



Mark 1:21-28
Sunday January 28th 2024
"Here is a teaching that is new"

In today's gospel we see Jesus at the beginning of his ministry. He commences it in quite a dramatic way by driving out a demon.

His choice of words when speaking to the man are interesting. He says: "*Be quiet!*". I think Jesus also may be saying these words to each of us today. Jesus is telling us that we need silence in our lives in order to listen to what he wants to say to us.

There is a real sense of turning over a chapter in the Gospel today. We have a new authentic voice who can speak with authority and bring healing to those in need. Saint Mark tell us "*Here is a teaching that is new*". Something different is happening, there is a change of gear and a new direction as Jesus commences his ministry. When I think back on voices of authority in my own life, I often recall nuns, priests and teachers who lived out their Christian lives in a generous and life-giving way. It was clear when meeting them that the word of God resonated deeply with them.

At this time of the year, we are also turning a page as our new season of Spring which is beginning slowly as the daffodils and crocuses are gradually emerging in our gardens and parks.

God is always present in everything that we do and constantly accompanies us on our journey of faith. So, whether at work, at home, school, or college or in ministry, Jesus enriches the lives of each and every one of us no matter what we are doing. This is summed up well in the words of Saint John Henry Newman who said, "*We are before God always.*"

Deacon Gerard

COLLECTIONS

21st January

First Collection € 1,533

Share € 1,060

We are very grateful for your continued support.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Jackie Kelly, Carrickhill Drive

David Kelly, Strand Road

Julie (Josie) Lawlor, St. Anne's Sq.

Sat. 6.30p.m.

Graham Murphy, [RD]

Eugene Furlong, [A]; Colm Kennedy [3rd A];

George & Sarah Faulkner [27th A];

Eileen, Brian & Charlie O'Farrell, [A]

Helen Malone, [3rd A];

Sun. 10.30a.m.

Brigid Godsall, [RD];

Connie Harvey, [A]; Breda McPhillips, [A]

Sun. 12.00 noon

Patrick Kearns, [RD]; Patricia Fitzpatrick, [RD];

Graham Murphy, [RD]; Noel White, [10th A];

Mary Graham, [20th A]; Tom Ryan, [A];

Mary Redmond Ryan, [A]; Joseph O'Toole, [A];

Donncha O'Muineachain, [A];

Robert Heuston O'Farrell, [A]

CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OUR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST PENANCE, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION RECENTLY.

FEAST OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL AND FRANCIS TAYLOR, DUBLIN MARTYRS

is celebrated in the Archbishop of Dublin on Tuesday, 30th January 2024

Margaret Ball: died in prison in Dublin 1584

Born Margaret Bermingham about 1515 in Skreen, Co Meath, she married Bartholomew Ball, a prosperous Dublin merchant, where she came to live. Her eldest son, Walter, yielding to the pressure of the times, became a Protestant and an opponent of the Catholic faith. Margaret continued to provide 'safe houses' for bishops and priests passing through Dublin and would invite Walter to dine with them, hoping for his

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reconversion to Catholicism. But Walter was not for turning. When he was elected Mayor of Dublin, he had his own mother arrested and drawn through the streets, on a wooden hurdle, as she could no longer walk, to Dublin Castle. Here she remained imprisoned for the rest of her life. If she had renounced her faith she could have returned home, but she refused and died in prison aged 70 in 1584. The chapel-of-ease, called Blessed Margaret Ball Church, built in the 1980s on the Coolock Road at Santry in Larkhill parish, Dublin, was named in her honour.

Francis Taylor of Swords, layman, Lord Mayor of Dublin: died in prison 1621

Francis Taylor was born into a wealthy Catholic family in Swords about 1550. In 1595 he was elected Lord Mayor of Dublin. A convinced Catholic, he refused to accept the Acts of Supremacy (Monarch is the head of the Church) and Uniformity (The Book of Common Prayer is the only legal form of worship and all citizens must attend Church services according to that form). Francis was put in prison in 1614 during the reign of King James I and remained there until he died seven years later. He is said to have been buried in the family grave in St Audeon's Church.

CANDLEMAS DAY or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is on Friday, 2nd February. As is customary candles for use in the Liturgy will be blessed during Mass unless there is a Funeral. If you would like candles blessed for use in your home, please leave them in front of the altar in the days before Candlemas and collect them from the same place after the Mass of the Feast.



ST. BRIGID'S DAY 1ST FEBRUARY

MONDAY 5TH February is a Public Holiday. There will be **Mass in our Partnership Area at 11am in St. Sylvester's Malahide.** There will be no public Mass in any of our other churches.

BLESSING OF THROATS

The Blessing of throats for the **Feast of St. Blaise** will take place in the parish after the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday, 3rd February** for those who wish to receive this annual blessing. We will pray together for all those

being blessed in the customary way: *"Through the Intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may the Lord free you from all ailments of the throat and from every evil. AMEN"*.

THE SYNOD A WORD TO THE WORLD

St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road on **Thursday, 1st February 2024 at 7pm.** Father Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is a well-known theologian and spiritual author who looks at the questions that many Christians ask in living out the faith. At the request of Pope Francis he led the three day preparatory retreat for participants in the Synod on Synodality in Rome, as well as delivering weekly spiritual reflections, last October. All are welcome, admission is free but a small contribution expense would be welcome.

33RD DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

RDS, Ballsbridge, D4

February 23rd, 24th, 25th

All welcome

Theme: "Jesus, I trust in You"

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS



Ruah: Breath of God, Life in the Spirit Team, invite you to the Life in the Spirit Seminars in the **Sacred Heart Church, Malahide for Lent this year.** The Seminars will help all participants to develop a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. **Tuesdays 8.00pm, 6th February – 19th March. In The Church of the Sacred Heart, Yellow Walls, Malahide.** The parishes of St Sylvester's and The Sacred Heart Church extend a warm welcome to all who wish to join us. To register please text or phone Teresa 087 2069249

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 27th April 2024. Details for the Parish Pilgrimage will be given at a later date. Please leave your name at the Parish Office if you intend to travel.

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