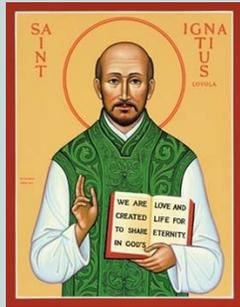


St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) and Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) are two saints whose feast we celebrate this week and who founded major religious orders.



Ignatius was born in the castle of Loyola in the Basque country of Spain. He received a courtly education in the court of Ferdinand and Isabella. He spent some time in the army of the Viceroy of Navarre to whom

he was related. He was hit by a cannonball at the siege of Pamplona and the crude surgery made it worse and he was left with a limp for life.

During his convalescence, he was given a copy of a book of the lives of the saints after which he fantasised about becoming a knight of Christ.

He spent ten months as a hermit in Manresa near Monserrat in prayer and penance and came away with the germs of the Spiritual Exercises in note form.

He studied philosophy in Paris and graduated in 1534. Here he gathered six disciples (including Francis Xavier) to whom he gave the Spiritual Exercises. With these companions he went to Rome where Pope Paul III approved the establishment of the Society of Jesus. Ignatius was chosen as the first Superior General.

For the next 15 years he inspired and directed the expanding order. He died suddenly on the 31st of July 1556. He was canonised in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV along with Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri, Francis Xavier, and St Isidore.

Pope Benedict XVI has said of Ignatius: "He was first and foremost a man of God who in his life put God, his greatest glory and his greatest service, first".



Saint Alphonsus Liguori was born at Naples in 1696. He had a good education and by 17 he earned a double doctorate in canon and civil law at the University of Naples. He began practicing as a lawyer. However

failure of a high profile case led him to give up his legal practice. He decided to become a priest and was ordained in 1726.

He was later asked to start a congregation of missionaries to work among the people in the rural districts around Naples. After some difficulties in having the rule approved, in 1749 the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) was approved by Pope Benedict XIV.

For forty years he preached in the area around Naples and became much sought after as a confessor and spiritual director. He was both strict and compassionate.

In 1762 at the age of 66 he was named as Bishop in the diocese of Sant' Agatha dei Goti. He campaigned tirelessly to reform the clergy, to get them to observe the rule of celibacy, to celebrate the Mass reverently, and preach in simple language to the people. Towards the end of his life he suffered terribly from dementia, arthritis and gangrene. He died at the age of 91 in 1787 and was canonised in 1839.

In March 1871 Pius IX declared him a doctor of the Church and in 1950 Pius XII declared him official patron of moralists and confessors.



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD. GLP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 25 6.00pm

Kathleen Quinn (Anv)

Sun 11.30am

Tom Guckian (Rec Dec)

Bridget Broe (Anv)

Vincent Kenny (Anv)

Maura Gallagher (Anv)

Other intentions:

Una Kelleher rec. deceased.

Emma Squires rec. deceased.

Isabelle Chapman (Anv)

Aisling Young (Anv)

Tommy Griffin (Anv)

Killian O'Connell (Anv)

Ken Murphy (Anv)

Bill Brosnan (Anv)

Michael Heaney (Anv)

Declan Hayes RIP

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Recently Deceased

Eamonn and Kate
Keating

May they rest in peace





July 26, 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever

considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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We welcome into our parish community through baptism

Harry Thomas Swan
 Grace Carmel Sanfey
 Alannah Catherine Kenny
 Eva Kathleen Arbe Flanagan

SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said 'Ask what you would like me to give you' (1 Kgs 3:5-7-12)

PSALM

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. (Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130)

SECOND READING

We know that by turning everything to their good, God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. (Rm 8:20-30)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found.'

The late John O' Donohue wrote that "The greatest sin is the unlived life". In a powerful one-hour talk, he urges the need to enter fully into our own lives, becoming all that we are capable of becoming – so that "when the time comes for us to lie down and die, we will be able to look back on a life that took honourable risks, that pushed its own frontiers, that tried

to look after its own healing...that was compassionate, that didn't judge, and that tried to look after the poor and neglected, and the unspoken for." Listen to this compelling recording at:

www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Priory Institute Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience - On Line Course

This course consists of 10 one-hour online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks delivered online. It is offered on 10 - 21 August. Participants can interact on our e-learning platform and there will be a streamed question and answer session following the final lecture. <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/summer-school-2020-theology-spirituality-and-religious->

Saints of the Week

Wed 29 St Martha
 Thurs 30 St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church
 Fri 31 St Ignatius of Loyola, priest.
 Sat 1 Aug St Alphonsus Liguori bishop and doctor of the Church

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Teresa of Avila