

## DOUBLE LIFE

Patrick is the best man in the world. He is a golden-hearted rogue with a big heart, deep pockets and generous to a fault. He has a loving wife, four great kids and all seemed well. He often told me he was the luckiest man in the world. However, his work often took him away and over time he met someone else. The 'someone else' had a history of using men for her own material ends and while these were two consenting adults, one of the adults was not a free agent. Soon Patrick found himself living a double life. Deep down, he knew what he was doing was wrong. In his happy-go-lucky way, he tried to laugh it off when confronted. The deception continued. He ran to shrines, prayed a lot, lit candles in churches all over the world, but kept up his double jeopardy of a lifestyle. A few of his friends who knew what was happening tried to talk with him. What would happen should his wife Terri find out? What if his little girls discovered that their Dad was not the Dad they thought he was?

The counsel to admonish the sinner is best practised if we have a natural relationship with the person. Speaking the truth in love is not gossiping behind a person's back. It means that you know and are hopeful that he/she is capable of moral reasoning and repentance.

I remember speaking to Patrick and telling him what I knew. He went into denial and admitted it had happened, but said it was over. Only Patrick knows the truth of his ways.

## PRAYER AND MERCY

When Pope Francis gave his Sunday homily in the parish church of St. Anna in the Vatican just four days after his election, he spoke of God's Mercy. The gospel reading from St. John, chapter 8 about the woman taken in adultery begins with Jesus praying alone, Pope Francis pointed out. Prayer and Mercy go hand-in-hand. It is by Mercy that God calls us. It is by Mercy that we can give others a new chance when they have failed. Pope Francis's personal motto, *Miserando atque eligendo* (To be shown mercy and chosen), suggests a new pattern of behaviour. We can offer Mercy in such a way that others can begin again. We know that we ourselves are always in need of that same mercy. Let us remember today all the Patricks in our world, struggling to live a life worthy of the name Christian. ■



### Today's readings

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Tm 1:6-8:13-14  
Lk 17:5-10

### GOD'S WORD TODAY

In today's Gospel Jesus gives his disciples some advice about faith. The disciples are interested in the quantity of their faith; that is, how much faith they have.

Jesus talks about the quality of faith. He tells them that if they have the right sort of faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed, they could do things which seem impossible, like planting the sea full of trees. Jesus isn't telling us to beautify the sea with trees. He is reminding us that with a certain kind of faith we can face those things in life which seem impossible.

Jesus also challenges the disciples' attitude to God. For Jesus, a religious person is not one who keeps a record of all the good things they do so they can make claims on God. A truly religious person knows that it is God who gives generously, and that no matter how good we are, we always depend on God's generosity. God does not depend on ours.

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2 October 2016 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Psalter Week 3

SERIES: EXPLORING THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Season colour: GREEN

In this series, Deirdre Mullan RSM, explores the Spiritual Works of Mercy.



## ADMONISH SINNERS

A more modern translation of this counsel would be "Correct Sinners," but that translation does not always go down well with people. Which of us is in a position to admonish, challenge, or indeed correct the other? When we love someone, charity sometimes impels us to speak out, especially when it is clear that their words and actions will eventually destroy them.

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
DAY for LIFE**

**Theme: The Wonder of Human Life in Our Common Home  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**

Our faith is so often put to the test not just by intellectual doubts but by the difficulties of life. The paradox is that it is only faith that will bring us to life through these trials. It is only faith that allows us to see beyond what we give to what we have already been given by God himself.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - POPE FRANCIS' WORDS**

*"God never tires of offering His forgiveness each time we ask for it."*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Monsignor Dolan who has retired as Parish Priest of Rosses Point after 21 years. He is now going to take up the pastoral care of the residents in Nazareth House and Nazareth Village. We pray every blessing on him and hope that his new appointment will bring many spiritual benefits to him and the residents of Nazareth House and Village.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION DATES 2017**

**First Communion**

Scoil Ursula, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Scoil Eoin Naofa, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Gaelscoil Cnoc na Re, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017

**All at 12 Noon**

**FIRST CONFESSIONS - 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 at 7.00 p.m.**

**CONFIRMATION**

Scoil Eoin Naofa at 12noon on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Scoil Ursula at 12 noon on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Gaelscoil Cnoc na Re at 11.30am on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

**OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF CLERGY** Sincere thanks to those Parishioners who contributed to the quarterly Offering for support of our four Clergy which amounted to €3,460. If you have not yet returned your envelope you may still do so. We depend on your support. Thank you to all for your ongoing generosity.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** Lord, in the calamities, tragedies and disasters of life the light of your love shines; for your peace guards our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY NEXT, 9<sup>th</sup> OCT** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Tim. 2:8-13; Gospel: Lk. 17:11-19.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> .Bl. Columba Marmion; Tues 4<sup>th</sup> St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecologists; Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bruno; Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of the Rosary.

**SLIGO CATHEDRAL PARISH – 2200 FAMILIES**  
SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER PARISH ENV: €1,048 PL/STAND. ORD: €1,249  
THANK YOU for your contribution.  
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✉ email us @ [news@sligocathedral.ie](mailto:news@sligocathedral.ie) We welcome your comments.

