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# Clogherhead & Walshestown Parish




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Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

***To build bridges, bring together and renew the parish community in a spirit of faith, trust and hope through loving service of God and of our neighbour***

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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

**Thursday 3pm-5pm**

**SCHOOLS - St Denis': 982 2873; St Paul's: 685 2285**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

*Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 2*

*Psalter Week 1*

## **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

Marriage Enrichment is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage ~ more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 26th to Sunday 28h April 2024. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only - **[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)**

The Parish List of the Dead, deceased benefactors and the recently deceased: Pearl McVeigh; Eileen Wogan; Alec McClean; Veronica Seery; Mary Teresa Reilly; Fr Tommy McNulty; Sandra McCartney; Thomas Tallon; Brendan McEvoy; Seán Carton; Felix Cavanagh.

**Mass Intentions This Week**

**St Michael, Clogherhead**

**Ss Peter & Paul, Walshestown**

**Vigil 7.30pm** Frank Levins;

**Sunday 10am** Ann Millar + Rose Fox;

Margaret Shevlin;

Sue & Tom Reilly

Vincent Collier & Jim Murphy

**Next Sunday 10am** *Free Intention*

**Sun 11.30am** John Hayes (rd)

Mon 9am with MM Novena *Free Intention*

Tue 10-11am Eucharistic Adoration

**Next Vigil 7.30pm** *Kathleen Lewin av*

*["Family" Mass]*

**Next Sun 11.30am** Mary Teresa Reilly MM



**Tuesday Holy Hour:**

**Dominican**

Adoration from 10-11am in  
St Michael's.

**Contemplative Sisters,  
Drogheda Vocation  
Discernment Weekend**

**Prayer to St Blaise**

O God, deliver us through  
the intercession of Thy  
holy bishop and martyr,  
Blaise from all evil of soul  
and body, especially from  
all ills of the throat; and  
grant us the grace to  
make a good confession  
in the confident hope of  
obtaining Thy pardon, and  
ever to praise with worthy  
lips Thy most holy name.

*Amen.*

Vocation discernment  
weekend in the  
Monastery of St.  
Catherine of Siena, The  
Twenties, Drogheda, Co.  
Louth. **A92 KR84**, from  
the 16th to the 18th of  
February 2024. For  
young, single women  
between the ages of 18-  
35 years old. Please  
contact: Sr. Mairéad O.P.  
at : **sienavoc@gmail.com**

**Pioneer Total  
Abstinence Association  
of the Sacred Heart**

Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast next Sunday 11 February 2024 at 11.00 am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

**Alpha Course**

Alpha Course Starts Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Hall, Jonesborough, facilitated by Deacon George Kingsnorth.

Curious about faith? Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts

and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back. For further information contact Deacon George at -

**george\_kingsnorth@yahoo.co.uk**

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? **ALONE** are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: **<https://alone.ie/volunteers/>** for more information, contact Fiona on **[fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie)** or on **086 136 6539**

# Verbum Domini—The Gospel of the Lord     Mark 1: 29 - 39



This passage tells three stories to illustrate the various dimensions of the life and ministry of Jesus. There is food for thought in each of them.

1.The first story (vv. 29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?

2.The second story (vv. 32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness, etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?

3.The third story (vv. 35-39) has a number

of different elements we can consider:

a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with what is going on inside yourself? How do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?

b) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?

*John Byrne OSA*

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy today (Sun)** 3pm with Confessions from 2:00pm St. Nicholas' Church, Dundalk Featuring Holy Hour, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Anointing of the Sick

Legion of Mary members will lead the **Stations of the Cross** on the Sundays of Lent in St Michael's at 5pm.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi and San Giovanni** departing 16 October for 7 nights. Visit Sts. Francis, Clare and Pio and Bl. Carlo Acutis with local Spiritual Director. Cost of €1199 includes full board, flights to Rome and Naples, local guides and all transfers. Contact Paul Johnstone (**086-828 1889**) or Marian Pilgrimages (**01-878 8159**)