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We all have a bag.

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We all pack differently. Some of us are traveling light. Some of us are secret hoarders who've never parted with a memory in our lives. I think we are all called to figure out how to carry our bag to the best of our ability, how to unpack it, and how to face the mess. I think part of growing up is learning how to sit down on the floor with all your things and figuring out what to take with you and what to leave behind.

Hannah Brencher / *Powers of Words*



ALPHA Christian Formation Program.

Curraheen Parish is hosting the Alpha Program starting on the 22nd of January in their church, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. over 10 weeks. People who wish to attend can ring the parish office on 087 7160918 to register. This is an adult faith formation program.

Monthly Charities 2026.

During 2025 we supported various charities – Gaza via Trócaire and Gorta, Irish Pilgrimage Trust, which supported young people to visit Lourdes, Focus Ireland, Make Your Mark on Cancer, Bru Columbanus, Bishopstown Senior Citizens, CUH Children's Charity, Edel House, Shine Mental Health Support, and Persecuted Christians via ACN. The total amount collected came to €38,167. **A wonderful variety of deserving charities and well done for a generous display of giving.**

The Gospel.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Every time the Eucharist is celebrated, the words of John the Baptist about Jesus are recalled: "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world". Today's gospel reading portrays him pointing away from himself towards Jesus. It reminds us that being a Christian is not about me, or us! The Church, the community of believers, is called to point away from itself and towards the Lord. The Church is there to lead people to the Lord and to reveal the Lord to people.

New Parish Initiative for Prayer.

As we are located near to CUH and Bru Columbanus many people come to our church, in their time of need they come among us and would like to feel that we identify with their prayers. As a way of responding to their need and also to our members who would like to feel that their prayer is also our prayer, a book has been placed in the middle of the church. People are invited to write their particular intention in the book. All intentions included will be remembered at each Mass in the parish. Also, people are welcome to read the prayer intentions. Taking time to do so just might help to put our own prayer petitions into perspective.

Tax Back Program 2026.

We thank our parishioners who are participating in our Tax Back 2026 program. Any person wishing to join can take a box of envelopes from the table at the back of the church. 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**. There are leaflets at the table giving more specific details about what is involved and the benefit to the church.

YOU

If every single person who has liked you in your lifetime, were to light up on a map, it would create the most glitteringly beautiful network you could imagine. Throw in the strangers you've been kind to, the people you've made laugh, or inspired along the way and that star-bright network of you would be an impressive sight to behold. You're so much more than you think you are. You have done so much more than you realise. You're trailing a bright pathway that you don't even know about. What a thing. What a thing indeed.

DONNA ASHWORTH

Parish Charities.

Last week we concluded another positive response to a deserving charity, Aid to the Church in Need by collecting and forwarding to them an amount of €6,145. Thanks once again to parishioners and visitors who helped us collect this generous amount for a deserving cause. As Lent will soon be upon us (18th Feb) we will be asked, like all parishes, to support the work of Trócaire. For the intervening weeks we are putting out an appeal, which we responded to very generously last year. We invited people to assist a local charity "Self-help Africa" located on North Main Street. There are cloth bags around the church and in the Parish Centre and we ask people to take one and use them for clothes in good condition for resale in their charity shop in the city. Returned bags can be deposited at the back of the church or in the Parish Centre.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to
your name, O Most High!

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

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

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

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

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and
blood: 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

Almighty ever-living God, who govern
all things, both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christian Unity Week (Catholic Schools Week begins)

The life of Christ was spent in the service of God and all whom he met.
Today we must follow his example and be ready to say 'Here I am Lord,
I come to do your will.'

18th January 2026



he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the
survivors of Israel:

I will make you the light of the nations so that
my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord!

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

A reading from 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings
to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take
their place among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord
no less than ours. May God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
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 *John 1:29-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away
the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of
when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks
before me because he existed before me. I did
not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him
to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John
also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on
him from heaven like a dove and resting on him.
I did not know him myself, but he who sent me
to baptise with water had said to me. "The man
on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest
is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy
Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness
that he is the Chosen One 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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may
participate worthily in these mysteries, for
whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is
celebrated the work of our redemption is
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

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

**We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the
Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness make
those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

