



Detail from *The Presentation of the Virgin Mary* by Titian

The Eastern Church took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

The feast is found in the liturgical documents of the East in the 11th century and was brought to the papal chapel in Avignon in 1373. A year later King Charles V introduced it to the royal Chapel in Paris, from where it spread through Spain and Germany. It is also now celebrated in the Roman Calendar.

The feast is best linked with the other feasts of the birth of Mary (8th September) and of the Immaculate Conception (8th December). It highlights the holiness of Mary from the beginning of her life on earth that continued through her early childhood and beyond.

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The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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It is celebrated both in the Roman and the Eastern Orthodox rites. Tradition tells us, that as a child, Mary was taken to the temple, where she was presented to God. In the East it takes its origin from the dedication of the Church of Our Lady near the Temple area in Jerusalem which took place on 21st November 543. A church was built on the above site in honour of this mystery.

"Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ,



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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." – Mt 25:21

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MASS INTENTIONS

6.pm Mass Sat 14th Nov:-

The O' Dea & Whelan Families (Anvs)
The Murray & Davis Families (Anvs)

11.30 am Mass Sun 15th Nov:-

Kevin Mc Goran Recently Deceased
Desmond Keenan (Anv)
Timothy O' Dwyer (Anv)
Rita Best Recently Deceased.

Other Intentions

Recently Deceased

Anne O' Donoghue	Sr Pauline Loftus
Matt Mc Cusker	Mary Moran
Henry Traynor	Maurice O' Sullivan
Nuala Mc Laverty	Joseph Doyle

Anniversary

John O' Brien	Helen Donovan
Kathleen Quinn	Denis Kelly
Pierce Duffy	

Recently deceased
Kathleen Bradshaw
May she rest in peace





November 15, 2020
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families,

friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labour for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and labouring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls
(Pr 31:10-13,19-20,30-31)

PSALM

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
(Ps 127:1-5)

SECOND READING

You will not expect us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
(1 Th 5:1-6)

GOSPEL

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them.
(Mt 25:14-30)



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West Passage and North East Passage on the sailing boat Northabout. Kevin was involved as a support crew on the Camino voyage where a naomhóg was rowed from Ireland to Santiago de Compostela in Spain,- this was made as a film. Also, his subsequent expeditions to the Arctic by land and sea to search for Franklin's ships and crew which were lost during his ill-fated attempt to find the North West Passage.

Our next public meeting is via ZOOM on TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020 at 20:00

MAIN TALK –
ARCTIC EXPLORATION AND SEARCH FOR FRANKLIN'S LOST EXPEDITION.
By KEVIN CRONIN

Kevin Cronin will speak of his sailing of the Atlantic to America on the Galway Hooker, St Patrick. Also the transit of the North

THIS ZOOM MEETING: Members will receive an e-mail with the invite password.

Non-members- please send an email to info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie for a password to this meeting.

Saints of the Week

Mon 16 St Margaret of Scotland
St Gertrude, virgin

Tues 17 St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Wed 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul

Sat 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary