



Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is having an outdoor collection for this weekend Saturday

24th and Sunday 25th of July. Your generosity is appreciated.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS

Compassionate God, source of all comfort, We pray for the people whose lives have devastated by rain and flood. Bring them comfort, we pray. Protect the vulnerable. Strengthen the weak. Keep at bay the spread of disease. Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry. And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise. For we ask it in Jesus name, Amen.

A few words from Fr Joe.....

I'm just back from a week's holiday relaxed and refreshed, what a difference the weather makes. I was with my sister and a priest friend in Derry, a city so perfectly perched on the Foyle with Donegal on one flank and the beautiful North Coast on the other.

Derry people are exceptionally friendly, love the chat and finding out about their visitors, and proud of their city. In fact, they have a lot to be proud of, the dark days of the troubles are recalled on vivid murals, seen while walking the incredibly intact city walls, while the stunning Peace Bridge spans the Foyle and invites the

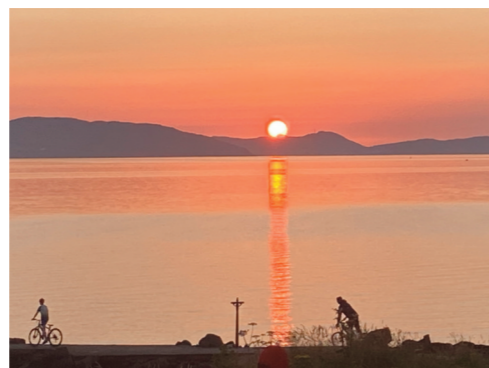


two communities on the opposite sides of the river to cross over and know each other. It was my first time back since John Hume died and his legacy is both the peace and the prosperity and the care given to his native city by government and local authorities. On the one hand there was huge investment in jobs and on the other there are resources to keep the public spaces attractive and inviting and a rich programme of cultural events and festivals to enrich both the locals and visitors alike.

Driving out from the city the hinterland is so beautiful, Lough Foyle, Lough Swilly, the North Coast, hills and glens, beautiful nature, inviting towns, terrific beaches. Choices of places for walks and bike rides, boat trips and picnics abound, and when it's a week of blue skies, balmy days and still evenings, it felt like paradise.

I left here tired and irritable and more than ready for the break and return so grateful for the beauty that is within our own island, for the company of family and friends, and renewed by the simple pleasures of life.

The one moment that will stay with me was sitting for an hour on the beach in Bunrana watching the sunset behind the hills of Donegal, surrounded by young people having fun, families wrapping up their day at beach, eating excellent ice cream and watching the golden orb of sun decline, ending a perfect day and with the promise of more to come. Overwhelmed by the beauty of God's creation and the joy of the natural world.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 24th

10.00 Rita Scally – A

6.00 Peg and Frank Huggard – A

Sunday 25th

10.00 Gabrielle Jones – A

11.30 Derek Clinton – A

Mary O'Neill – A

Barry Deasy – A

Frederick Johanna – A

Brian Ging – A

Seamus Murphy – A

7.30 Geraldine Duggan – A

Mary Molumby – A

Monday 26th

10.00 For all who are ill

Maureen Geary – A

Mairead Spencer – M.M

Tuesday 27th

10.00 Liturgical Service

Wednesday 28th

10.00 Gemma Kelly – 4th A

Friday 30th

10.00 Maura Murray – 10th A

Saturday 31st

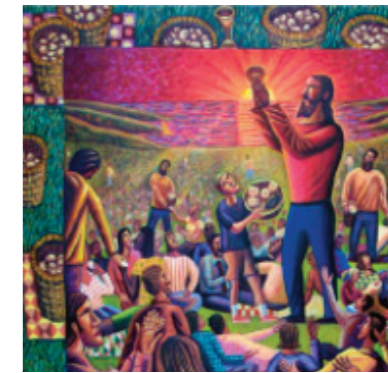
7.30pm Mary Fitzgerald – M.M



Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Grace Mullally** whose funerals took place here this week.

