



PARISH OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

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PARISH OFFICE OPENS MONDAY 27 JULY 2020

FROM 9AM TO 1PM

Jesus announces the gospel message by comparing it to a sower who threw the seed everywhere. That sower didn't take any chances, he was liberal and free with the seed and didn't really care where or how it landed on the ground, in thorns, on rocks, or on thin soil. It seems that the sower had a certain part to play, but he wasn't in charge. The seed would grow, or it wouldn't grow and that was God's choice, not the sower's decision. The Kingdom of God is a harvest of truth, justice and peace and it is God's harvest, not our harvest. If we can let go and let God take charge of our lives, then the harvest is plentiful and rich. Jesus is teaching us to be bountiful in our faith and to have a living faith that allows God to be God showing each one of us that while we have a certain part to play, we are not to control, or try to change what God, as Lord of the harvest wants to do in the world.

You are welcome back to Mass. If you are concerned about your health, it is important that you follow advice given by your health professionals. Please consider attending Mass once a week on any day. The number of people that can attend Mass at any one time will be posted at the churches of this parish. Confession is available on request. Sacrament of Baptism and the celebration of Marriage: dates are available on request please use the parish email as the parish office is closed.)

Sundays, Vigil, Church of the Holy Spirit (Saturday) **5pm**, St Matthias' **10am**, St Teresa's **12 noon**. Week days **St Teresa's** from Monday 13 July 2020 to Saturday 18 July 2020 **10am**. **St Matthias'** Tuesday 14 July, Wednesday and Thursday **10am**.

Funeral Masses Congregations for funeral Masses are restricted and social distancing is required in the church. Undertakers will give advice.

Recently deceased

Anniversaries Paul Wilson

Trocaire Please return your Trocaire Box to the church and your donation will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Offertory Promise Envelopes. Thank you to all those who have left their envelopes at the parochial house.

Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path reopens for visitors. Walk & Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July 2020. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details www.loughderg.org or email info@loughderg.org

St Teresa of Avila, St Vincent De Paul Conference Dear parishioners, the last few months have been difficult for everyone and we are now hopefully and cautiously emerging from full lockdown. Our local SVP conference has continued to respond to requests from parishioners, albeit on a reduced basis. We hope in the near future to return to a more normal way of working. I would like to acknowledge the amazing spirit of generosity which exists in our parish. Since the Covid 19 pandemic started I have received 8 donations totalling £580 for our Saint Vincent De Paul conference. I would like to thank those contributors in particular and parishioners in general for their continuing financial support and prayers. The conference members wish everyone a safe and hopeful future and our thoughts and prayers are with those and their families who have been affected in any way by the pandemic.
Peter McAlister, President SVP Conference.

*Lord, I want to be responsible for my own life, and I want to make positive choices each day. Inspire me to get my priorities right and be generous in my care and concern for others. In busy days and casual days remind me, too, of my basic human need for personal time and quiet and space, and lead me to respect the personal needs of others also.
Amen.*