



# Parish News

## Sunday 7th FEBRUARY

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*....because that is why I came.*

On the Third Sunday, Jesus announced the overall goal of his ministry - the kingdom of God. The Fourth Sunday (Mark 1:21-28) showed that his ministry is a ministry of casting out unclean spirits with authority. On this Fifth Sunday, we get the further insight that Jesus will always be restless, he will never "have somewhere where he can lay his head." He will always be on the lookout for new areas where his gospel needs to be preached.

This has also been the mark of Jesus' followers. In every age and culture, the Church has had its "missionaries", men and women of generous spirit, happy and successful where they were, who realized that the gospel was not being preached among cultures, ethnic groups or social classes which were neglected by society and by the Church. They stepped out courageously and moved into these "neighboring country towns" so that the gospel of God's love could be "preached there too." Paul and Barnabas were the first. They left the prosperous community of Antioch to bring the good news to the Greek cities of Asia Minor. One thousand years later, St Francis of Assisi turned his back on his noble and wealthy family and lived as a brother among the poorest people of his area. In our time, Mother Teresa, comfortable and successful in a well established religious order, decided to move out and found a new community entirely dedicated to the dying on the streets of Calcutta.



In the secular world too, all great people come to the time when they must step out into an area their movement has neglected up to now. Nelson Mandela, for example, decided at some point in his life that he would work for reconciliation with his oppressors. People have given up successful careers in law, medicine, finance, education or management to work for the advancement of neglected communities.

It happens to all of us, at one time or another, that we find the courage to break new ground, to be reconciled with someone who had hurt our family, to move into some field where our services are needed. This passage celebrates such moments of grace - in the life of Jesus and in our lives.

In recent years, our Church has often made similar moves in many countries. It has given up its prestige and influence, risked losing the patronage of the wealthy and the powerful, and stood at the side of the oppressed, "preaching there too." It would be good to spend some time with the expression "because that is why I came." Like so many phrases in the Bible, it is brief and seemingly simple, but it can transform our consciousness radically. When the Church neglects the marginalized it is always because it has forgotten the reason "why it came".

The gospel passage reminds us that we will not take bold new decisions unless we are inwardly free, as Jesus was. It also teaches us the secret of his inner freedom - his regular, deep, personal prayer, the fact that he would "leave the house and go off to a lonely place to pray there" - another haunting little phrase.

extract from [catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net)

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Feast day during this coming week - Thursday 11th Our Lady of Lourdes



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### St Angela's College, Sligo

Is inviting applications for the following course beginning Autumn 2021

#### **Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery**

The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This date may be extended.

For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo

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#### 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 10:00am 11:00am



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

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**The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.** This year the first 16 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

**The Holy Father's Intentions** for the Month of February 2021:

Violence Against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis announced the establishment of a [World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly](#) as a reminder of the important role they play as a link between generations.

During his Sunday Angelus address Jan. 31, the pope said the day will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. The first celebration will be on July 25th.



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### Rest in Peace

#### Deaths:

Dessie McGinley, Derryview Tce, Ann Moore, Celandine Court

#### Anniversaries:

Teresa Wiseman, Brigid Millar, Danny Gillespie, Lizzie McGee, Maureen Doherty, Robbie Kennelly, Jim Moore, Bernard and Jane Doherty, Vera McLaughlin, John Moore, James Kelly, Irene Mullan, Joe Cooke, Andrew Allen, Billy Leitch, William Leitch, Jean Foster, Peggy Walker, Nora Bradley, Anne Shiels, Frank Cassidy, Jim Casey, Kathleen Doherty, Martin McCrossan

### A Spiritual Communion

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

I love You above all things,

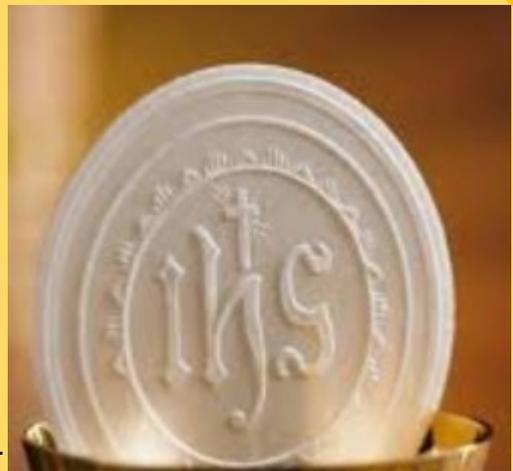
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

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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