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THE MESSAGE OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

A question that today's Gospel reading prompts us to ask is: "What keeps me afloat when life is a struggle?" We could answer the question in different ways – our family, good friends. As people of faith we would add, 'knowing that the Lord walks with us on the stormy waters, which he alone can calm'. The Lord comes to us in the noisy, tumultuous, storm, but today's first reading suggests that he also comes to us in the calm, in what the reading calls, "the sound of a gentle breeze". The Lord whispers to us in silence. If we can learn to hear him whispering in the silence, we will become more attuned to his powerful voice in the storm.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

The parish, with the support of the Bons Secours Hospital, are once again hosting an International Fun day in the **SMA grounds** behind the church. The date is **Sunday 10th September 2 – 6 pm**. An invitation is extended to all nationalities in the diocese to participate. An invitation is also extended to the Ukrainian community to join us on the day.

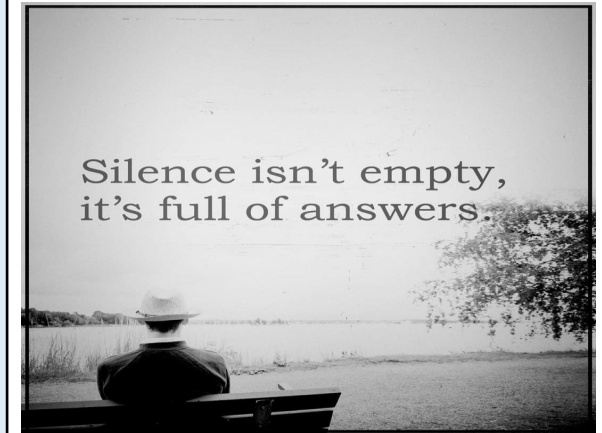
This is an opportunity for non-Irish nationals to identify with our parish effort and come forward and contribute to the day. We are hoping members of the parish will volunteer and support the day in one or other of the ways that we will be seeking support.

The number of people who have offered their names to assist on the day will be contacted very soon. It's nice to see the names of people who have not been active in the parish having registered their names. It's hoped that the International Day will be the beginning of a greater awareness of the involvement of people in the life of our parish.

Parishes are having to come to terms with the shortage of priests. This being the case, we have introduced a Eucharistic service in our parish in place of the 10 am Mass on Wednesdays.

The parish acknowledges the support of those members who will conduct the Service and it is hoped our regular church goers will support this new venture.

These are challenging times for our Church and each of us has to decide how we support our parish in these times.



When coming to church please collect a copy of the bulletin and use it to join in the prayers and the readings of the Mass. When leaving we urge you to take the bulletin home with you. You never know, maybe a member of your family or a visitor to your house might take an interest in the content.

SMA Wilton continues to support SMA Poland to support Ukrainian refugees.

We are happy to announce that we have been able to forward an additional €1,000 to our appeal to the SMA Fathers in Poland who are hosting and supporting Ukrainian families. This ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

THINK ABOUT IT: We meet God by self-emptying and spiritual practices, not by abstract speculation.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-11 - 13



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At times God is to be found where we least expect him. He appears in joy and anguish, in the mountain breeze and the sea storm. In our prayer we need the patience to wait for God to speak to us, and the faith to walk towards him when he calls. 13th August 2023

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 84: 9-14.

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are

descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My soul is waiting for the
Lord, I count on his word.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22 - 33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,**



true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:

and by the Holy Spirit

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Pray, brothers and sisters,.....

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings
of your Church, for in your mercy you have
given them to be offered and by
your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you
have set us free.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

