

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

BALALLY PARISH

16th August 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm.

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Mass Times & Intentions:

Sunday 16th August

10.00am: Eileen & William Field/ John Noonan (6th Annv)/ Special Intention (Birthday Remembrance Colm Burke)

12.00pm: Pat McLaughlin/ Fr John Heaney & Sarah & Michael Farragher/ Maureen Lycett (5th Annv)/ Special Intention (Birthday Remembrance Paddy Morris)

Mon 10th Aug - Sat 15th August 2020 10.00am: & 7.00pm

10.00am: Marie O' Connell (Months Mind) Sr Patricia Kidd / John C O'Brien & Barry O' Brien/Special Intention

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

10.00am: Friday: Peter Folan & Barbara McCool/ George & Catherine Fox/ Special Intention

7.00pm: Saturday: Katherine Vasey (1st Annv) /Fr Hugh O' Byrne/ Special Intention (Get Well)

Sunday 23rd August

10.00am: Peggy Gallagher/ Pat Cullen

12.00noon: John & Josephine Dowling/ James & Annie Corrigan/ Billy & Peg Harrington/Deceased members of the Coughlan & McMahan Families.

The Deep End: A woman of faith

I can almost hear the chuckle. It is not mentioned, but I always imagine that Jesus smiles or even laughs as he delivers the line, 'Woman, you have great faith.' Today's gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to 'give her what she wants.' Jesus' rebuke seems shockingly unkind: 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. But the woman doesn't give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master's table. 'Good for her!' – we feel like cheering. It's a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. His disciples, who know him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus' reference to 'house-dogs' tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than his own disciples. Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them – those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.

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Behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out

*“Have pity on me, Lord, son of David!
My daughter is tormented by a demon.”*

(Gospel) 1485–89

Jean Colombe, “The Canaanite Woman”

Other Church Services:

Holy Day Masses: *Vigil 7.30pm;
10.00am, 1.10pm*
Confessions: *Saturday after 10.00am Mass*
Baptisms: *Second Sunday of every month*



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The Rosary: is recited every morning at 9.40am before 10:00 am Mass. All Welcome. 

Eucharistic Adoration with prayer and reflection - is held here in the church every Friday morning after the 10.00am Mass

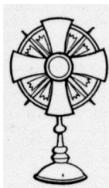
St Mary's Sandford, Mass times:

Saturdays: *Vigil 6.00 p.m.*
Sundays: *9:00 a.m., 11:00a.m., 6:00p.m*

(Youth Mass) Mondays to Fridays:
10:00am.

Holy Days: *10.00am and 7.30pm.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation :
after Mass on Saturdays/Confessions by request



The Unseen Enemy

Life as we knew it
Has come to a halt
We've been hit by a Virus
Not caused by our fault
All over the world
Humanity is dying
Young people, old people
Inside we are crying
We must all stay apart
During this ordeal
The people who govern us
Has made this appeal
Day to day living
Has now become a test
We know not what is coming
From one day to the next
We know from our history
Plagues have happened before
And we will overcome it
As they did in days of yore
As sure as day follows night
This time will pass away
The Sun will still shine
We will see a brighter day **Ann Schmitz**



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Sacrament of Baptism

We Welcome babies

Hugo Stewart & Seán McAuley

Also **Emmanuella & Hannah Busari**

Who were Baptised into the Christian Community in this Church last Saturday & Sunday



Get well

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



Readings for next Sunday

23rd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Reading II: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!"

Nothing can hold back
the brave woman from Canaah.
Not religious boundaries,
not gender rules, nothing,
when she told
him the needs of her precious child.

Dear Lord,
give us faith like this unswerving woman.
Make us stubborn. Fearless.
Bold, creative.
Whatever it takes.
Let us hear, "O, great is your faith.
Let it be done for you
as you wish"



Mercy to every person

"Lord", the woman said, "help me." Human life is too big and too complex for any of us to live it on our own. We have all kinds of people and relationships to help us to wholeness. The most important one of all has to be the presence of Christ with us. The intimate relationships of marriage and family life, for example, change so often and so deeply that we cannot manage them on our own. Christ is with us to help us see the opportunities for ever greater loving and to give us the strength to grow in our love. Relationships within the faith community are also so complex that we cannot possibly build our unity with one another except through the power of Christ. When we depend on our own efforts, we set very low limits and settle for mediocrity. When we call on the power of Christ, and live by his power, we are set free to reach for the stars. **Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R.**

Vibrant colours, beautiful flowers and a chance For everyone to dress up and celebrate with the Boys & Girls of St Olaf's and Queen of Angels who made their Confirmation during the week. Congratulations to all on your special day.





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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

1. Having met with rejection from the Pharisees, Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people, so this now adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?

2. The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection, but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?

3. In our days, welcoming the stranger is a challenge – we are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made when you were able to offer a friendly, welcoming face to a stranger?

4. Who are the ‘Canaanite women’ who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

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A Special
Thank you
To the ladies
for their
Dedication,
hard work and
wonderful
Flower
arrangements
for the
Conformations