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**"...SOMEWHERE ALONG
THE WAY WE MISSED
WHAT IS RADICAL ABOUT
OUR FAITH AND
REPLACED IT WITH
WHAT IS COMFORTABLE."**

The Gospel: Ask and it will be given to you:

The Christian pilgrim must be active like the Good Samaritan and listen deeply to the Lord, like Mary of Bethany. The third leg of the tripod of Christian life is prayer, calling on the Father's help, knocking on his door for the needs of the world.

The "Our Father" is not so much a prayer formula to be recited by rote, as an expression of the different dynamics of Jesus' relationship with the Father.

Scholars maintain that the central divine revelation of the New Testament is the emphasis on God as Father.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This weekend the church celebrates "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly". There is no hiding from the fact that much of the good that happens in our parish is due to our grandparents and the elderly. We thank them sincerely for their contribution. To mark the occasion we are making a Prayer Card available in honour of the day. Please take one as you leave the church, or bring it to an elderly family member who might not be in church with us today.

Some thoughts from a book "What Women Know" on sale at church entrance:

1. Don't knock your children – the world will deal them enough setbacks. Encourage them to try, praise them on what they do well, express regret when they make mistakes and give them strength and comfort when they have disappointments.
2. Treasure the parties you have for your children while they are small – soon enough they won't be interested in celebrating in their own house, and before you know it, they won't want you involved at all!!

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

Dear You,



*Just a little note to
remind you:*

*Someone out there feels
a little less alone
because of your kindness.*

*Your gentle heart,
your thoughtful words,
your quiet support –
they matter more
than you may ever know.*



Keep shining.

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.

Our support now stands at **€1,502**. A lot of this is from the sale of books 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.

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.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us..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

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Prayer is being confident in the care and power of God to give us constantly in our lives what he knows is good and valuable for us. We must feel free to ask God for all our needs.

going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 137:1-3.6-8

R. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R)

SECOND READING Colossians 2:12 - 14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians. You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 11:1 - 13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said: 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."



He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds;

the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

