



St. Conleth's Parish Newbridge

Sunday
Newsletter

Week beginning Sunday, 18th August - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Centre, Station Rd, Newbridge - Mon & Fri: 10am-9pm Tues - Thurs: 10am-10pm - Tel: 045 431121

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fire on the Earth

In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he has come to set the earth on fire. He also tells them that he has come, not to bring peace, but division. Strange words, challenging words. How are we to understand them? Jesus' teaching caused division; he taught that the Kingdom was open to everyone and this brought him into conflict with the religious establishment of his day. He disturbed people, championing the poor and the dispossessed over the wealthy. Very often his listeners did not really want to hear what he had to say.



In the early days of the Church, people who converted to Christianity were often rejected by their family and friends. They had to choose between Christ and the family. In this gospel passage, Jesus is reminding the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. A commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

It is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict.

Today's gospel offers us a great challenge; to be with Christ rather than against him, regardless of the opposition or conflict it may bring.

Jesus says he has come to cast fire upon the earth. Fire warms and comforts. It also burns and refines what is impure. At Pentecost, the Spirit came as tongues of fire. Let us invite the same Spirit to burn within our hearts, strengthening us and purifying us on our journey as disciples.

PARISH SERVICES

Useful Websites, Emails & Helpful Numbers

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie

iCatholic Player Website:

www.icatholic.ie

HOPE (D) Counselling Service:

2 Henry St, Newbridge.

Phone: 087 151 3535

Samaritans: jo@samaritans.org

24 hour confidential line free to call
116 123.

ACCORD Newbridge

Mon-Fri: 10am-1.30pm

Appointments available:

Mon & Fri: 10am-7.45pm

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Tel: 045 431695 **Web:** www.accord.ie

Parish Contacts

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For more information, visit:

www.newbridgeparish.ie

NOTICEBOARD

St. Vincent de Paul will hold their Church Gate Collection this weekend.

Newbridge Parish Share Food

Items in special demand include cereal, soup, curry sauce and tinned meat. They can be donated at local Churches and at the Parish Centre, Dealz, Tesco, Dunnes and SuperValu. Many thanks for your support.

Lions Club Charity Dance

Monday 19th August from 9.30pm to 12 midnight in Tougher's Ballroom, Naas Road. Music by "Philip English". Supporting local projects and causes.

Social Dancing every Thursday night

at Newbridge Town Soccer Club in aid of Almas and Sr. Muriel's home for the poor. Music this Thursday night 22nd August from 9.30pm to 11.45pm by "Moynihan Brothers" Admission €10.

Wider Options September 2019

An information meeting will be held on **Friday 23rd August at 10am** in St Conleth's Community College, Station Road, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Wider Options is a one year mature adult education programme (morning classes), ideally suited to people who have been in the home for a number of years or have retired, those working in minimum wage jobs who wish to progress their career. **All are welcome.**

September 22nd "Pop UP" Art Exhibition

Artists are invited to apply for a space to showcase their work which will be held in Newbridge's historic Town Hall on Sunday 22nd September from 10am to 10pm. Submit your request along with 2 samples of your work to eiliskavart94@gmail.com. Closing date Friday 30th August.

History Talk in Newbridge

Community Library. (The shortest Way – The Polish Brigade at Arnhem, 1944). Tuesday 3rd September 7pm.

Local historian, James Durney will give an illustrated talk on the 1st (Polish) independent Parachute Brigade at the Battle of Arnhem in commemoration of the 75th anniversary.

A History of Christianity in Newbridge

Book Launch on Tuesday 20th August in Newbridge Library at 8pm.

ZUMBINI

For children age 0 months – 4 years and guardians. Starts 5th of September, every Thursday 10 weeks in Newbridge Parish Centre. To register, contact Joanna on 089 4653938 or Zumbini.com.

Notices to be sent into Parish Office by Wednesday at 12.00 noon at the latest



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PARISH UPDATES

Ministers of the Word Sunday, 25th August

Parish Church

6.00pm: Mary Smyth
8.30am: Brian Maginn
11.00am: Arthur Burke
12.30pm: Fatimah Kave
7.00pm: Phil James

Cill Mhuire

7.00pm: Stephen Hall
10.30am: Fintan Downey

Parish Finances Sunday, 11th August

Development Fund: €4,262.00

Offertory: €2,185.00

Total: €6,447.00

Many thanks to all our parishioners
for their continued support.

Our recently deceased

Michael (Mick) Mahon, Castlebridge,
Wexford.

*We express our deepest
sympathy to his family.
May he rest in peace. Amen*

The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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Saints of the Week

Mon 19th August: St. John Eudes

Tue 20th August: St. Bernard - Patron
of Gibraltar & beekeepers

Wed 21st August: St. Pius X – Cardinal
Patriarch of Venice

Thu 22nd August: The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 23rd August: Ss. Rose of Lima &
Eugene (Eoghan)

Thought of the Week

**“Love is a fruit in season at all times,
and within reach of every hand”.**

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Newbridge Parish Lotto

Wed, 14th Aug - Numbers Drawn

09 12 25 26

1 Winner of €20,000 Jackpot
(Askea Parish)

16 Matched 3s shared €1,000

Next week's Jackpot - €10,000

“If you're not in you can't win!”

Tickets can be purchased from various
outlets throughout the town. Tickets are
on sale every day in the Parish Centre
and until **12.30pm on Wednesday** (the
day of the draw).

**Many thanks to all who support the
Lotto and special thanks to all our
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