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Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in his love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in his arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day of your life.

Saint Francis de Sales



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JIMMY FANNING
PEGGY McCARTHY
& her mother MARGARET
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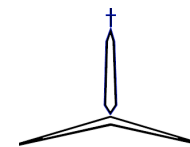
May they Rest in Peace

The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'
(Mt 14:33)

Lord,

we thank you for faithful friends, the kind that when we feel the force of the wind and take fright, we only have to say "Save me!" and at once they put out their hands and hold us.

Parishes of St. Paul's & Butlerstown



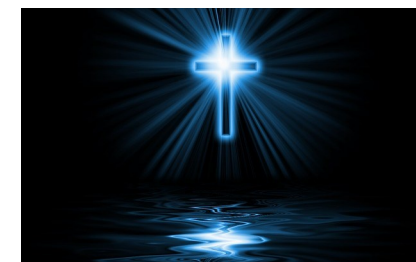
13th of August, 2023 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A HAND TO BE HELD (Matthew 14:22-33)

A most strange gospel story - Jesus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, challenging us into deep trust - an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in Jesus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great - but not the same as trusting in God.

In time of death, the call is to trust in God's promise, because he is the way and the truth. Old age can be the same, or times in life when we just don't know what the future will hold. It sounds unusual, but what Jesus does in this situation is very human. He doesn't lecture or say a prayer, he just holds hands. Someone was given a book on bereavement after a family death - he said he needed a hand to be held, or his tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter. Our God is a God with a human heart, who leaves big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

There are times when we just need to hold on to God in trust. On another occasion Peter would jump into the lake again - after the resurrection. Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways. As Pope Francis says, 'When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well' (June 2014)



Fr Donal Neary, S.J

**HOLY DAY MASS TIMES
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
TUESDAY 15TH OF AUGUST**

**MASS IN BUTLERSTOWN 10.00AM
MASS IN ST. PAUL'S 11.30AM & 7.30PM**

**OUR MASSES CONTINUE TO BE LIVE
STREAMED AND BROADCAST ON THE
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Church on the Radio at **107.9FM**

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St Paul's Church weekdays 11am -1.00pm.
Butlerstown Church daily 12.00 to 4.00pm

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PARISH DAY TRIP TO SPIKE ISLAND

We are hoping to organise a Parish Day Trip to Spike Island on 5th October. We need to know how many will travel to book Spike Island and the bus. The cost will be €60 pp and this includes bus, ferry to Spike Island, guided tour, museums and meal in Lawlor's, Dungarvan. We will need a deposit to book the ferry and the bus. If you are interested please let Colette (0879816992) or Stella know as soon as possible.

**EVER FEEL LOST WHEN IT COMES TO USING
YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET?...**

Browns Road Library is here to help!

Access IT will be running a series of free smartphone classes in the library from Wednesday 13th of September for 7 weeks From 10am to 12 noon.

Spaces are limited so book today
Ring 051 849614 or email
brownsroadlibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie

REFLECTION

In a house made of thoughts the bricks are paper thin, the roof forever in a state of disrepair as one image replaces another. Which reminds me of the three little pigs building their house of straw.

Despite ourselves we can live a lifetime in our prison house of thoughts – of grudges, fears, worries, regrets – and miss out on the fresh air of the ever-present moment.

It's summer. Look at the bush full of bees on a nectar trip, hear a bird speaking out and feel the breeze on your face. The world is addressing you as friend. Come out play, it says. Breathe.

Hugh O'Donnell
Time to Call Home (Veritas)

Lord,

there are times when we feel so disillusioned that even when you come to us with power

- a friend whom we can trust,
 - an invitation to a retreat,
 - an opportunity for relaxation,
- we cry out in fear.

But then we hear the comforting words,
" *Courage, it is I, do not be afraid.*"
Thank you Lord.

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**

Lord,

as we contemplate Mary,
the lowly virgin of
Nazareth

now assumed in heaven,
we celebrate all the lowly
people of the world who
are lifted up
before our eyes.

We think of those who face difficult situations with courage,
and do not let themselves be overwhelmed by the troubles they experience,
Let them find time and energy to celebrate the gifts you have given them,
and nourished by faith, may they know that whatever life has in store for them,
they are safe in your hands.



*Remember a time when all you seemed
to have was God; thank him.
Or recall when all you needed was God;
ask him now for help.
Lord, in you I put my trust.*

The core of Catholic faith is expressed in the *Preface* of the Mass for Solemnity of the Assumption:

Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their way.

**Sometimes you
don't realize that
Jesus is all you
need until Jesus
is all you have.**

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.

The Feast of Our Lady of Knock is on the 17th of August.