

**Today's Gospel Reflection.** What does this story tell us? Jesus was not just asking a rhetorical question. He wanted a response to his question *who am I for you?* He had spent time with people and some have accepted him. Peter's was the remark of faith. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed.

Our faith is based on Jesus not on the church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside - knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart. The name of that openness to God's love on the part of the people is "faith." Is our faith just like a birthmark or a way of life and love? For some it is just a birthmark.

A label for birth, marriage and death. It has become more like this in Ireland and the church in many ways allows this. The church is the body of people here for Christ, concerned intimately with whatever concerns people. Who is Christ for me?

The question that will ground our faith. Christ is bigger than the church, and God is bigger than Christ. We are here for partnership with the Lord in bringing on the reign of God. What would that look like? That people who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the unborn and the refugee.

The church is the community where the weakest are welcomed. The son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too - he has no body now on earth but ours!



**A Prayer for our Parish Community**

**Almighty God,**

*we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:*

*In the ministry of word and sacrament, in teaching and pastoral care, in service to the Diocese and Deanery.*

*The community and those in need, in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.*

*We pray for all members of the congregation, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love, shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen**



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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**27<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

**I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.**

Sunday 27.08	10am 11.30am	Brendan Marrinan RIP Daisy Thomas thanksgiving	Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20
Monday 28.08			
Tue 29.08			
Wed 30.08	6.30pm	Adrian O'Rourke RIP	1 Thess 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
Thu 31.08			
Friday 1.09	11.15am	Funeral Service: Winifred Eileen Barratt RIP	1 Thess 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13
Sat 2.09			
Sunday 3.09	10am 11.30am	Agnes Connor RIP - Kathleen Rose Durkin RIP	Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

**Feasts of the week:**

Monday, St. Augustine, bishop. Tuesday, The Beheading of John the Baptist.

**The Pope's prayer intention for August**

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**Winifred Eileen Barratt RIP.** The funeral service will take place at Mother of God at 11.15am on Friday 1st September 2017 followed by the cremation at Gilroes Crematorium at 12 noon. Our sincere and deepest condolences to her family and friends.

**Our Lady of Rosary Group,** Sunday 27 August at Mount St Bernard's Abbey, to pray for World Peace and Young People. Commencing with Mass at 2.00pm, break for picnics resuming at 4pm. Full itinerary of the afternoon is on the poster on the notice board.

**Churches Together in West Leicestershire.** Summer get together praise in the park. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm in Western Park near the bandstand, led by St. Anne's band. Everyone is welcome.

**Leicestershire Historic Churches, Ride and Stride 1017.** This year event will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. As usual, a group from Mother of God will be taking part. We will be going to Market Harborough and working our way back to Leicester. Our 'Ride' part, as in previous years will be by 'bus' so the 'stride' (walking) will be around places we stop at. Anyone interested in taking part, please see Ted Cook after the 10am Sunday Mass.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS)** - Mass at Nottingham Cathedral. Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 1pm at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on Friday 8 September 2017. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. More information from [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**A Summer BBQ Event** is arranged for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Mother of God Church Hall, Greencoat Road, LE3 6NZ. From 11am to 8pm. Lots of fun and activities lined up such as mini football for all ages, sack/egg race, free jumping castle etc. Meals costs £5 per adult drinks 50p. Under 18's free. Beef burger/sausage roll and squash drink. For further details, please call 07722801274. Donations are accepted. All welcome. Delaine Takunda Mukopfa was tragically taken away on the 10 January 2015 just aged 10yrs. He was an inspirational boy loved by many people. He was a mass server, footballer, and he held a diploma in modelling. The family together with some friends established the Delaine Takunda Mukopfa (DTM) Foundation to celebrate his life through helping other young people. Fundraising events are ongoing since the formation of his charity.

**Please note: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September one Mass only at 10am.**

**Leicester Comhaltas** 40th Year Celebration Céilí. Saturday 23 September 2017 8pm at St Patricks Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane Leicester LE4 2BD. Ivy Leaf Céilí Band. Buffet Céilí and raffle on the night. Adults £10 under 16s free.

**Saint Barnabas Cathedral,** Nottingham Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Exhibition of vestments and plates including items from 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Including programme of talks: Friday - History of lace by Rev Jayne Shepherd. Saturday - Ecclesiastical textiles and workshop on conservation and restoration.

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine,** Ireland, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017. £649 per person sharing. Price includes flights from East Midlands all taxes, 4 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast and 4 Course. Entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762278 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and fully protected by ATOL T7613. **See Poster in church porch.**

**Reading Group meeting** on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Convent in Loughborough. If you would like to come along, then let Susan know and she will send you the article to be read for discussion prior to the gathering and that we know so we know how many to cater for. Please email Sister Susan at [religious@nrctd.org.uk](mailto:religious@nrctd.org.uk).

**Mass Intentions:** One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Thank you

Please keep in your prayer all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

**Financial details:** 13<sup>th</sup> August £1257.53. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

**300 Club:** 20<sup>th</sup> August £50 Mr P. Doherty (25).

**Thought for the week:** "Unexpected kindness is the most powerful and least costly way to make someone's day." ~ **Author Unknown**

**Please note:** For any emergencies phone St Peter's Church on 0116 251 9802 or Blessed Sacrament on 0116 285 8795. Please be aware that your messages might not be picked up straight away and would be preferable to direct any enquiries to the parish office, preferably by e-mail.



~ Tea/coffee after the 10am Mass on Saturday in the Presbytery and every Sunday after the 10am Mass in the hall.  
Please join us!

**CAR PARKING.** There are plenty of spaces in the car park at the back of the church. Please do not park on the pavement or grass verges at the front of the church as we have been advised that it is illegal.