JESUS IS SHOWING EVERYONE THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT HOW LITTLE OR MUCH YOU HAVE. IT'S ABOUT HOW MUCH OF IT YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE TO HIM

'His hands were as earth beneath the bread and his voice was as thunder above it' St Ephrem the Syrian (d. 373)



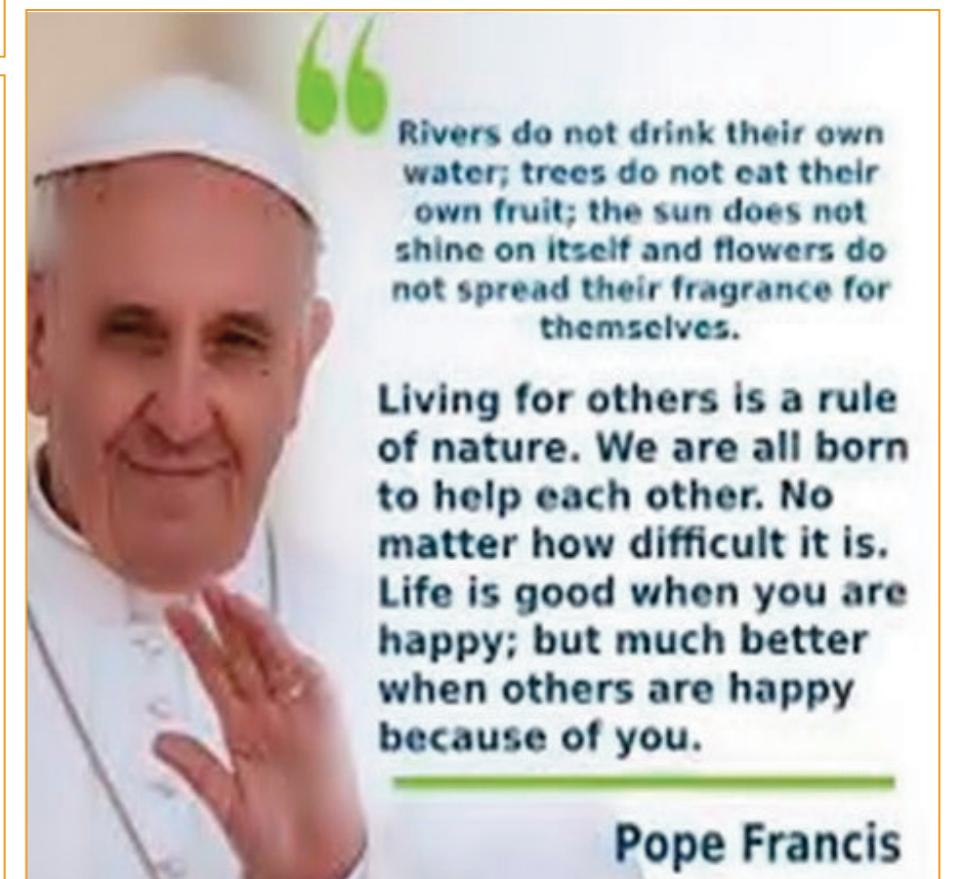
This Sunday's readings remind us that God provides for us physically as well as spiritually.

In the **First Reading**, Elisha assures his servant that one hundred people will be fed with just twenty barley loaves because the Lord has promised it, while the **Psalms** praises the Lord who, by feeding us from his own hand, 'answers all our needs'.

St Paul, writing to the Church at Ephesus (**Second Reading**), assures the Christian community that, despite any evidence to the contrary, God, who unifies the people, is in control.

The three readings are brought together in the **Gospel** account of the Feeding of the Five Thousand (which is a foreshadowing of the Eucharist and the only miracle of Jesus that is recounted in all four gospels). Not only does Jesus outdo Elisha's miracle, he demonstrates that, by feeding the people from his own divine hands, God is unifying the people through meeting their need.

Let's pray, this week, that we might know ourselves to be in the hands of the Lord, and that our lives may bear abundant fruit as a result.



Pope Francis