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Sunday Mass
6 pm Sun 9.30, 11.00
& 12.15

Sunday 15 Sept. 2019

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Sun 11.00 and 12.30



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BAPTISMS

We welcome to the Christian community the following who were baptised recently:

Sophie Evie Kent, daughter of Fiona & Robert, Rhodaville, South Douglas Road.

Ruarí William Hoey O'Neill, son of Susan & Joseph, Shamrock Lawn.

Ellura Alice Gleeson, daughter of Wailam & Tom, Coah Hill, rochestown.

Neasa O'Donovan O'Connell, daughter of Carmel & Colm, Delfern Grove, Maryborough Hill.

Alexander Khider Maras, son of Nicola & Abubaker, Inchvale Drive, Shamrock Lawn.

DEATHS

The deaths took place of **Jimmy Dromey**, Tramore Lawn & Connaught Avenue,. Deeply regretted by his sisters Helen and Trish, brothers John and Paul. **Margaret Elley**, Douglas, beloved wife of David and adored mother of Gretta, James and Ciarán
May they rest in peace. Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh siad

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to **Elizabeth Kearns**, Ardarrig, on the recent death of her brother, **Joseph Kearns**, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. To: **Sean Gayer**, Mount Oval, on the recent death of his mother, **Mary Gayer**, Ballyclough.

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FINANCE: The Offertory Collection last Sunday: **St. Columba's: €3016. St. Patrick's: €1233** .
Many Thanks for your generosity

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. There are three figures in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father is a symbol of an unconditional love. Perhaps you can recall someone showing love to you in a way that showed great forgiveness and acceptance. Have there been times when you have also loved in this way?
2. You may be able to identify with the younger son at different stages of his journey. Be sure to follow it to the point where it becomes a good news story for you – when you 'came to yourself.' Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation.
3. Do not neglect the older son. In contrast to his father he was very judgemental and resentful towards his younger brother. Perhaps you have experienced these attitudes in others towards you, or in yourself towards others. What were those experiences like for you? What did they teach you?

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The Deep End Called to 'come to our senses'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses.' We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of bio-diversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

'I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.' (*Laudato Si'* 3,23)

Suggestion for the week: Can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home, such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? We start with ourselves. **Intercom**

Notices

Christ King Secondary School Open Evening on Thursday, September 19, from 6-8pm. The Principal's address is at 7.15pm. All parents and prospective students are welcome."

Marymount is hosting **Irelands Biggest Coffee Morning on 19th Sept** at Marymount between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Fabulous coffee, music and prizes. All proceeds go to Marymount. We would love to see you there.

Cork Dante Society
Language classes from Beginners to Advanced every Monday night with native Italian teachers in Ursuline Secondary School, Blackrock, starting Mon. 16 Sept at 7 pm and continuing to May 2020. Every 5th week, there are cultural lectures on a variety of interesting topics on Italian culture. See 'Dante Alighieri Society Cork' website.

A Global Strike for Climate takes place Friday 20th September This time, the young people are asking for support from adults. Holy Cross Church Mahon will host a Prayer-ritual in support of the students' future at 7.00 p.m. Fri. 20th, 30 – 40 minutes. All are welcome to join in prayer.

Art Classes resuming on 9th Sept 2.00pm – 4pm **Valerie Walsh-Jolley Art Studio**, Church Road, Douglas. All levels. 087 3177673 Email: valeriewalshjolley@gmail.com