

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Sunday 24th January. Mark presents the Gospel of salvation within the context and plan of the life of Jesus. That life is the story of the suffering of the Messiah, now seen in the light of the Resurrection. We learn that the path to victory is by suffering discipleship. But the 'between times' are difficult and there is no other way. The call to follow Christ is the call to repent and believe.

Monday 25th January. The Conversion of St Paul. Paul's experience on the road to Damascus had a profound and lasting effect on him. From then until his death he was dominated by his devotion to the person of Christ. He preached the Gospel tirelessly, mainly in the non-Jewish world, building up Christian communities and bearing witness to his faith in Christ by his life and his work. Many of his letters have been preserved and form a substantial part of the New Testament. He died a martyr's death in Rome about AD 65. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** concludes today.

Tuesday 26th January. St Timothy and St Titus. Younger followers of St Paul, they became his co-workers as missionaries. Both feature in the New Testament writings and both were leaders in early Christian communities.

Wednesday 27th January. St Angela Merici, founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness, and concern for the individual.

Thursday 28th January. St Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274) One of the greatest theologians, he is patron of schools, universities, students and booksellers.

Saturday 30th January. St Aidan, bishop (died in 626). A native of Cavan, Aidan studied under St David of Wales before returning to Ireland to set up a monastery at Ferns in Wexford.

First Anniversary Mass for Joe McLaughlin, at 7pm, Saturday 30 January.

First Anniversary Mass for Maureen Walsh, at 10am, Sunday 31 January.

The parish of Movice

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Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate a year in honour of **St Joseph**. There'll be more about this in later newsletters. This weekend we're printing the Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Church, Patron of Workers, Guardian of the Redeemer (titles given to St Joseph by Pope Pius IX, Pope Pius XII, Pope John Paul II respectively) and often invoked as Patron of a Happy Death.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

We offer our **sympathy** to the family and friends of Noreen McConnell, River Row, who died this week. May she rest in peace.

A Month's Mind Mass for the late Fr Patrick McGoldrick will be celebrated in St Pius X Church at 10am on Monday 25 January.

A prayer for Vocations: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving the diocese and the Church.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Social Media. The parish of Movice is now on social media. To follow us on Facebook, search for Movice Parish; on Instagram our username is movilleparish (no spaces). We would like to use these platforms to keep you up to date with all parish news and live streams to parish Masses and other services taking place in the church.

The parish office is now located in what was Fr McGoldrick's house. Normal office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm. During “lockdown” the times may change. If the office door is closed (or if there's no answer on the phone) please call to the parochial house.

Mass this week: every morning (except Saturday) at 10am. The Vigil Mass for Sunday will be celebrated at 7pm on Saturday. For the present, our churches are open for private prayer only. Mass may be viewed via the parish webcam.

Chiropodist, Deirdre Britton, will be in Serenity House on Friday 29 January from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. Appointment only 0860666538/9360363.

The January edition of *The Net* is available to view on the Diocesan website and Facebook page.

Messengers for February may be collected in the porch of the parochial house.

If you'd like to volunteer for any area of parish life and ministry in 2021, please get in touch.

Catholic Schools' Week 2021 will be celebrated from 24 – 31 January. The theme this year is: Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience. Given that our schools are operating online at present, the parish will mark the week by praying at daily Mass for our Catholic school communities and the other school communities in the parish, using the key words: **Faith, Learning, Love, Resilience and Hope.**

The five key words associated with Catholic Schools' Week this year could be applied not just to our schools, but to our parish community as a whole.

Perhaps we can work together, especially during this time of pandemic, to be seen to be people of **faith, hope and love**, praying with and for one another, albeit remotely most of the time. Why not use modern technology to pray with your friends and relatives whom you can't see face to face or visit as you'd like to? As we pray for the sick, we ask the Lord to help us to listen and **learn** from the medical experts who are doing their best to guide us safely through this time. Please God, our efforts, our **resilience** and our care for ourselves and our neighbour will see us safely through this time.

Thank you for your financial support to the parish in the past week which amounted to €1,905. We're grateful to those who, although they're unable to attend Mass, are supporting the parish by dropping their envelopes or other contributions at the parochial house, or by Direct Debit / Standing Order. The bank details are available to anyone who wishes to use online banking.

Preparing for Marriage? *Catholic Engaged Encounter* will host an online Marriage Preparation course on Zoom, on 27/28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for marriage, where you'll discover how you can enrich your future relationship. For information / booking, go to www.marriageencounter.ie or call +4428 2763 8512.

On Wednesday 3 February the parish will be praying, as part of our commitment to the worldwide **Movement of Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life**. In February we're invited to remember all married couples, especially those who may be experiencing any difficulty in their relationship. We pray for peace, healing and reconciliation.

Ministers of the Word may collect their **2021 Missals** in the sacristy of St Pius X church (before or after Masses) or from the porch of the parish office or the porch of the parochial house.