Come and see' echo in your mind and heart today and this week.
Lord, thank you for calling me to the Eucharist; thank you for calling me into prayer.*



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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday 18 January and lasts until Monday the 25th. The theme this year is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", based on John 15:1-17. The resources for this year have been provided by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland.



Obviously, the Covid-19 pandemic has limited our options for marking this week in 2021 but we are encouraged to pray together in our homes and, if possible, via online means. For prayer and other resources visit [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021](http://www.irishchurches.org) - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting (irishchurches.org)

An online service from the churches in Waterside area will be available on Wednesday evening from approximately 7:00pm.

Streamed Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigils 7:00pm Vigil
8:00pm (Hospital Mass)
Sundays : 10:00am 11:15am and 12:00pm

Weekdays 09:15am 10:00am and 11:00am
Saturday 11:00am



Our online masses can be accessed here [ONLINE](#)

The Holy Father has asked for prayer during January for Human fraternity:

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



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Rest in Peace

Deaths:

Liam Bradley, Hayesbank Park, **Paddy Goan**, Clondermott Park,
Cath McDaid, Ashcroft

Anniversaries:

Neil Harkin, Michael Owens, Noel Martin, David and Philomena Quinn,
John Gill, Manix Doran, Brenda Murray, Pat Leitch, George Kelly,
Bernie Willis, Roslyn Henry.

A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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