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But even her patience could go so far:

And, bedad, he wasn't certain if he'd counted five or ten, Yet he'd face the crisis bravely, and would start around again: But she tallied all the decades, and she'd block him on the spot,

With a "Glory, Daddah, Glory!" and he'd "Glory" like a shot!

The poem reaches a beautiful conclusion:

Ay, and every "sore complaint" came right, and every "hurted hand; And we made a deal from time to time, a got "that bit of land", And Dad did sell the cattle well; and little John, her pride,

Was he who said the Mass in black the morning that she died.

Though speaking to us in a language foreign to our contemporary ears, the ending gives a powerful sense of peace and security:

Ah, those little Irish mothers passing from us one by one!

Who will write the noble story of the good that they have done?

All their children may be scattered, and their fortunes wind-wards hurled,

But the Trimmings on the Rosary will bless them round the world.

(Fr Shane Crombie)

Golf Classic Fundraiser

Little Sisters of the Poor, Waterford

Waterford Golf Club €100 a line (4 Players) takes place on Friday next 21st July. Fabulous prizes, golf and raffle. Goodie bag for all players. To book: Call WGC shop at 051 876 748. Please support this worthy cause.

A Night to Celebrate and Support

Many of Kilkenny's finest musicians are coming together to raise funds to help Raidió Na Gaeltachta broadcaster, Rónán Mac Aodh Bhuí. This event will take place at the Set Theatre, Kilkenny, on 19th July. Rónán is battling advanced colon cancer and is in need of funding for complex life saving surgery abroad. There have been concerts in Gaoth Dobhair, Belfast, Meath and in Dublin, but the Kilkenny leg of the series promises to be right up there with the best of them. More information and tickets are available at set.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173645192

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 26th July. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays: 6.00pm (Vigil); Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Holy Days: 6.00pm (Vigil); 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th July 2023

The Trimmings on the Rosary

Monsignor Patrick Joseph Hartigan was born in 1878 in Yass, New South Wales to Irish emigrants. He was very influential in the development of Australian literature. Using the pen name John O'Brien much of what he wrote was inspired by his Catholic background and his parents experience. A number of his poems fall into the recitation category, which many of you will remember as an important part of homemade entertainment. One of these became a great favourite, as it captured perfectly the family Rosary. The poem, however, did not focus on the Rosary itself, but what came after it. It beautifully describes a mother's faith and the endless 'trimmings' she would add to the chaplet! It is too long to include it all, but here is a synopsis:



Written from the perspective of an Irish emigrant, he begins:

Ah, the memories that find me now my hair is turning grey, Drifting in like painted butterflies from paddocks far way.

His mother, of whom he writes with obvious affection, was the prime mover:

She had one sweet, holy custom which I never can forget, and a gentle benediction crowns her memory for it yet; I can see that little mother still and hear her as she pleads, "Now it's getting on to bed-time; all you childer get your beads."

The poem describes the family at prayer, and no matter who happened to be in the house at the time was expected to join in:

E'en the stranger there, who stayed the night upon his journey, knew he must join the little circle, ay, and take his decade too.

Having set up the introduction O'Brien introduces the twist in the story:

And the visitor would rise at once and brush his knees – and then he'd look very very foolish as he took the boards again. She had other prayers to keep him. They were long, long prayers in truth; and we used to call them "Trimmings" in my disrespectful youth.

The list of prayers was comprehensive:

Should pray for kith and kin, and all the friends she'd ever known, Yes, and every one of us could boast a "trimming" all his own. She would pray for this one's "sore complaint," or that one's "hurted hand,"

Or that someone else might make a deal and get "that bit of land"; Or that Dad might sell the cattle well, and seasons good might rule, so that little John, the weakly one, might go away to school.

No misbehaviour was accepted, with one exception – himself – the Father!

And if perchance you lost your beads, disaster waited for you, For the only one she'd pardon was "himself" – because she knew he was hopeless, and 'twas sinful what excuses he'd invent, So she let him have his fingers, and he cracked them as he went.

