

COBH PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

15TH OF JULY 2018

Week Four* of Nine Weeks of Prayer for the

World Meeting of Families

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Thought for the day Even the smallest hand-held luggage becomes cumbersome and dead weight if you are held up, transferred, unduly delayed for a long period - or any such inconvenience in your travel - at airports as at this time of year. Baggage can be a metaphor for excess time spent distracted and consumed with earthly concerns. Our worries weigh us down, concerns that are not as pressing as what God wants us to focus our attention on in the first place. It means that we are doing the Lord a disservice because time that would have been better utilised in proclaiming the Gospel is now lost forever. We are 'distracted' and are caught up in worldly cares and concerns of our own, and hence sucked dry of resolve and our true purpose - simply to know love and serve God and to make Him further known, loved and served; to preach to others and to provide evidence in our living that 'there is a difference that Jesus makes.'

MASS TIMES

Cathedral: Vigil Mass Saturday &

Eve of Holy Day: 6.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am, 12.00 noon & 7.00pm.

Adoration Chapel: Mon. - Fri. 8.00am.

Cathedral 10.00am.

Norwood: Saturday: 7.00pm

Weekdays: Mon. - Thurs: 10.00am.

Fri.: 7.30pm

Ballymore: Sunday: 9.30am.

Mount: Sunday : 8.30am.

Weekdays: Mon. - Sat: 9.00am

Cobh Parish Income: Sunday 8th July; Cathedral: €1764.00, Rushbrooke: €413.00, Ballymore: €205.00, The Mount: €95.00 We thank all who contributed to these collections.

Baptisms: We welcome into our community Conor Inglis and all who were baptised recently.



Deaths: We pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently. We pray especially today for John Murphy (Warrant Officer/Master at Arms Retired, Irish Naval Service), Fota and Wexford.

Cemetery Masses this month

Old Church: Wednesday 18th July @ 7.30pm

St Colman's Cemetery: Friday 20th July @ 7.30pm

Ballymore: Friday 27th July @ 7.30 pm

GUEST CARILLON RECITAL

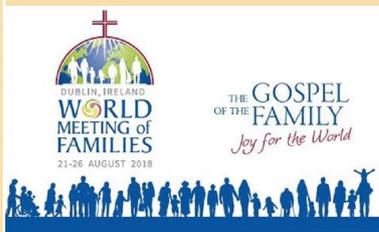


There will be a special guest recital on our Cathedral Carillon this Sunday afternoon from 4.30 to 5.30 given by the Danish carillonneur Peter Langberg, who is Carillonneur of Århus City Hall and of Our Saviour's Church in Copenhagen, as well as being Tutor at the Scandinavian Carillon School. These recitals are presented by the Cobh Carillon Committee and grant aided by

*Sunday 4	July 15th
Sunday 5	July 22nd
Sunday 6	July 29th
Sunday 7	August 5th
Sunday 8	August 12th
Sunday 9	August 19th

the Arts Council and the Cork County Council.

NINE WEEKS OF PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



EXTRACTS FROM *AMORIS LAETITIA* —THE JOY OF LOVE— BY POPE FRANCIS: PART 4



90. “Love is patient, love is kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Cor 13:4-7).

Love is experienced and nurtured in the daily life of couples and their children. It is helpful to think more deeply about the meaning of this Pauline text and its relevance for the concrete situation of every family

Love is patient 91. It refers to the quality of one who does not act on impulse and avoids giving offense. 92. Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds. That is why the word of God tells us: “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, with all malice” (Eph 4:31). Patience takes root when I recognize that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like.

Love is at the service of others 93. The next word that Paul uses is *chrestéuetai*. The word indicates that love benefits and helps others. For this reason it is translated as “kind”; love is ever ready to be of assistance. 94. Throughout the text, it is clear that Paul wants to stress that love is more than a mere feeling. As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, “Love is shown more by deeds than by words”. Involving the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving.

98. Love is marked by humility; if we are to understand, forgive and serve others from the heart, our pride has to be healed and our humility must increase.

100. Those who love are capable of speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation, and encouragement. These were the words that Jesus himself spoke: “Take heart, my son!” (Mt 9:2); “Great is your faith!” (Mt 15:28); “Arise!” (Mk 5:41); “Go in peace” (Lk 7:50); “Be not afraid” (Mt 14:27). These are not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn. In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus’ own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another.

104. It is one thing to sense a sudden surge of hostility and another to give into it, letting it take root in our hearts: “Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger” (Eph 4:26). My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. “And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. **Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family**”.

107. **Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves.** Often our mistakes, or criticism we have received from loved ones, can lead to a loss of self-esteem. We become distant from others, avoiding affection and fearful in our interpersonal relationships. Blaming others becomes falsely reassuring. We need to learn to pray over our past history, to accept ourselves, to learn how to live with our limitations, and even to forgive ourselves, in order to have this same attitude towards others.

108. All this assumes that we ourselves have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. **If we accept that God’s love is unconditional, that the Father’s love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us.** Otherwise, our family life will no longer be a place of understanding, support and encouragement, but rather one of constant tension and mutual criticism.

To be continued next week