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Sit Alone...

Sometimes you just need to sit alone, forget about the world and give a little time for yourself.

The Gospel: Riches are like a rabbit caught in the headlights of a car at night

We can start with ourselves. Can you declutter your life? Look around your home this week, and see what could be donated to a charity shop. Can you be more aware of what you really need when shopping in this coming week?

New Book by Fr Tim Cullinane

Fr. Tim Cullinane SMA has released another interesting book. It is entitled "[The Evening of Life](#)" and it seeks to address an issue facing most of us; that is to age gracefully. Included among the various stories is one from St Augustine:

"Toward the end of his life, Augustine addressed his disciples and said, "In old age ailments proliferate: coughs, catarrh, bleary eyes, anxiety and exhaustion. Yet if the world grows old, Christ is perpetually young so do not refuse to be rejuvenated by Christ. In a similar vein, there is a story about a man who went to a doctor complaining about his aches and pains. The doctor asked him what age he was and he said 75. The doctor had no pity for him and said: "If you wake up some morning without a pain after 65, it means you are dead".

The book is on sale in the Mass Office at €8. A nice collection of stories that might inspire us as we get older!

Sharing Inspirational Videos from Youtube and Social Media

We all have received some very inspirational videos from friends which we pass on to others. Via a QR code, the parish folklore group will share each week a short video which they feel other people might appreciate. People who have found a video that inspires them can forward it to the SMA Folklore Project at smafolklore@yahoo.com.

The first contribution can be viewed by scanning the QR code below.

Enjoy! And if you wish to pass it on, please do so.



Tax Back 2025

We thank our parishioners who are participating in our Tax Back 2025. New members who have joined our parish might not be conscious of the value of this program to our parish. All that is required is for a person to be paying tax and during the course of the year if your contributions to the church **exceeds €250, we can submit your name to revenue and the parish will receive €112** from the Government, **at no cost to yourself**. This is a very important source of income for parishes and is deeply appreciated. People who can join can speak with Fr. Michael or speak to the people in the Mass Office during the week.

Parish Charity for July – Make Your Mark on Cancer

This month we are supporting a local charity **Make Your Mark on Cancer**, a charity that raises funds to support the cancer program at the Mercy Hospital, Cork. Again we are grateful that our members have responded positively to our appeal.

Our support now stands at **€1,942**. A lot of this is from the sale of books and CD's at the back of the church.

Aid to Gaza to be Resumed

Israel Kills Three in Gaza Catholic Church Sheltering Elderly and Children

Israeli forces have bombed Gaza's [only Catholic Church](#), killing three people and wounding at least 10 others. The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem said, as the military continues its assault across the besieged enclave;

"The people in the Holy Family Compound are people who found in the Church a sanctuary – hoping that the horrors of war might at least spare their lives, after their homes, possessions, and dignity had already been stripped away," the Patriarchate said in its statement after condemning the deadly attack.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attributed the strike to "stray ammunition", adding that Israel was investigating the incident and "remains committed to protecting civilians and holy sites".

Through the generosity of our members we are in the position to forward an amount of €2,000. It's shocking to witness the ongoing carnage being endured by the people of Gaza. However great credit has to be given to our members for their generous support. The money will be forwarded to "[Aid to the Church in Need](#)".

We pray for the people of Gaza that they will soon be able to receive the much needed assistance denied to them.

Evening Mass During the Summer

During the summer months, due to the shortage of priests, it will not be possible to have mass each evening.

Until further notice, evening Mass at 5.35 pm will only be available on Wednesday and Friday. On the other evenings rosary will be recited at the usual times and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available until 6.30pm.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy..... **Amen.**

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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you as
their Creator and guide, you may restore what
you have created and keep safe what you
have restored. Through our Lord.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity
of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured
wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave
what is his own to someone who has not
toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great
injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil
and strain that he has undergone under the
sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares
of office, his restless nights? This, too, is



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are warned today against falling into the trap of greed.
We are urged to become rich, not in the goods of this
world but in the sight of God.
3rd August 2025



vanity.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S.94: 1-2. 6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who
belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by
his hand. **(R)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on
that day at Massah in the desert when your
fathers put me to the test; when they tried
me, though they saw my work.' **(R)**

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-5. 9-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life
with Christ, you must look for the things that are
in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right
hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things,
not on the things that are on the earth, because
you have died, and now the life you have is
hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is
revealed - and he is your life - you too will be
revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that
belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity,
guilty passion, evil desires and especially
greed, which is the same thing as worshipping
a false god; and never tell each other lies. You
have stripped off your old
behaviour with your old self, and you have put
on a new self which will progress towards true
knowledge the more it is renewed in the image
of its creator; and in that image there
is no room for distinction between Greek
and Jew, between the circumcised or the
uncircumcised, or between barbarian and
Scythian, slave and free man. There is only
Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 - 21

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell
my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.'
'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your
judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then
he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard
against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is
not made secure by what he owns, even when
he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once
a rich man who, having had a good harvest from
his land, thought to himself, "What am I to
do? I have not enough room to store my crops."
Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull
down my barns and build bigger ones, and
store all my grain and my goods in them, and
I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty
of good things laid by for many years to come;
take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time."
But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the
demand will be made for your soul; and this
hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is
when a man stores up treasure for himself in
place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 ✠

**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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal
offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy that you should
enter under my roof, but only say the
word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from
heaven, endowed with all delights and
sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly
gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.