



ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH
*Clogherhead &
Walshestown Parish*

St Michael Clogherhead

SS Peter & Paul Walshestown



To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour

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 Clogherhead and Walshestown parish

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Sunday Masses: St Michael's - Vigil @ 7.30pm & 11.30am, 10am Ss Peter & Paul.

Weekday Masses Celebrated in private at the moment

Confessions—Suspended for the time being

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Please note Parish office is closed until Tuesday 27th July

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th July 2021

Sunday Cycle B

Weekday Cycle 1

Psalter Week 4

Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common – she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, the disciples need a break. They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but there is so much happening that they barely have time to eat. Jesus sees their need, and invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his flock, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything.

Postponing our own needs to care for others is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.

Triona Doherty

The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors of the parish and those who died recently Catherine O'Reilly & Christina Quinn

Mass Intentions this week

St Michael's Church

Sat Vigil 7.30pm John & Margaret Kelleher

Sun 11.30am Mary & Bernard Byrne

Next Sat Vigil John Marry & Marry family deceased

Next Sun Patsy & Lil McKenna; Frank & Maggie Matthews

Sat Vigil (31st July) The People of the Parish

Sun (1st August) Bridie & John Smith; John O'Kane

SS Peter & Paul's Church

Sun 10am Paig & Laurence Stanley

Next Sun The People of the Parish

Sun (1st August) James & Maura McGrane

On Sunday last, (July 11th) you gave €919.70 (*€788.00 in 57 envelopes and €131.70 on the plate*), The Special Priests Collection amounted to €410.00 **Grateful thanks.**

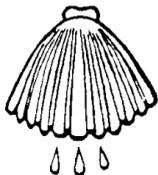
This **Parish Bulletin** will not be published next weekend and in the last two weekends of August. The next Bulletin will be the weekend of August 1st.

Note: Any notices should be forwarded to the Parish Office by Thursday 29th July.

We welcome into

God's family in *Baptism*
Hannah Antoinette de Bruin

Glaspistol &
Eoin Micheál Conlon
Chapel Road.



The heating system in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Walshestown is in a perilous state and we will need to refurbish it for the Winter including the installation of a new condenser boiler. I am grateful to the Parish Finance Committee for their advice and support. *Fr M.*

Also, the roofline and guttering of the Parochial House is also in need of urgent attention. The work is being currently assessed and it is expected that the work will be carried out in the coming weeks. Thanks again to the Finance Committee for their work on this project also.

"For Whom the Bell Tolls"

The electronic bell system in St Michael's Church has been in need of mechanical repair for some time. You will know that the late Fr Murtagh had the system installed in the 1990s but it has not been functioning since 2012.

A parishioner has taken on to have the system refurbished and to invite some financial support for it. This is done with Fr Martin's blessing. It is expected that a new set of four speakers will need to be erected on the chimney of St Michael's. The work will be done in loving memory of the late PP.

As noted in last week's Bulletin, next Sunday is to be celebrated as the **First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the Church worldwide**. It will fall each year on the Sunday nearest the 26th July, the feastday of Ss Joachim & Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

THIS IS THE 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.**

The following Message has been received from **St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited**
VACANCY. Youth Ministry Coordinator x 2. Archdiocese of Armagh

[3 Year Fixed-Term Contract
(subject to an 11 month Probationary Period)]

The Archdiocese of Armagh seeks to appoint two motivated and talented professionals, each to undertake the full-time roles of Youth Ministry Coordinator. The Youth Ministry Coordinators will work with the Diocesan Pastoral Team and be responsible for implementing the youth ministry element in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. They will work with parishes and pastoral areas to meet the goals of the **Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission's (ADYC)**

1. The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?
2. Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? Did your experience

- during the Covid19 pandemic give you any new insights about this?
3. When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?
 4. It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

John Byrne OSA

Strategic Plan 2019-2024 *‘Encourage, Enable and Empower.’* The plan reaches out to all young people in the Archdiocese of Armagh to provide faith formation and to enable the development of peer ministry. This will involve developing a wide range of network communications with parishes, families, schools, and community organisations. This is an excellent opportunity and challenge for two experienced candidates to join our Diocesan Team.

The appointments will be on a permanent full-time basis requiring 35 hours attendance each week, generally Monday-Friday. Flexibility in work pattern and hours worked will be

be requirements of these roles.

(Even though the Coordinators will work as part of a diocesan team, one will be based in the North and one in the South of the diocese.)

Starting salary: £24,982

(or € equivalent)

If interested in making an application for either of these posts, please download, complete and return an Application Form from the Archdiocese of Armagh website at: armagharchdiocese.org, where you will also find the accompanying Job Description.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 13 August 2021 at 5pm

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