

The Peter McVerry Trust wishes to express its thanks for €670.27 which was raised by the parish at last weekend's Bake Sale. A huge thanks to those who baked, donated and purchased on the day!

St. Vincent de Paul Society's annual clothes appeal takes place as follows: distribution of bags at Vigil Mass on July 12th & Sunday Masses on 13th July; collection of bags on Sat. 19th and Sun. 20th.

CEMETERY MASS in Balgriffin to be celebrated today, Sun. 6th July at 3pm.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL
Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, Thursday 14th - Sunday 17th August 2014. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people.

The Festival is nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" - with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. This Festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690 or from NI 07598 876399



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THE DEEP END : 'All you who are weary...'

Jesus had little success with the 'professionals' of His day. Yet, in today's Gospel he bursts into a prayer of thanksgiving for revealing wisdom to those who are considered 'infants'. St. Matthew's Gospel stresses that the poor are the only ones who truly understand the wisdom of God and they do so under the weight of great oppression and demands placed on them by the religious authorities. For example, the 'wise' place their particular interpretation of the law on the 'ritually unclean', excluding them from meals or place restrictions on the Sabbath which ignore people's needs.

Jesus wants people to leave aside these oppressors and learn from him; find rest in him. His focus is on mercy, compassion and love. This passage shows the tenderness with which Jesus welcomes and accepts. He knows the reality of people's suffering. He is not saying that there are no burdens in life; but that He will help people to find wisdom - wisdom which gives consolation, tenderness, acceptance and the rest for which the soul yearns.

'Lowliness is humility - that means down-to-earth realism. I accept myself as the raw material God has chosen to work through. God can use me if I am ready to be me. He can't do much with me as I wish I were, and even less with me trying to be someone else. In supple strength and cheerful self-acceptance lies the secret of a calm and restful spirit.' (William Yeomans).

READINGS - Next Sunday

Is 55:10-11;
Ps. 64;
Rm 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23



Many thanks for your contributions to Peter's Pence collection last Sunday. Amount collected: €2,395

Vigil	6.00 pm	Monica Mulhall (M.M.) Laura Brady (M.M.) Eileen Sutton (M.M.) Richard Sutton (R.I.P.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Pro Populo
	10.00 am	Michael McCabe (R.I.P.)
	11.30 am	Tommy Cooney & deceased family members
Mon.	10.00am	Dolores McGlynn (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues.	10.00am	Vincent Melvin (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am	Elizabeth Cowap (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Health Intention (Nancy and Ron Harrison)
Fri.	10.00am	
Sat.	10.00am	Special Intention (Thanksgiving)

Sunday Mass times in Kilbarrack / Foxfield Parish for June, July & August will be at 9.30am & 12.30pm. There will be no 11am Mass during these months.

Feastdays this week

Mon: St. Maelruain
Tues: St. Kilian
Wed: Ss. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
Fri: St. Benedict

GETTING MARRIED SOON?

"Week-End Away" in preparation for marriage. Get away from it all. Have a Pre-Marriage course with a difference, focussing on your relationship. Contact: Esker, Athenry, at (091) 844549, OR log on to www.redemptoristsesker.ie OR search for "Esker Couples" on Facebook.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

- in the church at 8pm, Tuesday, 15th for Baptism on Saturday, 19th July.

