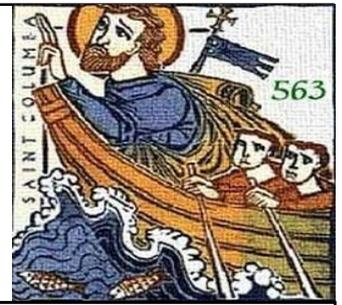


# PARISH of TOGHER



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## PRIESTS OF OUR PARISH

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## A Thought from Monsignor Jim

Nowadays, I'm sometimes blessed with the experience of being "stuck behind a tractor". Some find this a negative experience, but I beg to differ: being stuck behind a tractor is a God-given opportunity.

I'm not speaking here of your new-build souped-up, get-out-of-my-way tractor, but rather the 50-year-old model that has been treasured and valued over the years as a member of the family. It is called by a family name-Massey or Fergus or John Deerest - and knows its own way home. When you're stuck behind this tractor you need to develop good judgement and resign yourself to the inevitable.

Admire it from behind. When you attempt to get past, it can take off at unexpected speed - which is usually short-lived. If you're 50 years old, you've learned a trick or two!

So it becomes an opportunity to say your prayers - which you forgot to say this morning, and last night as well. Let us pray, Yes! Amen.

By the way, being stuck behind two tractors doesn't work as well - for some reason!

*Monsignor Jim Carroll PP*

## Anniversary Masses

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July @ 6.15pm Dysart** - Mary Carroll; James Reynolds and Grandparents Francie & Maisie & Family Deceased

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July @ 10am Togher** - Joan Callan (*NY & formerly Clonmore*), Henry and Mary Dolan, Johnny and Maggie Dolan

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July @ 11.30am Dillonstown** - John Maguire (*Month's Mind*), Noel Smyth Jnr, Deceased in Drumcar cemetery

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Dillonstown @ 10am** - Martin Dunne & Noel Smith Snr, Theresa Callan

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July @ 6.15pm Dysart** - Nicholas & Joan Matthews

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August @ 10am Togher** - Mick, Maureen and Francis Judge

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August @ 11.30am Dillonstown** -

## Recently Deceased

We pray for Francis Carey, St. Mary's Drumcar, Evelyn Harmon, Malahide, her family late of Salterstown.

Kitty Kearney (née McMahon), Dunleer; Norah Murtagh (née Caffrey), England & late of Dunany;

*May they Rest in the Peace of Christ.*

## Baptisms

We are reviewing details in our Togher Parish Baptism Register for 2018 & 2019. So, if you've had a baby baptized in the parish in 2018/2019, give us a call on 041-9889335 (Monsignor Jim), or 041-6852110 (Fr Tom Daly) or Ann on 087-6486809. Alternatively you can email : togherparishoffice@gmail.com

## Sunday Gospel - John 6: 1 –15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

## The feeding of the five thousand

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!  
I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for  
those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You  
call me.  
Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.  
Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.  
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.  
Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age. Amen.

**Grandparent’s Day - John Byrne OSA**

1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life, with which Jesus feeds us. Can you recall an experience of Eucharist that was especially significant for you? What was it that made it different? How did it influence your understanding of the Eucharist?
2. Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?
3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?
4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

**‘Pray more, complain less and have a more tranquil tongue’ (Pope Francis)**

On the door of his apartment in the Vatican, Pope Francis has a sign in red lettering “complaining not allowed”. With this phrase, he is following a long tradition. St. Benedict in the early 6th Century repeatedly warned his monks about complaining and grumbling. He stressed that it can destroy the life of the community.

**Collect**

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, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

**Blessing of the Graves** Takes place this week in **Drumcar Cemetery**. Please note: If you are visiting your family grave you can sprinkle Holy Water yourself on the grave as a sign of blessing. **May our beloved dead rest in peace.**

**Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's G.F.G. club notices CLUB LOTTO** There was no jackpot winner in Naomh Fionnbarra & St. Anne's G.F.G. Lotto draw held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The winning numbers were 1, 5, 12 & 21. There were 6 match 3 winners Ian Hand, Niamh Devlin, Margaret Sharkey, Gillian Kennedy, Bridain McQuillan & Thomas McQuillan who won €25 each. Next week's Jackpot is €10,800!! Lotto envelopes are available in local shops, through usual sellers and entries may also be purchased online on the Clubforce App - Naomh Fionnbarra or the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Pz5Bkb>  
**CLUB RESULTS** Well done to all boys and girls who took part in the U9, football blitz on Monday morning at the Gaelic Grounds in Drogheda. Also well done to the boys and girls who took part in the U8, football blitz on Sunday morning at John Markey Park. Both the U17 game and Senior league game were called off. The U13 boys continued their great form in Division 1 with another excellent win, this time over Glen Emmets. Well done to all! **CLUB FIXTURES** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Naomh Fionnbarra U-7 Boys & Girls v Various at 11:00am in Tullyallen, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Naomh Fionnbarra U-9 Boys & Girls Blitz v Various at 19:00am in John Markey Park

**A Prayer in the face of the coronavirus.**

*Dear God, we turn to you in our need. We pray for all whose lives are being affected by COVID 19. Look upon us in your compassion and love, protect our families. Deliver us from the virus. Come Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Last Week** a total of €583 was received in envelopes & €106.30 on the plate & €911.46 in Dues. While €145 was received online. Thank you.

*In the current emergency situation, all are still dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.*  
Mass from St Colmcille’s Church, Togher @ 10am on Sunday’s **will be broadcast live via the internet on <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-st-columcille>**

**Articles for our parish newsletter** can be forwarded to the Parish office by email at **togherparishoffice@gmail.com** or by text to Ann on 087-6486809 before 2pm on Wednesdays. You can contact Ann in the Parish office on Wednesdays from 2.30pm-5.30pm