

the rest of the gospel. The final chapter seems to be an additional epilogue, making a new start after the concluding verses, 20.20-21, reiterated in 21.25. Chapter 6 on the Bread of life may have been inserted to illustrate the statement about Moses in 5.45. "you place your hopes on Moses, and Moses will be your accuser". The Raising of Lazarus (chapter 11) seems to have been added after the conclusion to Jesus' public ministry in 10.40-42. There seem to be three versions of the Discourse after the Last Supper, which partially overlap (chapters 14, 15-16 and 17). Nevertheless, there are traits of style running throughout the gospel which show that the final version is the work of one mind. Throughout, there is the technique of the puzzled question ('How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' 6.52). To advance the dialogue, ambiguity (is 'living water' in 4.10 merely fresh water or the Water of life? When Jesus is to be 'lifted up', 12.32, is this lifted up on the Cross or to heaven?) and above all irony. The Pharisees berate the man born blind, when all the time it is they who cannot see (9.13-34). Caiaphas proposes that one man should die to save the people (11.49), failing to grasp what he is really saying. The Roman soldiers mock Jesus as king of the Jews (19.3) which the reader knows to be really the case. Similarly, Pilate publicly declares the same, refusing the plea of the Jewish leaders that Jesus merely claimed this title (19.21-22). *Continued next week (Source: CTS Bible)*

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Martin & Anna Reilly
Aideen Biggins (MM)
Catherine & Joseph Jones & Dec family members
Sun 8.30am Johnny Birrane & Michael John McDonnell
Sun 11.15am Jerry Murphy



At our masses this weekend we also remember : Cecilia Malone

Mass intentions for next Next Week

Mon 10.00am Health Intention	Sat 6.30pm Special intention
Tues 10.00am Frank, Michael & Seamus Byrne	
Wed 10.00am Carmel Winkleman	
Wed 10.00am Paddy Gerrard	Sun 8.30am Kathleen White
Thurs 10.00am Holy Souls	Sun 11.15am Tom Gavillet
Fri 10.00am Phyllis Whitton	

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am

We are happy to welcome people back to Sunday Mass in the Church. As before everyone must wear a mask in Church. Seats marked for social distance and hand sanitizer to be used on way in. Our church only holds 37 so sorry in advance if we have to turn someone away.



Mass Intentions- How can a book a Mass during these Covid times

1. You can email your request to the Parish Office at stcolmcilleschurch@gmail.com
2. Call to the Sacristy *before Mass* between 9.40am and 9.55am and *after Mass* from 10.30am to 10.45am or by phone 01-8400547

Fr. Michael Carey-8403378: Fr John Collins 8405948

Parish Secretary: Colette Stokes - Parish Office, Seatown Road-8407277

(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)

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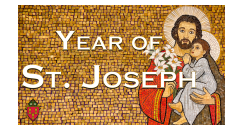
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My beloved father (Joseph), all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power



16th Sundays in Ordinary Time

The Gospel according to John (Part 1)

"See I have God for my help"

Newsletter Sunday 18th July 2021

Introduction

This liturgical year B, which began in Advent, is the Year when St. Mark's Gospel is read on Sundays. Mark's gospel is the shortest and will not stretch out over a year. For that reason John's gospel fills in from Sunday's 17 to 21 which cover the summer months. It is the sixth chapter of John's gospel which is read and it's his chapter on the 'Bread of Life'

Of the four Canonical books that record the 'good news' (*evangelium*, gospel) (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) brought by Jesus Christ, the first three are so alike that they can, in many passages, be placed side by side and viewed as it were at a glance: for this reason they are called 'synoptic' ('at one glance') - the Synoptic Gospels.

Overview of the four gospels

The four Gospels have pride of place in the New Testament as principled witness to the life and teachings of Jesus. They are not a biography or a chronological account of the life and times of Jesus in the way books are written today. But the gospels are historical in character, the stories and traditions about Jesus which they contain were faithfully handed down to the Apostolic communities shaping the way of life of these communities. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the significance of the events of the life of Jesus came to be understood more and more fully. After some decades of this oral (by way of mouth) transmission the record of what Jesus has said and done came to be written down by the apostles or members of the apostolic community. Each author put their own 'stamp' on their gospel by stressing different aspects. The four different accounts, each with its own character and richness, form a fourfold gospel, which, since the end of the first Christian century, has been the norm of all Christian life.

The Gospel according to John

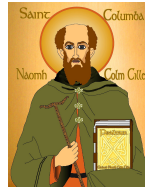
In a previous age scholars considered that John was the least reliable historically. More recently it has become apparent that many of the historical details in John are superior to those of the synoptic. The author's familiarity with the city of Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside is considerably more detailed.

The Composition of the Gospel

The structure of the gospel is also a puzzle: several sections of the gospel seem detachable or misplaced. The poetic and theological prologue (1.1-18) is of a quite different stamp to

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*May the Lord be a sure path beneath your feet,
a bright light before you,
a kindly shepherd behind you;
this day, this night and always.....St. Colmcille (Celebrating 1500 years)*



A costly caring

Caring is never easy. Some people are willing to care a little, provided they are in the mood, and it's not too inconvenient, and doesn't upset their own plans. But to care as Jesus did, when it does upset one's plans – that's the real test. Parents do it all the time, how many times have they to get out of bed at night to see a child? All of us are capable of caring. The need for caring people is great. Neglect is widespread in our society. There are many people in our world who are like sheep without a shepherd. When we care, we are living the gospel. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Building Hope Taskforce

TASK FORCE PRAYER

*Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.
Open our eyes to recognise you
in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread
and in the splendour of your creation.*

*May the Risen Christ
sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.
May our hearts and minds be filled
with your Word
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.*

*May the Holy Spirit working in and through us,
do much more than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord Amen.*

*St Laurence O'Toole: pray for us.
St Brigid: pray for us.*

Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art?

The Priory Institute week-long online Summer School will run from 8-13 August and again from 22-27 August. The course includes six recorded presentations and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register on prioryinstitute.com

Saint's in the Church's Calendar

St. Mary Magdalene – Thursday 22nd July. Stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ's feet (Lk.7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who anointed him (Jn.12:3). Tradition relates that she spent her last years as a hermit in Provence (France).

St. Bridget of Sweden, religious, Patron of Europe – Friday 23rd July was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a patron of Europe in 2000.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The custom of bringing gifts when coming to the Eucharist developed differently in the Eastern Church and in the West. In the East before the Eucharist people brought gifts for the Eucharist itself, for the poor and for the upkeep of the Church, particularly the clergy. The minister took what was necessary for the Eucharist and brought this in solemnly after the liturgy of the word. In the West all the gifts were collected after the liturgy of the Word, some used for the Eucharist and the remainder left to one side. (Source: St. Paul's Missal).

Bethany Bereavement Support Group are offering telephone support, please contact Kay - 086 2209297 - week Sunday 18th July to Saturday 24th July. More details on the Parish website. You can also find information on <https://bethany.ie> It's good to talk. Do not grieve alone or unaided. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

Scripture Note –16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading). They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people. But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and trust the flock to good and faithful servants.

This ties in neatly with the Gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder that the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Youth Initiatives -YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together

The Young Church Dublin invite you to join our connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) We meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm for some time of fellow, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. For more information please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

