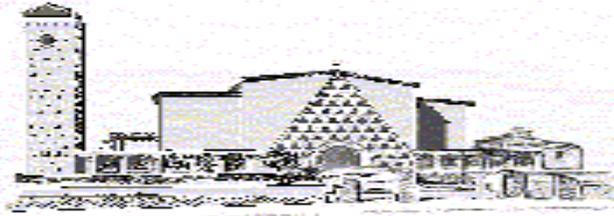


**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be on Tuesday, 16th July at  
8pm, for Baptisms on Sunday, 21st  
July.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Antionette Stanbridge (M.Mind) Pearse and Lucy Adams (Anniv.) Laurence McGivern (Anniv.) Jonathan Baldwin (Anniv.)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Michael McCay (Rec.Dec) Dominic Stobie (Rec.Dec) Martin Duffy (Anniv.)
	<b>10.00am</b>	Michael Heneghan (Rec.Dec) Rita Stewart (1stAnniv.) Health Intentions
	<b>11.30am</b>	Lauri McDonnell (M.Mind) Brian Sheehan (Rec.Dec) Doreen McManus (Anniv.) Mona McDonnell (Anniv.)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Parishioners Intentions Mary Kennedy (Anniv.)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Christopher and Mary Mulcahy (Anniv.)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Jim and Nellie Butler (Anniv.)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Michael and Margaret Hogan (Anniv.)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Frances Keegan (Rec.Dec.)

**The Good Samaritan**

Parables are never what they seem. They have a clever way of enticing us to figure out what is really going on beneath the surface. One of the real questions in this parable is: Who offers correct worship to God? Jesus spoke about a God who was not concerned with the constraints of the Temple, but who was on the streets. Look at what the Samaritan did for the man on the road: he bound his wounds, he poured oil on them, he took him to an inn. These are all action words. The emphasis in this parable is on action and compassion. The Samaritan is considered to be an outcast, yet Jesus makes him the hero of this story, no doubt causing outrage to those who were listening to Him. The priest and Levite were most likely carrying oil and wine on their person; in the case of the priest, these items were needed for making sacrifices in the Temple. Coincidentally these items were also a vital part of a first century first aid kit, needed for cleaning the wounds of the injured man. The lawyer is concerned with the limits to 'love of neighbour.' But there are no limits, no boundaries, no outsiders in God's Kingdom. Holiness is not separation from the marginalised, but proximity to them.

"Since once again Lord, I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I will make the whole Earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labours and sufferings of the world" (Teilhard de Chardin)

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**Pathways: Exploring Faith as an adult:**

*Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. Late September to May (7p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Applications now open for September 2019. **Contact:** *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie) or [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie) (Early application advised).

St. Vincent De Paul clothing collection takes place on Sunday, 28th July. Bags will be available this Sunday.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Mon 15th: St. Bonaventure  
Tue 16th: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Thomas McGlue who died recently. May he rest in the loving arms of our merciful God.

There will be a collection next Sunday to support the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage which brings sick people to Lourdes in September. Your contributions, which would be greatly appreciated, will go towards defraying some of the costs of bringing the sick to Lourdes.

**READINGS Next Sunday  
(16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Genesis 18:1-10  
Psalm 14  
Colossians 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42

