



Paróiste Chill Taobhóige

Tithe Pobail Ghleann Fhinne agus

Leitir Bric

Twenty-Third Sunday — Year A — September 10th 2023

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Next Weekend Masses

(Dé Sathairn—Saturday)

Glenfinn: 6.00 p.m.

(Dé Domhnaigh—Sunday 9.45

(L.B.) & 11 a.m. Glenfin.

11 a.m.



Confessions

They are available anytime, especially after Mass on Saturday evenings



September Intentions of Pope Francis

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked.

Arranged Masses



Sunday 10th August 9.45 a.m.

Con McMenamin (Chondy Bán)

24th anniversary.

Saturday 16th September 6

p.m.

Jimmy Quinn

7th Anniversary.

Tuesday 19th September 6 p.m.

Tommy Herron

12th Anniversary

Friday 22nd September 7 p.m.

Charlie McNamee

7th anniversary & baby Robin

Saturday 23rd September 6 p.m.

Hugh Kelly

15th Anniversary.

Sunday 24th September

Francie Harkin—7th anniversary.



Aifrinn na Seachtaine

Masses this week from

Monday Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday

Will be at 10 a.m. each day.

Tuesday Mass— @ 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2023 FROM 10:00-19:00 U The will of God (Saturday retreat) Divine Mercy Centre Letterkenny

Time goes by so quickly. If we pray the Lord's prayer ("Our Father") on a regular basis, we repeat the words "Thy will be done" quite often. But what do they mean? What is the will of God? In other words: what does God desire? In general and also very personally, for me? Today?

We will be talking about this during our retreat. The retreat starts at 10 a.m. with Mass in the Cathedral and continues until 7 p.m. It will consist of talks, moments of prayer and reflection and sharing our experience of faith. We will also gather around the table for lunch.

Cost: €20 inclusive: *Please note that it is necessary to book this retreats.* To do so, or for more information please contact the Divine Mercy Centre at: 074 916 9934 or dvmletterkenny@gmail.com.

PRIESTS ON CALL

Many Thanks to Fr. Pádraig Ó Baoighill, & Fr. Kieran McAteer, & Fr. Anthony Briody who very kindly were available during the last few weeks for weekend Masses, wakes and funerals Masses.

Thoughts on Mass Readings for the Twenty- Third Sunday

Sunday Year A September 10th 2023.



We are reminded today that to belong to the Church is to belong to a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. This means that being a Christian is not a private, purely personal affair, although that is the way some people seem to behave. When God asked Cain, "Where is your brother?", Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The teaching of the Gospel is that indeed I am responsible for my brothers and sisters. Not only that, our relationship

with Jesus, with God, depends intimately on how we relate with other people – be they members of our own family or complete strangers: *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:35) And: *Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me...just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.* (Matthew 25:40,45) Many of us are reluctant to involve ourselves in other people's affairs. Sometimes that attitude is good and wholesome but sometimes it is not. Our government, for instance, now frequently asks us to report on instances of abuse of which we may be aware. Such behaviour against defenceless people is something about which we need to be really concerned, to the point of taking appropriate action to protect the victims. If such things happen within the family it can be even more difficult to take action. It is not easy to see a father or mother brought away by the police or investigated by a social worker, even though it may be in the best interests of all concerned.

The Relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis will visit St. Eunan's Cathedral on Tuesday 19th September: 11 am - 3 pm



Blessed Carlo was born in London to Italian parents, but grew up in Milan where his family relocated when he was just a child. From a young age, he displayed an extraordinary devotion to his Catholic faith and attended Mass daily, regularly received the sacraments as well as developing a deep love for the Eucharist. On the 10th October 2020, he was beatified by Pope Francis, becoming the first millennial to be declared 'Blessed' by the Catholic Church. The Church said that his beatification highlighted "the significance of his witness, particularly for the younger generation,

demonstrating that holiness is attainable even in our modern world". Blessed Carlo Acutis would have been 32 years old on the 3rd May 2023, had the young man not died of leukaemia in 2006, at the age of 15. Acutis was known for centering his life around the Eucharist and attending Mass and Adoration daily.

The relic has travelled to Ireland from Assisi's Sanctuary of the Renunciation, the Church where Blessed Carlo Acutis' remains are housed and displayed. The church is located at the site where it is said that St. Francis of Assisi cast off his rich clothes and took up the poor habit. The relic is a first-class relic, meaning it is a piece of the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis. The Relic will arrive from St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry for 11 am on Tuesday 19th September and will continue to Ards Friary at 3 pm. Schedule of Prayer and veneration of the relic will be announced next week.