

Weeds Among
the Wheat



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**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC
GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION**

on Monday 24th July at 7.30pm
at the Ruah Centre, Parish of the Holy Spirit,
Ballyroan, Dublin. 14.
The Celebrant will be Fr. Peter Murphy

THE WALLHANGING: A PARISH HEIRLOOM

After many months of work by the dedicated and talented parish needlework group, the Wallhanging, comprising three panels, was recently installed outside the Chapel of St. Thérèse. This location was chosen to give as much protection as possible from direct daylight and from unintentional damage due to handling.

The centre panel incorporates some of the architectural features of our church: a "Rose" window, the entrance porch, and the campanile (bell-tower). On the left side, there is an interpretation of the parish Year of Mercy symbol, while the right side features the "Ship of Faith", used to celebrate Father Tony Coote, our Parish Administrator's, Silver Jubilee. Both of these events occurred in 2016, when the project was first conceived. These designs are surrounded by borders which feature logos of the many parish voluntary groups, many made by the groups themselves, as well as flowers, the symbols of our Patroness, St. Thérèse.

So that as many people as possible could be involved, parishioners were invited to donate a family button to be incorporated in the design. These were carefully stitched into place to become features that can be pointed out to future generations.

The initial project was facilitated by Brenda and Brid. The needlework group, led by Shelagh and Rita, included Ashling, Kay, Mary, Carmel, Catherine, Anne, Maire, Ann, Denise, Mary, Eva and Maria. They interpreted with appliqué, quilting, stitching, embroidery, beading and crochet the design work of Barbara and Helen, while Paddy managed the final installation.

This was truly a broad parish undertaking, and everyone who participated can feel justly proud of their contribution to what is surely a new parish heirloom.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd

6.00 Rose Kelly [A]
Derek Clinton [A]
Rosaline Brady 1st [A]
Sean Giblin [A]

Sunday 23rd

10.00 Special Intention
Mariead Ryan [A]
11.15 Gabrielle Jones [A]
Mary O'Neill 1st [A]
Irene Behan [M.M.]
7.30 Mary Molumby [A]
Eileen Dillon 1st [A]

Monday 24th

10.00 For all who are ill

Tuesday 25th

10.00 Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday 26th

10.00 Maureen Geary [A]

Thursday 27th

10.00 Emmeline Dupla
[Birthday wishes]

Friday 28th

10.00

Saturday 29th

10.00

6.00 Michael Lilly [A]
Breege Wylde [M.M.]

Sunday 30th

10.00 Sean O'Garadaigh [A]
Ita Killeen [A]
Eileen Finn 1st [A]

11.15

7.30 Geraldine Duggan 1st [A]



THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE SEASON OPENS ON LOUGH DERG

Father Owen McEaney, Prior of Lough Derg, has offered a special invitation to the island for families, ahead of next year's World Meeting of Families (WMOF2018).

He said, "You are invited to come and walk in the spiritual footsteps of your family – parents, grandparents, relations – walk the same ground where they walked and prayed, reconnect with their prayer for their family and future family. Today you are that family; come and be touched by God's grace in Lough Derg."

The Lough Derg three day pilgrimage season for 2017 is now open.

Pilgrims can begin their pilgrimage to the island any day up to and including 13 August.

For pilgrimage information see
www.loughderg.org

REEK SUNDAY - 30 JULY 2017



The Annual Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, Reek Sunday, takes place this year on Sunday 30 July.

Mass will be celebrated hourly on the summit at 8:00am; 9:00am; 10:00am; 11:00am; 12:00pm; 1:00pm & 2:00pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:30am - 2:00pm



WHEAT OR WEEDS

I want to sow good seed
The fruit of my life with God
Walking on grass thick and green
Beautiful and excellent sod

I want to grow in the Lord
Seeing fields of golden wheat
Sun shining warmly on it
Kneeling in peace at His feet

I want to touch trees and flowers
Inhaling the sweet nectar of these
Petals and leaves lifted up to Him
My heart desires only to please

I want to nurture His perfect Word
Remembering when I was a weed
Unable to grow tangled in death
Cried out to God in my need

I want to reach to the sky
Growing to depths unknown
Golden wheat so pleasing to Him
The seed of His Word is sown

by Kathleen Higham

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR EAST AFRICA

This weekend there is an emergency Church Appeal for East Africa. There is an appalling situation facing the people of East Africa due to drought and conflict. The situation is now critical and your generous support to this appeal would be greatly appreciated. It will replace the usual Share Collection.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

As part of the diocesan preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018 each parish is asked to nominate a family that will be chosen by lottery to represent the Archdiocese of Dublin in Knock at the official launch of the one year programme of preparations for WMOF 2018. This launch will take place in Knock during the Annual National Novena on Monday 21st August 2017. If you would like to be included in the lottery please contact the parish office 2881271 before Thursday 27th July. Thank you.

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