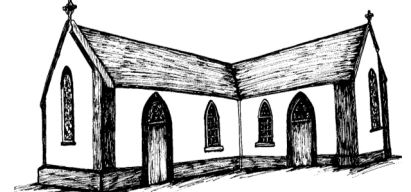
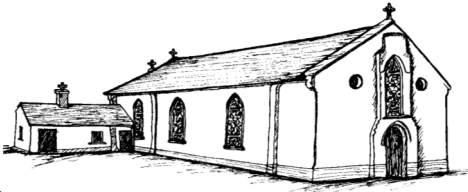


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PONTIFF WARNS OF TEMPTATION TO MAKE GOD "COMPREHENSIBLE"

Benedict XVI says there is a constant temptation in the spiritual life: to try to construct a "comprehensible god" that corresponds to one's own plans and projects.

The Pope made this reflection as he continued with his catecheses on prayer. He turned to Moses, saying he "carried out his role as mediator between God and Israel ... I would say especially, by praying."

The Pontiff looked at Moses' prayer, as narrated in Exodus 32.

This chapter relates how Moses had gone up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments when the Chosen People below make their search for a "comprehensible god" who conforms to their plans, and ask Aaron to build the golden calf.

God reveals to Moses what the people are doing and sends him back down the mountain.

"Now therefore let me alone," he tells Moses, "that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them: but of you I will make a great nation."

In recounting Moses' response, Benedict XVI paralleled it with his teaching on Abraham from two weeks ago.

"In reality," the Pope explained, "this 'let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot' is said precisely so that Moses might intervene and ask him not to do it, thereby revealing that God's desire is always to save. As with the two cities in the time of Abraham, punishment and destruction, in which the wrath of God is expressed as the rejection of evil, point to the gravity of the sin committed; at the same time, the intercessor's request is meant to manifest the Lord's will to forgive."

"This is the salvation of God, which involves mercy but together with it also exposes the truth of the sin, of the evil that is present, so that the sinner, aware of and rejecting his own sin, can allow himself to be forgiven and transformed by God."

Benedict XVI observed how "Moses' prayer is wholly centred on the Lord's fidelity and grace."

The Pope recounted how Moses reminds God that he cannot allow the work of salvation to be left unfinished: "[God] is the good Lord who saves, the guarantor of life, he is the God of mercy and forgiveness, of liberation from sin which kills. ... If his elect were to perish, even if they are guilty, he might appear incapable of conquering sin. And this is unacceptable."

"Moses had a concrete experience of the God of salvation; he was sent as a mediator of divine liberation, and now, with his prayer, he voices a twofold concern -- concern for the fate of his people, but alongside this, concern for the honour that is owed to the Lord, for the truth of his name," the Holy Father reflected. "The intercessor, in fact, wants the people of Israel to be saved, because they are the flock that has been entrusted to him, but also because, in that salvation, the true reality of God is manifested. Love of the brothers and love of God interpenetrate in intercessory prayer; they are inseparable. Moses, the intercessor, is a man stretched between two loves, which in prayer overlap into but one desire for good."

When Moses will return again to the mountain after he has

destroyed the golden calf, he tells the Lord, "But now, if thou wilt forgive their sin -- and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

The Bishop of Rome noted how the fathers of the Church saw here a prefiguring of Christ, who "with his pierced heart," is, in fact, "blotted out." "His intercession is not only solidarity, but identification with us; he carries us all in his body. And in this way his whole existence as man and as Son is a cry to the heart of God, it is forgiveness, but a forgiveness that transforms and renews."

"I think we should meditate upon this reality," the Pope invited. "Christ stands before the face of God and prays for me. His prayer on the cross is contemporaneous with all men, contemporaneous with me: He prays for me, he suffered and suffers for me, he identified himself with me by taking on our human body and soul. And he invites us to enter into his identity, making ourselves one body, one spirit with him, because from the heights of the cross he brought not new laws, tablets of stone, but rather he brought himself, his body and his blood, as the new covenant. He thereby makes us one blood with him, one body with him, identified with him."

The Holy Father reflected that Christ "invites us to enter into this identification, to be united with him in our desire to be one body, one spirit with him. Let us pray to the Lord that this identification may transform us, may renew us, since forgiveness is renewal -- it is transformation."

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord:

May Tully, Moyar, Baby Tadgh Gerard Cunningham, Shamrock Ave., Agnes Taylor, Shercock, Rose Clarke, (nee Fleming), Nottingham, Mary Larkin, Nobber.

Next **Baptism preparation meeting** will take place in the **Parish Centre** on **Thursday, 7th July**, at **8.00p.m.**

Bishop Michael Smith will celebrate Mass in Muff on **Saturday, 9th July**, to mark (**note change of date**) the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to whom the Church is dedicated. All are invited to join in this community occasion.

Fr. Gerry will visit the homes of **The Kells Road** these weeks.

The Congress Bell, a symbol of the Call to prayer, to renewal, to reconciliation and to mission has begun its pilgrim journey, which will take it through all the dioceses of Ireland over the next year. You can follow the progress of the bell on www.iec2012.ie The Bell will be in Kingscourt Parish for one day on 2nd September.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12-17th September. Contact 01/6359300.

