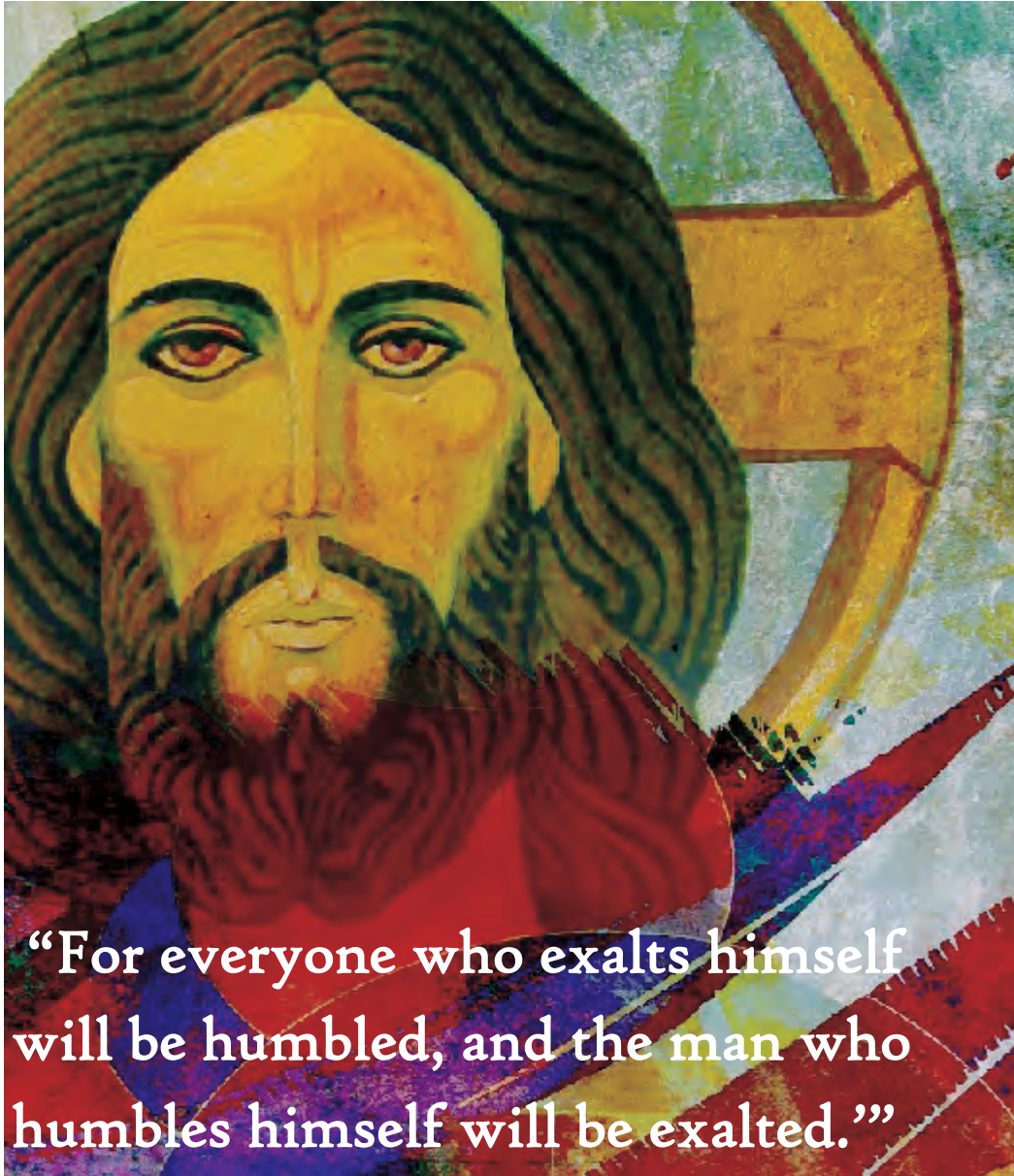


Our Lady of Good Counsel Church



28 Aug 2016

Masses

Sunday

Sat 7.00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 10.00 am, 11.15 am,
12.30 pm.

