

SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER

Creator God, we thank you for the wonder and beauty of all you have created. You have created us humans to be protectors and carers of creation. Yet we are the ones now spoiling the works of your hand. Your son Jesus Christ is still suffering and dying in the suffering earth and suffering poor. Forgive us our sins against your creation and against the poor of the world. We join with all of creation in thanking you and praising you. We thank you, Creator God, for all the good things we enjoy. Help us to live more simply. Give us the courage you gave to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost to proclaim and advocate for the care of our common home and the poor. Amen.

Fr. Tîm Galvin, Kiltegan Missionary Priest and Laudato Si' Animator, South Sudan. Died in 2023. Taken from Laudato Si' Prayerbook.

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Next weekend, 20th/21st September, Crosscare will hold its Annual Appeal for those most in need. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation. Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help.

WHAT'S ON

the Choir Gallery

Monday 15th September Choir practise at 7.45pm in

Baptism Preparation

meeting in the Oratory at 7pm for baptisms taking place next Saturday at 12.30pm

Thursday 18th September

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

<u>Friday 19th September</u> Eucharistic Prayer Group

meets in the Oratory from 2.30pm-3.30pm. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday to Friday 10.30am to 5.00pm. in the Oratory.



Go Down To The Potter's House

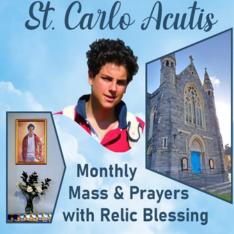


Working with clay as a different path to meditation. No previous experience of pottery or meditation required.

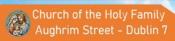
(Optional Eucharist at 4pm)

Director: Fr Donagh Oshea op 20th of September 10am-4pm Cost: €70 includes lunch. Booking is essential. TO BOOK:

Call 01 404 8189/ 404 8123 or Email dominicanretreats@gmail.com







Thought One day two angels were chatting. "Can anything be *impossible*?" queried a junior angel.

The Archangel replied "It's in Holy Scripture, 'Without faith, it is impossible to please God".

"Didn't Jesus say *All things are possible to him who believes?*" countered the junior.

"Ah, humans need to choose to believe, to choose faith and hold on to it" answered the wise archangel.

"And they'd rather believe things are **impossible**!" gasped the angel.

'Even though Jesus said 'Don't be faithless; but believe.'

They looked down at God's children on earth and shook their heads in wonder.

The Parish Office

Due to staff holidays this coming week, the parish office will be closed on Thursday 18th September 2025.

Church Collections

w/e 6th/7th September 2025

1st Priests: €664

2nd Collection: €527

Envelopes: €721

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund
There was no winner of last
week's Jackpot.
The winning numbers were

Lotto Nos 2, 7, 17, 32 Jackpot €700.00

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.

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 77(78):1-2,34-38 **Response: Never forget the deeds of the Lord.**

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **Response.**

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest.

They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. **Response.**

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips.

For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. **Response.**

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave them their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **Response.**

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are: and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life
in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.