

The Miracles of Christ – then and now

The Gospel (Mk 5:21-43). The events described in the reading are taken from a section of the gospel recording miracles of one kind and another. The miracles illustrate the power of Jesus. He has power over illness. He has power over death. Jairus and the sick woman had different problems. However one thing was common to both – faith. Jesus accepted that they believed in his ability to help them. He proceeded to deepen their faith. Faith on the part of an individual or a community is a kind of release mechanism for the healing, saving power available to us in Jesus.



The child is not dead. She is asleep.

The Incarnation is the most stupendous event which ever can take place on earth; and after it and henceforth, I do not see how we can scruple at any miracle on the mere ground of it being unlikely to happen.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Little saints also perform miracles.
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GOD hath not promised
Skies ever blue,
Flower strewn pathways
All our lives through:
GOD hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain
BUT He hath promised-
Strength for each day,
Rest after labour-
Sight for our way
GRACE for all trials.
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

Church Of The Descent Of The Holy Spirit

Today's Collection

The excess from today's Mass collection will form our contribution to 'Peter's Pence.'

July begins

Friday next is the First Friday of July. Calls to the sick will be made on the usual days. Confessions after Thursday evening Mass.

Our Newest Saint

Monday July 1st marks the feastday of St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and martyr. A witness to Jesus, faithful to death.

On Wednesday we honour St. Thomas, renowned apostle and doubter!

Evening Mass continues

Why not celebrate summer (if it comes!) with a leisurely stroll to 7.30 P.M. Mass. Morning Masses 9.00 and 10.00.

Help the Blind

The Bishopstown Branch of the Guide-Dogs Association invite you to an Open Day at Murphy's Farm this Sunday afternoon at 2.30 P.M.

All the usual attractions will feature. Admission: 50p (adults)

Children 20p

Just in case

If you need a priest urgently at any time, please ring 932906.

Our own numbers are as follows:- (You might like to note them)

Denis O'Connor PP 42972 / Fr. O'Mahoney 41572 / Fr. Cotter 4181 41814

=====NO COMMUNITY SCHOOL MASS AFTER 7TH JULY UNTIL SEPTEMBER.=====

Mass Offerings

"In accordance with the approved custom of the church, any priest who celebrates or concelebrates a Mass may accept an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention."

"The faithful who make an offering....share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities."

(Code of Canon Law 1983, Page 172)

The practice of giving Mass offerings arose when people undertook to look after all the needs of the priest on the day when he offered a Mass for their intention. Nowadays this takes the form of a gift of money. Compared with inflation, this has risen very slowly over the years. From July 1985, you are asked to give an offering of £4.

A Few Footnotes:-

If you can't afford £4, give what you can afford.

Money doesn't 'buy' salvation. You can't buy a Mass.

The Mass is both priceless and infinite in its effects.

It can't be given as a gift. Neither can it replace your prayers.

A few sincere prayers could mean more than a few dozen Mass cards.

The Mass is our priceless treasure - let's not devalue it!