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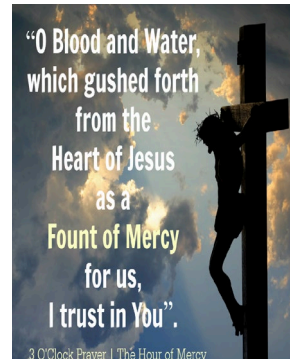
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19th Sunday, Year A. 13th August, 2023

Holy Mass & Services

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon - Sat 9am - 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am - 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

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- First Reading: 1 Kgs 19: 9.11-13
- Responsorial Psalm: **Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.**
- Second Reading: Rom 9: 1-5
- Gospel: Mt 14: 22-33

Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

Last week's collection

First Collection : £664.02

Building Fund: £135.90

There is a second collection this weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Day of Obligation - Tuesday 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass Monday 7pm

Tuesday 8am, 10am & 7pm

Recent expenses of the Church

We have recently had the following works carried out in our church

Electrical work - £11,578.10

Roof work - £3324.00

Please keep in your prayers

Sick: Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper, Sr Kathleen Owens, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, Jamie McCormack, John Slevin, Cathie Wilson, Angela Quigley, Mathew Miller, Carrie Miller,

RIP: John McCabe (Reception of his body Wednesday 16th August at 7pm and Requiem Mass Thursday 17th August at 10am), Angela Lilley, Mary Toal, Anne Fox

Month's Mind: Bill Paul, Lawrence Molloy, Ben & Agnes Ferrie, Patsy McMurray, Stephen Henry, Eddie McGonigal, John & Bridie Docherty, Linda Ann Irvine, Francis, Catherine, Tom & Jim Burns, Kathleen Logue

Anniversary: Sadie Prunty, Terence Doran, Peter Burns, Sean Jordan

Birthday Remembrance: Mary McKenzie

Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 119 E Battersby

2nd Prize: 176 K Hannah

3rd Prize: 263 J McAlinden

Football Card Winner!

Congratulations to Karen Mitchelson who picked the winning team Darlington.

*Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY*

Reflection 19th Sunday A. Upheld by God's power.

Walking on water is impossible to unaided human beings. There can be many situations in which we feel weak and powerless. At some time or other, every disciple of Jesus is faced with very trying circumstances, very difficult decisions, very great sorrows, very powerful temptations. At those times it is as if we are being asked to 'walk on the water'. Here are some examples of the kind of things the modern Christian might have to cope with.

John is a young person living away from home. It is Sunday morning. He is in a warm bed and it is cold outside. Should he leave that bed and go to mass? He knows that he will have to face the laughter of his mates as they take their liturgy of the word straight out of the tabloids or iPad. Will John be able to obey the gentle voice of Christ calling him to walk across the water of cynicism to go to church and listen to the word of God?

Mary is a single girl who has become pregnant. She is heading into the middle of a storm of protest from her parents and gossip from her neighbours as soon as the news breaks. Then she is offered away out- quiet abortion. No one will ever know. But then she hears the gentle voice of Christ saying that abortion is wrong. Will she have the courage to listen to that voice?

Cathy is a young mother with three children. Suddenly her husband leaves her for another woman. She feels hurt and betrayed, lonely and angry. Then she hears the voice of Christ inviting her to trust. Will she have the courage to walk on those troubled waters, relying only on the word of Christ?

Gerry is a policeman. A drug dealer offers him a large amount of money if he would turn a blind eye to his criminal activities. It is very tempting. But then he hears the voice of Christ saying, 'Do not participate in corruption.' Will he be able to walk across those foul ugly waters?

Paul is a commercial traveller. He is away from home. One night he meets a very attractive woman. He hasn't been getting on very well of late with his wife. No one will ever know if he is unfaithful to her. Will he have the strength to walk across the water of fidelity at the call of Christ, who tells him that adultery is wrong?

We could multiply the examples, but I think the point has been made. At some time or other, everyone is faced with very trying circumstances. At those times it is as if the Lord is asking us to 'walk on water.' But at the same time, he stretches out his hand to uphold us.

At those times we can draw courage from the example of Peter, a typical disciple who is caught between faith and doubt. He set out to obey Jesus, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind', that is persecution, his faith failed him. Jesus's rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us too. Like Peter, we often start out courageously only to lose heart when the going gets tough.

To some extent, the whole life of a Christian is a kind of walking on water, in so far as it implies walking in faith, which means relying only on the word of Christ. Christ is not a ghostlike figure from the past. He is the Son of God who lives among us. If at difficult moments during life we have opted for Christ, then at death it will come naturally to us to reach out and take us by his hand, so that he may haul us onto those shores of eternity.



Saints of the week

Monday 14th August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Raymond Kolbe was cruelly deprived of his father, hanged by Russians as a traitor. He joined the Conventual Franciscan friars, taking the names Maximilian Maria and studied in Rome. Ordained in 1918, he returned to Poland and taught in a seminary in Krakow. He had a special devotion to the Immaculate Virgin Mary. In 1941 the German occupying forces arrested him and he was interned in Auschwitz. When one prisoner escaped, the authorities (to deter further attempts) decided to starve ten others to death. One of those chosen implored to be exempt because he had a wife and children, and Maximilian volunteered to be his substitute. Two weeks later, nine had starved to death and Maximilian was still alive, so a guard was ordered to give him a lethal injection.

Tuesday 15th August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

honours the blessedness that was her destiny, the glorification of the immaculate soul and virginal body that completely conformed her to the risen Christ. This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity and exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. Their own future glorification is happily in store for those who Christ has made his brothers and sisters by taking on their flesh and blood.

Wednesday 16th August - St Stephen of Hungary

was crowned in 1000 or 1001. His reign was one of internal peace, freedom from invasion and the fostering of Christianity. He is patron saint of his country.

Saturday 19th August - St John Eudes

Born in Normandy, he became known as "the greatest preacher of his age". He was among the early promoters of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and founded the Congregation of our Lady of Charity (for women) and the Society of Jesus and Mary (for the training of priests).