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Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Gerard Doherty, Dublin and late of Assumption Place. Requiem Mass at 11.00am in the Church of the Ascension, Balally, Dublin
Margaret Cullen, Wexford

Months Mind: Kay Doyle (11.00am)

Anniversaries: Larry Nolan, Aaron Molloy (*Birthdays Remembrance*), (6.00pm); Brenda Flynn (8.00am); Paddy Bergin (11.30am); Mary Power O'Shea (7.00pm); Eamonn Reidy; May Tyrrell; Christy Burke Snr.; Kate Burke; Bid Byrne O'Carroll; Pat Crowe; Stephen and Richard Cassin; Paddy Foley; Mary Walsh; Clare and Thomas Drennan; Patricia Wiltshire.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near!

Still loved, still missed and very dear. May they rest in peace!

Local Cemetery Masses 2023

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27th July - 7.30pm

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Jo Browne
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am James Connolly
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€715.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	64	255.00
8.00am	108	526.00
Johnswell	44	263.00
Dunmore	78	216.00
11.30am	147	428.00
7.00pm	100	287.00

Thanks to all who attend and contribute.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Newpark Community Mass

An outdoor community Mass will take place on the Upper Green in Newpark at 7.00pm on this Wednesday, 19th July. This is an annual event arranged by the local community for all.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, 15th and 16th July. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. The parish conference can be contacted through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on Sunday, 23rd July. The National Grandparents' Pilgrimage will take place in Knock on next Sunday, 23rd July. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. Music will be by choirs of Knock Shrine who will be joined by Dana for 'Lady of Knock' and her new hymn 'Light the Flame'. All welcome.

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once and no one has the power
To tell just where the hands will stop – at late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed, to lose one's health is more
To lose one's soul is such a loss – as no one can restore.
The present only is our own – live, love and work with all goodwill.
Depend not on tomorrow for the clock may then be still!

(Robert H Smith)



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 17th July

Thursday: 8.00am Pat Crowe
10.30am Stephen & Richard Cassin,
Paddy Foley
Friday 10.30am Mary Walsh
Saturday: 10.30am Clare & Thomas Drennan
6.00pm Frank Power
Sunday: 10.00am Noeline Foley
11.30am Mary McEnery
7.00pm: MM Veronica Wall

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Parish Webcam

Masses and Services in St. John's Church are broadcast on stjohnskilkenny.com and on 106.8FM. Inform those who are unable to attend.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Thought for the Day

Joy and happiness are two different things, although they are obviously related. There are things in our lives we feel happy doing or experiencing. Watching a good movie makes us feel happy for the time we're watching it. Happiness is very much in the moment, and it can be good. But joy is a different thing. Joy is a deeper sense than happiness. We feel happy watching a film but feel joy when we see a good friend who we haven't seen for awhile. Joy is different. To live lives of joy is not to depend on happiness or temporary experiences. It is to seek out the better path and walk it.

Brendan McManus SJ & Jim Deeds

"Finding God in the Mess" (Messenger 2023)

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

On 22nd July the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament. Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born. Scripture introduces her as a woman "who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out" (Lk. 8:2). Some scholars identify Mary Magdalene with the sinful woman who anointed the feet of Christ with oil in the house of Simon the Pharisee (Lk. 7:36-50). Others associate her with Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (Lk. 10:38-42, Jn. 11). Some believe the three figures to be one person, while others believe them to be three distinct individuals.

What the Scriptures make certain about Mary Magdalene is that she was a follower of Christ, who accompanied and ministered to him (Lk. 8:2-3). The Gospels record her as being one of the women present at Christ's crucifixion.

In addition, she was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection. The Gospels all describe Mary Magdalene going to the tomb on Easter morning. When she saw that the tomb was empty, she stood outside, weeping. Jesus appeared to her and asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" (Jn. 20:15)

She did not recognize him, however, and thought he was the gardener, until he said her name, "Mary!" (Jn. 20:16) Upon hearing this, Mary recognized him. She returned to the grieving disciples to announce to them the message of the Resurrection.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke about Mary Magdalene in his address before the Angelus on 23rd July 2006. He referred to her as "a disciple of the Lord who plays a lead role in the Gospels."

The Pope recalled Mary Magdalene's presence "beneath the Cross" on Good Friday, as well as how "she was to be the one to discover the empty tomb" on Easter morning.

"The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental truth," Pope Benedict said. "A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death."