



Picture is of a baroque sculpture in Beniaján near Murcia SE Spain

challenged the priests of Baal and won the people to the true God. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel entered the Calendar of the universal Church in the early 18th century.

References in the 12th century record a community of monks on the holy mountain. Despite continual difficulties, the community built a monastery and church dedicated to the Virgin Mary on Mount Carmel in 1263. Mount Carmel was taken by the Muslims in 1291, and the brothers were killed and the convent burned. The spread of the Carmelites in Europe is largely attributable to the work of Saint Simon Stock (1247-1265). The Carmelite Order was formally approved in 1274 at the Council of Lyon.

The brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, according to the Carmelite tradition, was presented by Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, the then Father General on July 16, 1251. (Catholic News Agency)



The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on July 16, was first instituted in the late 14th century in commemoration of the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order a hundred years earlier. According to legend, a religious community was established even before the time of Christ on Mount Carmel. This is the mountain overlooking the Mediterranean Sea on which the prophet Elijah successfully

### Saints of the Week

- Mon 13 St Henry
- Tues 14 St Camillus de Lellis, priest
- Wed 15 St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church
- Thurs 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Happy the people .. who walk O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

Psalm 89 16



## FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th July 2020



### 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sun 12 11.30

Kathleen Quinn (Anv)  
Jack McCabe (Anv)

#### Recently Deceased:-

Valerie Ryan  
Alison Elizabeth Orr  
Michael Toomey  
Colm Canavan

Margaret (Peggy) Egan  
(Month's Mind)

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**July 12, 2020**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING**

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do' (Is 55:10-11)

**PSALM**

You care for the earth, give it water, You fill it with riches. (Ps 64:10-14)

**SECOND READING**

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. (Rm 8:18-23)

**GOSPEL**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. (Mt 13:1-23)

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



The Foxrock Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank those who donated generously over the past 3 months. These donations have helped lessen the loss of income incurred due to the absence of our monthly Sunday Church gate collections. These funds are particularly welcome at this time due to the forthcoming "Back to School" expenses.

**Marriage Preparation Courses**

ACCORD Dublin continues to provide marriage preparation courses for couples in the diocese. Despite having had to postpone courses between March and July, we were able to reschedule the majority of our couples and for those whose weddings are going ahead during this period, we are delivering individual courses

via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a Deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. We can reassure you that any couples referred to us will be taken care of to our usual high standard. For further information please contact: [Ichambers@accordublin.ie](mailto:Ichambers@accordublin.ie)



We welcome into our parish community through baptism

**Evan Lucas Foley**



***Congratulations to Gareth Redmond & Emma O'Callaghan recently married in our Church***

**The Irish Hospice Foundation - National Freephone Service**

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it difficult to cope with a bereavement at this time? Would it

help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service - 1800 80 70 77 - available from 10.00am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.