



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE
OUTREACH 30 OCTOBER 11th 2020



“I think it would be very beautiful if families this October rediscover the wonder and the beauty and the profound depths of the Holy Rosary,” Archbishop of Armagh



Fr. Hugh writes: One of the many inconveniences of these covid-drenched times is that it's not a great time for wedding planning. Until recently only thirty people were permitted to attend a wedding and now it is down to fifteen. I suppose we could always look on the bright side and say that this might help couples not to bankrupt themselves but it is of course very sad for people not able to have all their family and friends present to share in the joy of their big day. If it is any humorous consolation to them at least they don't have to suffer the indignity of having invited guests saying that they would rather go to their farm or their business or even kill the postman who delivers the invitations!

That of course is what we read about in the strange gospel we hear this Sunday. It is about God in his goodness inviting us to share in the fullness of his life, to enjoy the many gifts he is offering us in his son Jesus, and we, whether through ignorance, laziness or perversity, think that we can find a better offer elsewhere. We choose leaky cisterns rather than the inexhaustible fount of living water. “If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you, give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask and he would have given you living water”, says Jesus to the Samaritan woman in John's gospel.

Matthew's parable concludes in a way that seems strange, indeed unfair. If this poor man had been dragged in from the highway to the wedding he is hardly likely to have his best clothes on, so there must be another meaning. It is true to say that God loves us always and just as we are, but it is equally true that, with his help and grace, he wants us to change. The more we are conscious of God's presence and love in our life the more we are aware of areas in our life where we have not yet said “Yes” to God. Saint Paul tells us that with Christ it was always “Yes” to God, and it is with his help that our “Yes” can increase and deepen. Hugh Duffy SJ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: David Froud, Barry Henwood, Lourdes Saunders, Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley, Pat Hayden, Barbara Atkin- Spivey, Calvin Thompson, Mary Atfield, Margaret McNeil and Simon Hamerton 

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Maria Salgado; Derek Reidy; Shirley Edwards; John O'Brien; Bro John Parsons SJ; Fr Michael Flannery SJ and Fr Robert Carty SJ. RIP 

CONGRATULATIONS SIMON

I am delighted to inform you that as of 30th September, Corpus Christi Catholic Primary school has selected Mr Simon Lennon to be the permanent Head Teacher. Simon is fully committed to the Catholic ethos, vision and leadership of the school to empower and ensure the continued character development of children and staff to the ultimate success of the school.

The performance of a school rarely exceeds the quality of its leadership and management, therefore the recruitment of a Head Teacher is the most critical task of a governing body. I commend all the governors for participating in this lengthy process at all stages of recruitment preparation; contributing a great deal of thought, care, time and prayer to the entire recruitment and selection process. If anyone would like to consider supporting the school as a Governor, I would welcome talking to you, our website: <https://www.cccpschool.co.uk>

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Simon on his appointment. I am confident that you will support him as he leads the school 'joyfully' into a new and exciting future.



Anna Murphy-Sullivan
Chair of Governors



HOT OFF THE PRESS: FRATELLI TUTTI "ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP"

In his new encyclical the Pope envisions "renewed hope from a universal love open to "every man and woman". "I invite everyone to renewed hope" Pope Francis writes in his new encyclical letter "Fratelli Tutti," addressed to his "brothers and sisters all" in this "wounded world" brought to its knees

by the coronavirus pandemic and other crises, including poverty, racism and violence. Francis suggests ways in which we can build a more just, peaceful world, one in which we recognize each other as brothers and sisters of one human family.

The circular letter has eight chapters:

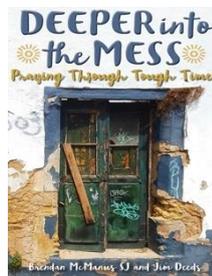
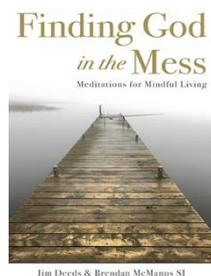
1. "Dark clouds over a closed world" highlights trends in our world that hinder the development of universal fraternity: populism, aggression, isolation...
2. "A Stranger on the Road". Francis looks at our contemporary world through the lens of Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, which "eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan."
3. "Envisioning and Engendering an Open World". Pope Francis emphasizes the value of "solidarity" and suggests "re-envisaging the social role of property." He calls for "a new way of thinking" about "the foreign debt" of poor countries.
4. "A Heart Open to the Whole World", addresses migration and the need for creative responses to people fleeing "grave humanitarian crises." Calling for greater international cooperation, Francis writes, "we are either all saved together or no one is saved."
5. "A Better kind of Politics". Francis emphasizes the need for "a better kind of politics", centred on human dignity and the common good. it is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, including the reform of the UN.

6. "Dialogue and Friendship in Society." Francis writes, "a country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many cultural components."
7. "Paths of Renewed Encounter". Pope Francis highlights "the need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter."
8. "Religions at the Service of Fraternity in Our World". "One fundamental human right must not be forgotten in the journey towards fraternity and peace: religious freedom for believers of all religions." For, the different religions, contribute significantly to building fraternity and defending justice in society.

The Pope concludes by singling out Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi and, above all, Blessed Charles de Foucauld, as models of "the universal brother."

FINDING GOD IN THE MESS - PRAYING THROUGH ISOLATION

We are living in uncertain times, governed by daily updates on the toll the COVID-19 pandemic is taking on our country. We watch, helplessly, as more and more people succumb to the virus. struggling to make the movements have been But we still have our McManus SJ. and Jim day "Isolation Coronavirus crisis.



Our elected leaders are right decisions. Our curtailed, our lives, upended. ability to pray. Brendan Deeds have put together a 14 Retreat", specifically for this Using meditations from their God in the Mess" and "Deeper

into the Mess", they have come up with 14 themes based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. Each day has a specific theme, a preparatory prayer, an introduction to the theme, three Scripture quotes, some questions for reflection and a closing prayer.

TO FIND THIS RETREAT GO TO SACRED SPACE. The Irish Jesuit Webpage .

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/covid-19-isolation-retreat>

KEEP CHUCKLING



SEE YOU ONLINE: Everyone can join our 9.30am live stream Sunday Mass on Youtube. Our thanks to David, Eileen, Aidan and Liam for their help to provide this service.