



# *Bandon Parish Bulletin*

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## *Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

This is holiday time for many people. For some, it is an opportunity to leave behind the preoccupations of daily living. It may also be an opportunity to renew and to nurture contact with loved ones, relations and friends.

After feeding the crowds and healing their sick, Jesus needed a mini-break. He tells the disciples to slip away quietly while he sent the well-fed crowds away. Then he heads off himself for his own little holiday in the hills. There, he spends some time in deep contact with his Father, a contact that we call prayer. Prayer is not an escape from the difficulties of life. Rather, it sensitises us to the needs of others as well as to the wonder and goodness of God. It allows us to grow in wisdom, strength and love that enables us to create justice, security and hope in the world around us.

It allows us to ask for all our needs, even for a miracle - through impetuous Peter's challenging request to Jesus on his arrival could hardly be called a prayer of intercession! As the storm worsened, Peter's frustration had grown. He realised that they should not have crossed the lake at evening time even at the request of Jesus, the carpenter. Fishermen should have known better.

'Enable me to walk on water' was the request. Jesus did as asked and it was the bravado Peter who lost his nerve. Be wary about what you ask for, but ask. Prayer time is a time with Jesus. 'It is I. Do not be afraid.'

*Fr. Thomas Clancy  
Dennehy's Cross*

## FIRST READING

1 K 19:9,11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

***Stand on the mountain before the Lord.***

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord.' But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. R.
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. R.
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. R.

## SECOND READING

Rm 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

***I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.***

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers

of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Lk 19:38*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!**

**Peace in heaven**

**and glory in the highest heavens!**

**Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

*Mt 14:22-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Tell me to come to you across the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday next, the 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be as follows:

<b>Monday 14th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Gaggin</b>
	<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>Parish Church</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Mass</b>

*Note: There will be no 10.30am Mass on Tuesday morning.*

### RECENT BAPTISM

*Holly May O'Donovan*, Deerpark.

**BANDON AGE FRIENDLY TOWN COMMITTEE** have been looking at the need for a shuttle service in Bandon. We are now in a position to roll out a subsidised scheme on a trial basis for one month commencing Monday 14th August. Taxi/Bus will run Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings around all areas in Bandon with pick up points being set by demand. The cost could be minimised to €3 return for Age Friendly Members. In order to set routes and timetables we have set up a registration system with forms available at St Michael's Centre, Post Office and Pharmacies around town. Cost to register is just €2. Forms and fee can be dropped in during the week to St Michael's and also an open registration morning will be held there between 10am and 12noon on Wednesday 9th August.

### *A Summer Prayer*

Father, creator of all, thank you for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.  
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me  
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.  
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family  
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to you this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray, no matter where I am or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence  
and light my path with your word and counsel.  
As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

*Amen.*

*Sacred Heart Messenger*