

DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH.

We celebrate this week the feast of St Jerome, doctor of the Church. This title was given to certain ecclesiastical writers on account of the great advantage the whole Church has derived from their doctrine. In the early Christian centuries there were four Doctors from the Latin speaking part of the Roman Empire : St Ambrose, St Jerome, St Augustine and St Gregory the Great. There were four also from the Greek speaking part of the Empire - St Athanasius, St Basil the Great, St Gregory of Nazianzus and St John Chrysostom.

To these great names others have subsequently been added over the years - some very well known such as Saint Thomas Aquinas, St Anthony of Padua, St Bernard of Clairvaux and St Alphonsus Liguori. It was only in very recent times that the three women Doctors were added the list. In 1970 Pope Paul VI added St Theresa of Avila from the 16th century and St Catherine of Siena 14th century and Pope John Paul II added St Therese of Lisieux in 1997.

Saints of the Week

Mon 28	St Wenceslaus, martyr Ss Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs
Tues 29	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
Wed 30	St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church
Thurs 1 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, and doctor of the Church
Fri 2	The Guardian Angels
Sat 3	Bl. Columba Marmion



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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FIRST READING

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "what the Lord does is unjust"'
(Ezk 18:25-28)

PSALM

Lord make me know your ways.
(Ps 24:4-9)

SECOND READING

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that

we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind.
(Ph 2:1-11)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people 'What is your opinion?'
(Mt 21:28-32)



FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th September 2020



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Vigil 26th 6.00pm
and 11.30 am Sun 27

Kay Murphy Months Mind
Rev Brother Martin Thompson (Anv)
John Murphy (Anv)
Tom Shanley (Anv)
Michael Roche (Anv)
Simon Roche (Anv)
Victoria Climax (Anv)
Patrick Costigan (Anv)
Dam Mc Inerney (Anv)

Other intentions

Una O'Kelly (Anv)
Bernadette Haynes (Anv)
May McCann (Anv)
Marie Brady (Anv)

Recently Deceased

Fr John Wall

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Recently Deceased

Patrick Burke

May he rest in peace





September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

heightened sense of God’s presence and a greater willingness to do God’s will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual’s level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus’ message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and

Foxrock Parish Pastoral Council Report - September 2020

The Parish Pastoral Council met by Zoom on Monday 14th September 2020. The chairperson, Goretti Newell, welcomed the group and in her introductory words, expressed her sincere gratitude to Maeve Davidson, Tom Fortune and the team of 34 volunteers under the leadership of Paul

Markey for all they are doing to keep parish activities going during this pandemic. Fr. Kieran in his report also expressed his appreciation to all who are working so hard to support him in running the parish at this unusual time. He will meet with Paul Markey and the Covid Committee to discuss the possibility of re-organising the Church space to

accommodate a larger congregation for Mass, perhaps having 2 ‘pods’ or sections in the Church which would enable it to hold a congregation of 100. Fr. Kieran will let us know if this change is possible in the near future – depending on the restrictions particularly in the Dublin area. Confirmation ceremonies were held on several occasions in August and great appreciation was expressed by many parents who were grateful that the children were able to be confirmed together before starting at their secondary schools. Gratitude was expressed to those who volunteered to help. Arrangements are being made with the primary schools to have the First Communion ceremonies in early October. The Liturgy Group are now planning ahead for the November Mass for parishioners who died in the past year the Advent Penitential Service Christmas Masses and the possible erection of the Christmas crib in the grounds of the Church. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in abeyance. Mass is still available on the webcam, and parishioners are reminded that they can attend Mass on any week-day instead of Sunday – no booking necessary. Booking is required

only for the Saturday 6 pm, and Sunday 10 am and 11.30 am Masses. The Parish Pastoral Council submitted their report, as requested of every parish, to Archbishop’s House on the **Future of Lay Ministry in the Parish**. You will be informed of future communications as they become available. There has been widespread use of electronic communication in the parish during this time of Covid 19 and gratitude is expressed to Carol O’Kelly and those involved. Communication has exceeded all expectations, and Carol reports that huge numbers are reading the posts on Facebook and Instagram. We remind you that the weekly Parish Newsletter is also available on the Parish website. And of course, the Church collections can now be made online. The Parish Youth Club members are very anxious to return to activities and plans are in train for the term ahead, even though the Covid restrictions will inhibit meeting in person. Paul Walsh and the committee will consider activities that may be possible. He and the Family Mass group will welcome the help of technically-minded parents to help with blended ways of celebrating the Sunday Family Mass in the months ahead as we work our way through the present road-map.



Congratulations to Mark Hanlon & Jennifer O’Mahony recently married in our Church

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars.

Kahlil Gibran