

PARISH of TOGHER



Sunday 17th October 2021

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A Thought from Monsignor Jim

Have you ever heard of "synodality"? Bishop Michael Reuter had designated the past year as a time of Prayer and Reflection on the future direction of Church. Regrettably, it has been much interrupted, even sidelined, by the overwhelming impact of Covid-19. But still we endeavour to journey towards a more synodal Irish Church.

What is a Synod? Synodality is about the whole People of God helping each other **listen** to what the **Holy Spirit is saying** to the Church. Pope Francis emphasizes that this is **not** simply a matter of discussion as in a parliamentary debate. Rather it is **a prayerful spiritual time of communitarian discernment** about finding the best ways for every baptized person to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world, God's love & salvation in Jesus Christ.

The journey towards a more synodal Irish Church **begins now** but preparing ourselves to think and act synodally cannot happen overnight. A Synod without preparation risks being merely a parliament of competing voices. The key question is: **What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?**

Monsignor Jim Carroll PP

Mission 2021

Please take note of Mission Sunday coming up next week on 24th October. It's our annual weekend to focus on the Spread of the Gospel worldwide and to celebrate how much our own country has contributed over many years. The Mission Sunday Collection envelope is in your box of Parish Envelopes. Thank you.

On the following Sunday, 31st October, Fr. Reuben of the Comboni Missionaries will speak at our Sunday Masses in Togher Parish. He will encourage us to also be a people "on mission" for the sake of Christ. Amen.



**World
Mission Sunday**

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 16th October @ 6.15pm Dysart - Liam, Mary + Louise Butterly & Frances O'Neill

Sunday 17th October @ 10am Togher -

Sunday 17th October @ 11.30am Dillonstown -

Friday 22nd October @ 10.00am Dillonstown -

Saturday 23rd October @ 6.15pm Dysart -

Sunday 24th October @ 10am Togher -

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Recently Deceased

We pray for
Josephine Tiernan (née Daly)
Drogheda & late of
Salterstown;
Mick Byrne, Grangebellew;
Aggie Duffy, Castleblaney.
*May they Rest in the
Peace of Christ.*

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in Dysart Church this Saturday 11am until 12noon.

We hope to continue this Hour of Adoration each Saturday, please God. All being well.

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 45).

Also please note: Mass in St Finian's, Dillonstown, each Friday morning at 10am. All welcome.



Secretarial Support: We are delighted to welcome Mary McCabe to the administration team for the Pastoral Area, supporting Ann McEvoy, and focusing on Togher, Monasterboice and Termonfechin parishes. We wish her well in her work. We also have a new dedicated number for all the parishes. Please call or message 087 379 1443 if you want to make contact with the parish secretary during office hours only, please: Togher and Monasterboice - Tuesday and Wednesday 2.30pm to 5.30pm; Termonfechin - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 1pm, Clogherhead - Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm & Friday 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

Sunday Gospel - Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Talking to Yourself!

The Apostle Paul tells us to meditate on things (or to focus our thoughts) that are uplifting. He also tells us that we "...can be transformed by the renewing of our mind...." (Romans 12:2")

Every person has a running conversation in our head all day long. Our brains are constantly judging, assessing, comparing, And giving us feedback. That inner voice or running dialogue can have a huge impact on our lives—on our health - on our relationships. This weekend, make it a point to notice how you are talking to yourself. Is that inner conversation uplifting and affirming or is it critical?

God wants to renew your mind and transform that inner voice into one that aligns with the fruit of His Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. This weekend, take notice of your inner dialogue.

Be honest and reflective about it. Does that voice truly reflect the grace and love that God has shown to you. Set aside a few minutes a day in the coming week to train that powerful inner voice to speak in the dialect of God's spirit.

Local Launch of the Synodal Pathway – October 17th

Last Sunday Pope Francis invited Catholics to come with him on a journey as a "Synodal Church". The Archdiocese will soon invite your responses to a number of questions. You can choose to answer these as individuals, families, members of your parish group or any other group. Responses will be gathered via questionnaires, online and "in person" group Discussions and a variety of social media platforms. All replies will be collated and sent in response to Pope Francis' invitation to the universal Church.

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.

Holy Communion We hope to restore Holy Communion to its traditional place in Mass from Saturday, 23rd October. Please God that will work out.

Children's corner



Archbishop Eamon Martin and the other Church leaders in Ireland invite all people of goodwill to join them in prayer during the Service of Reflection and Hope which will be broadcast live from St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on RTE and BBC television networks on Thursday, 21 October 2021 at 11am.

The Church leaders see this service as a moment in a much longer journey towards reconciliation which will require the prayerful support and engagement of Christians across these islands.

Donations Please continue to support your parish and your priests. Donations towards work on The Grotto also appreciated. Last week a total of €677 was received in envelopes & €151.30 on the plate, with €125 received directly to the bank and €70 in Priest's Dues. Thank you for your generosity.

In the current emergency situation, all are still dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.

Mass from St Colmille's Church, Togher @ 10am on Sunday's will be broadcast live via the internet on <https://www.churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-st-columille>

Articles for our parish newsletter can be forwarded to the Parish office by email at togherparishoffice@gmail.com by Wednesdays at 2.30pm