

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 28th August, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, 2nd September.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Sheila Courtney (Rec. Dec.). David Meehan (Anniv.) Brendan O'Reilly (Anniv.) Henry and Kathleen Foley (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Aine Caprani (Rec. Dec.)
	10.00am	Toni Brewer (Anniv.)
	11.30am	John Breslin (Anniv.)
Mon	10.00am	Fr. O'Hare and all the deceased priests of the Parish
Tues.	10.00am	Susan and Peter Lalor (Anniv.) Catherine Bennett (Anniv.)
Wed	10.00am	Pat and Betty Larkin and their Parents (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Fr. Tom Lawlor on his Retirement from the Priesthood
Fri.	10.00am	Kathleen Doyle (Birthday Rem.)

THE DEEP END: Jesus comes to serve

In St. John's version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger, the great teacher. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'king' Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take Him by force and make Him king'. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship. His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and, to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, He takes Himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain. It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus' example of leadership is service in today's Gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort, that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

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WHAT'S ON

Saturday 4th August (2-6pm):

Love and Life in Marriage Conference – Celebrating the Church's vision for sexuality and marriage. Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport (Donation)

Sunday 29th August (10am-1pm):

Pastoral Symposium on Lay Pastoral Leadership Roles. Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road.

St John Vianney (Curé of Ars) Novena at St John Vianney Parish, Ardlea Road, Dublin 5: August 4th - 12th

Mass with invited preacher 10.00 am each day and 7.30 pm on Friday 10th. Also Saturday 6.00 pm, and Sunday 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday 8th, 3.00 pm.

Holy Hour: Thursday 9th, 7.30 pm.

Evening Prayer and Benediction: Sundays 5th and 12th August, 4.00 pm.

Confessions and Veneration of Relics: after each service.

Representatives from the Lourdes Invalid Fund will be at our parish church after Masses today

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marion Taylor (Maywood Grove) and Aine Caprani (Cill Eanna) who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**READINGS Next Sunday
(18th Sunday in Ord. Time)**

Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15
Ps. 77
Eph 4:7, 20-24
Jn 6:24-35



The St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Appeal takes place today.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 (WMOF2018): To keep up-to-date with WMOF2018 news, why not sign up for the newsletter at www.wmof2018.ie - just scroll to end of web page & enter your e-mail address to register. Meanwhile, please continue to pray for the success of this major 5-day world-wide Church event - hosted by the Irish Church & to be attended by people from around the globe, including Pope Francis.