

Sunday 18th October 2015
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday

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The annual **Mission Sunday Collection** will take place at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the SHARE collection.

The **Annual Survey of Mass Attendance** in the Diocese will conclude this weekend. A headcount will take place during the first collection at all Masses in our parish again this weekend.

St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society is hosting an afternoon of prayer for Vocations in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe on Sunday 18th October at 2p.m. All are welcome.

The **Liturgy Group Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 10:30a.m. in the Church.

Next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 7:30p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind** has written to thank parishioners for their most generous contributions to its recent collection which raised €1,012.

The **Irish Hospice Foundation** will hold its annual free public evening in the Alexander Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street (off Merrion Square) on Thursday 5th November from 5:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. Jane McKenna will address the gathering on 'Living with Loss'. Further information available on www.hospicefoundation.ie

Tweet from Pope Francis on 10th October: *Work is important, but so too is rest. Shouldn't we learn to respect times of rest, especially Sundays?*



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THE DEEP END: ABUNDANT LIFE

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a time to highlight the importance of sharing the Good News. The theme of this year's Mission Sunday is 'Abundant life', a phrase which brings to mind a fullness of life and a spirit of joy. Is this how we go about our mission?

In Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis speaks of the joy of being a missionary. He says that all Christians, by virtue of their baptism, are missionary disciples: 'All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelisation... Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelisation; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus. So what are we waiting for?'

The disciples in today's Gospel certainly have missionary zeal, but they have got the focus wrong – they are thinking of themselves and their status, rather than the task they have been given. But Jesus teaches them a lesson in discipleship – their task is to serve. Something to think about as we reflect on our mission today.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Derek Cummins (M. Mind) Ellen Morgan (Anniv.) John & Josie Thornton (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Sarah Kate Ferriter (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	Eoghan Ó Suilleabháin (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Esther Crimmins (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Moya Louise Rafter (Rec. Dec'd.)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Florence & Ernest Dicker & deceased family members
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Denis, Roseanna & Denis Dwyer Snr (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Trudy O'Neill & her son Wayne O'Neill (Anniv.)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Mary & Joseph Curtis (Anniv.)
Sat:	10.00a.m.	Carl Keller (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Seamus Dooley & Kathleen Tormey**, whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time): *Jer 31:7-9. Ps 125, R/v3. Heb 5:1-6. Mk 10:46-52*

The **Churchgate Collection** next weekend (24th/25th October), is in aid of the local **Conference of St. Vincent de Paul**

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