



### First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

**Response:** *Lord, come to my aid!*

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord.

*Lord, come to my aid!*

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. *Lord, come to my aid!*

### Second Reading Hebrews 12: 1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA – AUGUST****24th MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL**

*I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate Sunday 24th August as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal, which I am making in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh (whose letter can be found at the back of the church & the parish website), unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all.*

*As Pope Leo said, addressing the young people gathered for the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, and encouraging them in their desire to transform our world for the good: 'We are with the young people of Gaza, we are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war. My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue.' (Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 3rd August 2025).*

*May we all be a sign, by our prayer and action, that a different world is possible, and that a route to peace and reconciliation can and must be found through dialogue.*

**+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin**

“Please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your parishes and homes on Sunday, 24th August. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people”.

*From the Pastoral Letter, Archbishop Eamon Martin*

**WHAT'S ON****Thursday 21st August**

After Mass the Holy Rosary in the Oratory is specifically for vocations to the priesthood. All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration****Monday to Friday**

**10.30am to  
5.00pm. in the  
Oratory.**

**SUMMER DUES****COLLECTION**

Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church or from the Parish Office.



We remember

**Michael Lakes**

**Tracy Cluskey**

**Marie (Bridget)**

**McGovern**

who died recently

**MAY THEY REST IN  
PEACE**

**Church Collections**

w/e 9th/10th August 2025

1st Priests: €634

2nd Collection: €468

Envelopes: €519

**PARISH LOTTO**

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were

**Lotto Nos 1, 2, 19, 29**

**Jackpot €300.00**

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes.

The Draw takes place on

Tuesday morning before the

10 a.m. Mass. Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.



**Next weekend will be the last weekend to offer enrolment for the Associate Membership of Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 4th-9th September 2025.**

**Lough Derg—Pilgrim Path Lake Shore Pilgrimage – In the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries.**

Sunday 31st August. Guided 8km & 12km walk options available. Admission €25. Advance Booking Essential. Contact [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or 0719861518.

Aid to the Church in Need

**First National Pilgrimage to Knock**

**Saturday  
August 30, 2025**

To give thanks to God for all the blessings he showers on us, Aid to the Church in Need is delighted to announce details of our first ever national pilgrimage to our Eucharistic and Marian Shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo.



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If you would like to find out more information, or to organise a bus, please contact us by  
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**Thought**

In our fallen world people fall. They are casualties. Lives get bruised and broken. The Father sent someone to help Jesus carry the cross. Jesus will send someone to help your loved one, if you put your faith in Him. No cross should be carried alone.