

## POPE PIUS X AND HOLY COMMUNION

In the early church at Jerusalem the faithful received every day (Acts 2.46) Later on however we read that Saint Paul remained at Troas for seven days and it was only on the first day of the week that the faithful assembled to break bread. St Augustine (354-430AD) sums up the matter thus: 'some received the Body and Blood of the Lord every day, others on certain days and in some places there is no day on which the sacrifice was not offered, and others on Saturday and Sunday only; in others on Sunday only'

Whether it was advisable for the faithful to receive daily was a question on which the Fathers were not agreed. St. Jerome (347-420AD) is aware of this custom at Rome, but he says: "Of this I neither approve nor disapprove; let each abound in his own sense"

Good Christians still communicated once a week down to the time of Charlemagne (748-814AD) but after the breakup of his empire this custom came to an end. St Bede (673-734AD) bears witness to the Roman practice of communicating on Sundays and on the feasts of the Apostles and Martyrs and laments the rarity of reception in England.

It was in the Middle Ages the 'Ages of Faith' that communion became less frequent than at any other period in the Church's history. The Fourth Lateran Council in 1215AD compelled the faithful

under pain of excommunication to receive at least once a year.

Opinions and practices of reception of Holy Communion continued to vary for the next few hundred years becoming less frequent mainly owing to the spread of rigid Jansenistic opinions.

Pope Pius X was determined to change this and over a period of two years from 1905 to 1907 he issued a series of the decrees and pronouncements on frequent and Daily Communion e.g. The decree of 20 December 1905 applies 'not merely to adults and the youth of both sexes but also to children so soon as they have received the first Communion in accordance with the rules of the Roman Catholic Church and that is to say as soon as they are manifest sufficient discretion'

The Eucharistic Congress at Metz in 1907 was completely devoted to the consideration of the question of Holy Communion concluding that 'frequent communion in truth is the shortest way to secure the salvation of every individual man as well as that of society'

Pius X was a pastoral Pope and apart from his advocacy of frequent reception of Communion, he made changes to the Breviary, the Mass, reintroduction of Gregorian chant and encouraged a more active participation of the faithful in the liturgy.

He died on 20 August 1914 and was canonised by Pope Pius XII in 1954



## FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th August 2020



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

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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### MASS INTENTIONS

15th August 6 pm Vigil Mass:-

Terry Sheils (Anv)  
 Aonghus Curran (Anv)

Sunday 16th August 11.30 am Mass:-

Edwina Madigan (Anv)  
 Bob Stokes (Anv)

Recently Deceased:-

Laurence Gilmore  
 Mary Woods  
 Stephanie Meagher

Months Mind:-

Eamonn & Kate Keating

Anniversaries:-

Owen O' Neill  
 Chrissie O' Brien  
 Kathleen Burke  
 Elizabeth Ferris  
 Jim Clifford  
 Mary Mc Guire  
 Kathleen Quinn  
 Michael Murphy

Recently Deceased

Bernadette (Bernie)

Campbell

Noel Donnellan

May they rest in peace



### Saints of the Week

Mon 17	Our Lady of Knock	Thurs 20	St Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church
Wed 19	St John Eudes, priest	Fri 21	St Pius X, pope
		Sat 22	The Queenship of Mary



**Aug 16 , 2020**  
**20th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary**  
**Time**

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child, and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her. He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, like an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further – he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed ones of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary – she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body

**Fr Donal Neary, S.J**  
**Gospel Reflections for the Year of**  
**Matthew**  
[www.messenger.ie](http://www.messenger.ie)



**Congratulations to**  
**Shane Bourke &**  
**Ciara Smyth**  
*recently married*  
*in our Church*



We welcome into our parish community through baptism  
 Daniel Igoe  
 Philipa McCarthy



**A new pilgrimage on**  
**Lough Derg's lakeshore**

*Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 0 71 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING**

Thus says the Lord: have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.  
 (Is 56:1.6-7)

**PSALM**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.  
 (Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8)

**SECOND READING**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them.  
 (Rm 11:13-15.29-32)

**GOSPEL**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.  
 (Mt 15:21-28)

**ONLINE COURSES AT LUMEN**

We are happy to announce autumn 2020 semester is now open for application – this year four modules on the topics of seeking to understand the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and how the early Church devoted much time to reflecting on the Psalms is offered not only in the Lumen building but also online. Online modules are distinct events,

independent of their in-centre equivalent, and require separate booking. Each online module (OM) consists of five pre-recorded talks (30-40 minutes each) and a webinar and costs €35. For further information please visit our [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie) or Tel: 01-288 2075 - Mobile: 085 872 7482 - Email: [info@lumenop.ie](mailto:info@lumenop.ie) or ADDRESS: Lumen · Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, A94 A3C7 –

**FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB**

**PUBLIC LECTURE THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM**  
**8.00 P.M. SHARP**

**MAIN TALK THE BURNING OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN DUN LAOGHAIRE.** *By Frank Woods*

**INVITE FOR THIS ZOOM MEETING:**

Members will receive an e-mail with the invite password.  
 Non-Members please send an email to: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie) for a password to this meeting.

website: [www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie](http://www.foxrocklocalhistory.ie)  
 Note that this is the 3rd Thursday of the month