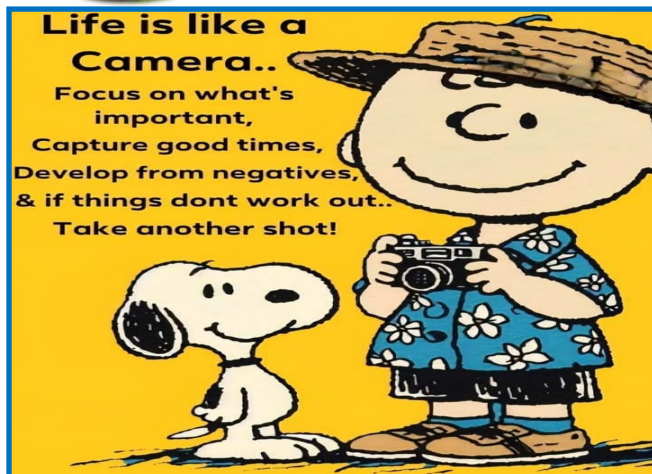




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SMA Journal for July

The latest edition of the monthly SMA Journal can be viewed by scanning the QR code. It includes details of the new Irish Province administration elected at our recent assembly held in Dromantine. There are also other interesting stories included.



Parish Charity for July – Make Your Mark on Cancer

This week we began supporting a local charity **Make Your Mark**, a charity that raises funds to support the cancer program at the Mercy Hospital, Cork.

A promotion video for the charity was compiled for the parish and this can be viewed by scanning the QR code.

Again we are confident that our members will respond positively to our appeal in support of this charity. Our support now stands at €1,190. A lot of this is from the sale of books.



Some thoughts from books on sale at church entrance:

1. Contemplation is not about going to church, though going to church ought certainly to nourish the contemplative life. Contemplation is about finding God within, about making sacred space in a heart saturated with advertisements and promotions and jealousies and ambitions, so that the God whose spirit we breathe can fully come to life in us.
2. Pain is the sign that something needs to be changed. Without trauma and woundedness we might never move off the spot we're in to the spot we should be.

Money from the sale of books goes towards our monthly charity – **Make your Mark on Cancer.**

SMA Folklore Project

The SMA Folklore Project had a display in the Parish Centre recently on the midsummer story of "Bonna Night".

A short video recalling the exhibition can be viewed by scanning the QR code.



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 (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.

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL – Mary has chosen the better part:

This is a beautiful passage about the importance of being nourished by Jesus for ministry in all forms. There is a time for action, but constant frantic activity is neither healthy nor sustainable. When we are so bogged down in the craziness around us, Jesus is about the way forward. First, sit and listen to him; then we may be better prepared for the challenges we face.

When we are occupied with 'many tasks' we can become drained, and if we ignore this for too long it can lead to burnout. How do you nourish yourself? Can you find more time to sit with Jesus?

SMA Mass Office

We now stock a large range of books, christening candles, rosary beads and grave ornaments.

Supporting Sudan

United Nations agencies have warned that famine and disease threaten to cause "countless" deaths in war-torn Sudan unless emergency action is taken.

Malnourishment, crumbling healthcare facilities and a surge of cholera cases are blighting the population, officials from the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday as they underlined the "immense challenges" faced by aid workers after 18 months of war in the country.

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

GREETING

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.**

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

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you,



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To pray, to listen to Christ, to have time for friendship and for love, to care for justice - all these are "the better part" which our busy world sometimes puts into very secondary places. Not so the gospel.

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kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with he who does not slander with his tongue. (R)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R)

SECOND READING Colossians 1: 24 - 28

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

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It



was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 10.38 - 42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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

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

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.

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

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.