**BINGO - GILLOOLY HALL - TONIGHT, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.00 p.m.**  
This week's jackpot is €2,350.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Mass will be celebrated at 7.00p.m. Confessions will take place before the 8.00a.m.; 10.30a.m. and 7.00p.m. Masses.

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

A meeting of the Committee will be held in St Mary's Presbytery on Monday, October 3rd at 8p.m.

**D.T.I.M ENROLEMENT MASS - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

The Enrolment mass of our Parish based First Holy Communion programme, **Do This in Memory Of Me**, takes place at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. We welcome all who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2017.

**MISSION THANK YOU**

A sincere thank you to all who were involved in making the Mission a special week both in our parish and in the Sligo Cluster of Parishes. We especially thank the volunteers who gave of their time to ensure the success of the Mission. Thank you also to Nessa who provided the food for breakfast and to the volunteers who served it in the Gillooly Hall each morning and to the caretaker, Joe Gallagher for preparing the Hall. Deep gratitude to the Redemptorist Mission Team and our Catechist, Colette Furlong. Well done to all for ensuring the success of the Mission week.

**SLIGO VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

Free workshops & mentoring while volunteering! We are delighted to run our second round of recruitment for volunteers or potential volunteers who are currently looking for work. The Headstart Programme starts 11<sup>th</sup> October. More info please contact Jane from Sligo Volunteer Centre at 071 9111042 or [jane@volunteersligo.ie](mailto:jane@volunteersligo.ie).

**SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES** are in need of good quality autumn/winter children's clothes, particularly for those aged 5-18 years. If you have any suitable donations, please can they be dropped in the Sligo Social Services yard on The Lungy (behind the Hawkswell Theatre). Many Thanks for your support.

**NORTH WEST HOSPICE MEMORIAL WALK** As part of the North West Hospice events for World Palliative Care week North West Hospice are holding a Memorial Walk in Doorly Park. People are encouraged to come along and walk in the memory of their loved ones, friends, colleagues and family members. The walk is suitable for all the family and will start from the Riverside Hotel on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Registration from 12.30pm. All are welcome. Donations on the day to North West Hospice.

**CATHEDRAL of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**Upcoming EVENTS THE WEEK AHEAD**

Tues.4th **Blessing of the pets** at 6.30 p.m in the **Gillooly Hall**.  
Weds. 5<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday Tea'** Upstairs in **Cathedral Sacristy** immediately after 10.30a.m. Mass  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> **First Friday** Mass 7:00 p.m. with Confessions before all Masses  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> **Confessions** 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**ST BERNADETTE'S CHAPEL**, Rockwood Parade. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 5.15p.m. All welcome.

**BLESSING OF ANIMAS CEREMONY** takes place on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30p.m in the Gillooly Hall to mark the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. You are all invited to bring your pet(s).

**HSE RETIRED ASSOCIATION GROUP** Monthly meeting takes place in St Michael's Family Life Centre on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. New members welcome.

**P.T.A.A. SLIGO** - Meeting in St. Mary's at 7.30p.m. on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October immediately after the 7pm Mass.

**A 24 HOUR SILENT EUCHARISTIC VIGIL** praying for the protection of the Unborn Child will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel beside the Cathedral on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary) from 9.00am until 9.00am on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. To sign up for your hour please contact 087 6274621 or sign the sheet on the door in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Thank you.

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT & RENEWAL GATHERING** Elphin Diocese's 2016 Parish Development & Renewal Gathering to take place on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. Details available at [www.elphindiocese.ie/gathering](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/gathering). All welcome.

**CONFIRMATION YOUTH FEST** will take place in Boyle on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/youthfest](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/youthfest) for more information.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES:** Airport transport & 7 nights apartment 279 Euro. Tel 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). Call for flight information.

**MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND** The Sisters of St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co. Waterford welcome you from 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Please contact Sr. Sarah for further info, (087 1909830 or email [vocations@glencairnabbey.org](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org) or view the website [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org)

**FAMILY CARERS IRELAND** are providing the **QQI LEVEL 5 CARE SKILLS MODULE** in Sligo on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, this is one of the mandatory modules of the full QQI Healthcare Award and will run one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30pm Patient moving and handling training provided. One Day topic Specific workshops also available. For more info contact 0579370221.

We wish **ST. MARY'S GAA CLUB** every success in the County final today, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

*Rosary for children & adults*

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm Children, their families and friends are all invited to this special celebration of the rosary in our Cathedral.

**Anniversary & remembrances**

DAY	8.00 A.M.	10.30 A.M.
MON 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PATRICK & MARY HEALY	—
TUES 4 <sup>th</sup>	—	PATRICK & ROSE DOLAN
WED 5 <sup>th</sup>	PADRAIG CONWAY	PADDY & KATHLEEN GILROY & Deceased Family Members
THURS 6 <sup>th</sup>	—	MARTIN McLOUGHLIN
FRI 7 <sup>th</sup>	—	<b>1st Anniversary</b> CELIA BLAIN