Weekday

Mon. To Sat. 10.00 am

**Miraculous Medal Devotions
and Benediction**

Monday after 10.00 am Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Confession**

Saturday

after 10.00 am Mass

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**MONDAY 5TH.
SEPTEMBER**

10.30 AM

Spirit Radio on 89-92FM & 549MW

PASSION FOR LIFE!

'For me, success is attained when I fix my eyes on Jesus, Spirit Radio reminds me daily to do this.'

- Katie Taylor
Olympic Gold Medalist

the deep end

This Sunday's Gospel

Everything is upside down and back to front these past few weeks. Have you been following the train of thought in the Gospel readings? First we had Jesus talking about how he has come to bring division, rather than peace. Next we heard him tell people that the first will be last, and the last first.

Today, he turns our expectations on their head once again, this time offering a lesson in humility. We should not 'exalt' ourselves or take the place of honour among our friends and acquaintances; rather, we should 'humble' ourselves and take the lowest place. When we throw a party, we ought to invite those in need rather than our friends, family, or rich, influential people – because we should expect nothing in return for kindness or generosity.

Jesus seems to enjoy a 'topsy-turvy' approach to life. Following him means thinking differently from the rest of the world – wearing our hat on our feet, so to speak!

Triona Doherty
Athlone, Co Roscommon

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUSTICE & PEACE INVITATION

TUESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30pm
In JOHNSTOWN PASTORAL CENTRE

Topics: Asylum Seekers and Refugees in
Direct Provision Centres
Homeless People on Dublin's Streets

Fr. Paddy Byrne from Portlaoise Parish will speak to us of their Justice group's experience in serving refugees and asylum seekers in local Direct Provision Centres and homeless people on the streets of Dublin.

Direct Provision Centres were established by the Government in 2000 as Ireland had increasing numbers of immigrants. These Centres are far from ideal with lengthy waiting times and unsuitable living conditions where residents do not have the right to work.

We hope to learn from Fr. Paddy Byrne and Portlaoise Parish's experience in local Centres and their visits to the homeless people in Dublin city and to do something similar for the residents of Direct Provision Centres in the Dublin area and for the homeless people on our streets.

We hope that you will come and listen and possibly help this project in some way.

Thank you,
Geraldine Murphy,
Johnstown Peace and Justice Group

Rest In Peace



John Brereton

Annette Bradley

Phyllis Dowling

John McKeown

Blessings and Sympathy to her Family



Parish Choir back in singing form

Rehearsals begin again

Thursday 1st Sept

Monday 5th Sept

New members always

Baptised in Christ

Calum McDonald

Manco Capac O'Connor

Matt Traynor

Noah Smith Murphy

Emma Kelly

Blessings on Babies and Families

Parish Baptism

Upcoming Baptism Dates

Sunday 02 October 2016

Sunday 06 November 2016

Sunday 04 December 2016

Sunday 01 January 2017

Parish Link

The Parish Link welcomes notices relevant to the newsletter. The best way to ensure your notice, is to sent it by email as a

word document to johnstownparish@gmail.com

by Monday 12.00 noon for the next issue

Further information to 01 2351416

Certificate in Spirituality

A new programme in spirituality is being offered in partnership with Lumen – Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. This Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality is a two-year part-time programme which takes place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 – 9.30pm over Saturdays each year. The programme begins on 29 September. It is an exciting and spiritually enriching programme open to all, and no prior learning is required. For further information contact Anne Ryan, anneryanflanagan@gmail.com or Tel: 086 884 3652.

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are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award in September 2016 based on demand, this qualification is for employment in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and as homecare workers. To express an interest kindly contact 0579370221.

Saint John of God Hospital

8 week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction course.

Tuesday 6th September - Tuesday 25th October

18:00 to 20:30

Eight Tuesdays - 2.5 hour per class

The course also includes one full day of Mindfulness

Location: Saint John of God Hospital Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

Price: €350 Full tuition, support and course material provided

Booking confirms place

For further information contact:

Anne O'Farrell on

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