

**The Feast of Irish Martyrs falls on Sunday 20 this year so is not celebrated.**

The word martyr is a Greek word meaning “witness”. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter, speaking to those in Jerusalem at Pentecost, claimed he and all the apostles were “martyrs” i.e. witnesses, in this case to Jesus’s resurrection. Later the word came to mean a person who followed the example of Christ and gave up their lives rather than deny their faith.

Henry VIII’s rejection of the Pope’s authority in 1534 led to the setting up of a State Church in England and in Ireland. In 1560 the Act of Supremacy made Queen Elizabeth the supreme head of the Church in England and Ireland. So it became a treasonable offence to refuse to acknowledge the English monarch as head of the Church and many Catholics were put to death for their faith in both countries

The canonisation of Oliver Plunkett in 1975 brought an awareness of the other men and women who died for the Catholic faith in the 16th and 17th centuries. On 22nd September 1992 Pope John Paul II proclaimed a representative group from Ireland as martyrs and beatified them.

The list ,who were martyred between 1579 to 1654, contained four bishops, six priests and five lay persons and included Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor who have a separate feast day on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

*Catholic Ireland net*

*Saints of the Week*

Mon 14 St Davnet, virgin

Sat 19 St Romuald, abbot



**MORNING PRAYER**

Thanks be to Thee, Jesus Christ,  
Who brought'st me up from last night,  
To the gladsome light of this day,  
To win everlasting life for my soul,  
Through the blood Thou didst shed for me,

Praise be to Thee, O God, for ever,  
For the blessings Thou didst bestow on me-  
My food, my speech, my work, my health

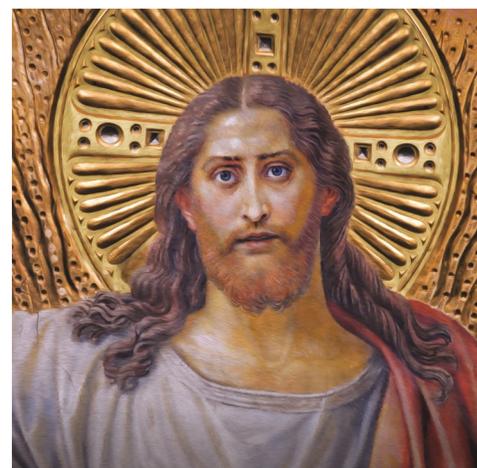
And I beseech Thee  
To shield me from sin,  
To shield me from ill,  
To sain me this night.  
And I low and poor!  
O God of the poor !  
O Christ of the wounds!  
Give me wisdom along with Thy grace.

May the Holy One claim me,  
And protect me on sea and on land  
And lead me on from step to step,  
To the peace of the Everlasting City,  
The peace of the Everlasting City !

From Carmina Gadelica



**FOXROCK PARISH**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



**11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all ,

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**6pm Vigil 12th June:-**

Anthony & Mary Kilbane – Anniversaries.  
J.J. Walsh – 2nd Anniversary.  
Kieran Walsh – 13th Anniversary.  
Brian O’ Keeffe – Anniversary.  
Kathleen Whoriskey – Anniversary.  
Philomena Mc Cormack – Anniversary

**10.00 am Mass Sunday**

Annie & Mossy Casey / Anniversaries

**11.30 am Mass Sunday 13th June.**

Evelyn Murphy & Kevin B. Murphy –  
Deirdre Quane - 2nd Anniversary  
Months Minds.

Baby Elena Carmel Taheny 1st  
Anniversary.

Seamus O’ Meallain – Anniversary.

Seamus Mc Gowan – Anniversary.

Brendan O’ Kelly – 93rd Birthday  
Remembrance.

**Other Intentions**

**Recently Deceased:-**

Peter Healy  
Months Mind:-  
Margaret Quinn

**Anniversaries:-**

Margaret (Peggy) Egan 1st Anniversary  
Donal Graham 1st Anniversary  
Harry Mc Keon 20th Anniversary

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Gertie McNally  
James (Jim) Casey  
May they rest in peace





**June 13, 2021**  
**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A favourite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering? If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without

hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air. As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!  
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**11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FIRST READING**

The Lord says this:  
‘From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high  
mountain.  
(Ezk 17:22-24)

**PSALM**  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High  
(Ps 91:2-3.13-16)

**SECOND READING**  
We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight.  
(2 Cor 5:6-10)

**GOSPEL**  
Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like.’  
(Mk 4:26-34)



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