**This Week's Collections: Plate: €1,403.
Envelopes: €2,021. Many thanks to all.**

LITURGICAL NOTES

25th/26th June.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Katie Pierce, Rocks Road.

Vigil Muff 7.30p.m.: Michael Rooney & son, Pat.

9.a.m. Corlea: Bernard & Rose Ann Donnelly, & son, Benny.

10.30: Tom O'Rourke.

12.00: Gerard Lynch, Castleknock. First Anniversary.

2nd/3rd July.

Vigil 6 p.m.: Gavin O'Connor, Ballinaclose.

Month's Memory.

Vigil Muff 7.30 p.m.: Paddy Martin & daughter, Mary.

9 a.m. Corlea: James & Thomas Carolan, Cornamagh.

10.30: Carmel Finnegan.

12.00: Jim McKeon, late of Kells Rd. Month's Memory.

Tuesday 10: Annie & Bernard Colleran.

Wednesday 10: Thomas & Rose Rogers & family.

Thursday 10: Phil & Sheila Daly, Dun- A -Ri.

Friday 10: List of the Dead.

Friday 7 p.m. Muff: L.O.D. & Anniversaries Occurring. **Brendan Moore & dec. family.**

Paddy & Teresa Callaghan, Mount St. Joseph.

Dec. membs. of Hand family, Northlands.

Br. Coleman O'Flaherty.

Br. Serenus McCormack.

Christy Lynch & dec. fam. members.

Thomas Proudfoot & Alice Cassidy, Mullaghboy.

Berniece Toolan-Moore.

Aedín Murtagh.

Pat Shields, Rathloghan.

Eugene Sherlock, Mount St. Joseph.

Charlie Lynch, Mullaghboy.

The annual Mass honouring **St. Oliver Plunkett** takes place in Loughcrew, Oldcastle, today, at 3 p.m.

Knock Youth Summer Festival takes place this weekend from 24th—26th June. The festival is a three day event. Over the weekend there will be talks, workshops, prayer, reflection, music and more. The theme of this year's festival is 'Fuel for the Journey'. The weekend has something for everyone to choose from, with talks, workshops, share groups, music, quiet time, chill out time and prayer and reflection. Log onto www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival Contact Patricia 086/0849265 to book a seat.

COMMUNITY MASSES IN PREPARATION FOR CONGRESS 2012

28th June Mass for Moyar, Drumcrin, Cordoagh, Coravelis & Leiter at the home of Philip and Jean Smith at 7.30 p.m.

29th June Mass for St. Mary's Rd./Fairymount/Fairymount Ave. Close/Thorndale Ave. Park & Close/An Tor Aonarach at Matt Talbot Hall at 7.30 p.m.

30th June Mass for Collops at the home of Paddy Prenderville at 7.30 p.m.

Friday next is the **First Friday** and **Feast of The Sacred Heart**. Fr. Gerry will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound commencing from 9 a.m. in Kingscourt.

We welcome the Corlea School community who join at 9 a.m. Mass on this Sunday.

The Sunday Mass collection on this Sunday will be our contribution to the **International Eucharistic Congress 2012**. Your usual generosity would be appreciated.

Pope Benedict has led the Church with faith and humility and has reached out to many people. In his pilgrimages he has spoken the truth with love and presented the gospel of Christ and the teaching of the Church in an engaging way to audiences of all ages. We wish Pope Benedict Ad Multos Annos on the occasion of his Diamond Jubilee of ordination. The envelope collection on this Sunday is to support the work of the Pope and his mission.

Photographs from the various **Community Masses** held during June are on the parish website at the photo gallery section and scroll down to Community Masses June 2011.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

In the bulletin of May 1st a detailed description of the work which has now commenced was outlined. This weekend we are happy to include again the **comprehensive lists of work included in the contract:**

Roof restoration and finishes, restoration of stained glass, internal dri-lining and replastering, external stone pointing/cleaning, redeveloping internal gallery, internal finishes, providing disabled access, external paving and landscaping, site works, drainage, upgrade the car park provision, upgrade current mechanical and electrical services, and the completion of the bell tower.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of the parish for countless generations in equally economically challenging times as our own, much has been achieved. Thanks to all who support the weekly development fund so generously, giving us a firm foundation to commence this current restoration project. All fund-raising ideas, suggestions and initiatives are welcome. Thank you again for your support at this time.

COMMUNITY NOTICES: Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau: The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo. Phone 094/9375960 or visit the website at www.knockmarriagebureau.com

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly, Thursday 4th—Sunday 7th August, 2011. For young people age 16—35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available. For info. contact 085/8289231 or book online: www.youth2000.ie

Rally for Life 2nd July, 2 p.m. Parnell Square, Dublin.

Library: Book change has taken place. New members welcome. Membership free.

Scouts: End of school year disco in Dun A Ri on Friday, 1st July, 7—9 p.m., 6—12 years. Admission €3.

Thanks from St. Joseph's N.S. Parents Association to all who contributed towards **€903.77** raised, and also to the **past pupils** who were involved in the recent sports and made it a success.

Family Fun Day at Cormeen Sports complex today at 4 p.m. A free event for all the family with spot prizes.

Stars Lotto Result: 06, 23, 25, 27. Next jackpot €6,200.

Handball & Racquetball Lotto Result: 02, 07, 09, 22. Next jackpot €3,200.