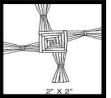




Please remember in your prayers **Oliver Curran** (St John's Court) and his family whose funeral took place here on Tuesday. Also our own **Fr George Foley ss.cc.** whose funeral took place in Tralee on Wednesday. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anama



Next Friday is the **First Friday** of the month when Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound. Please let us know of anyone who **may not** be on our list.



A big thank you to all those who organised our annual **St Bridget's Well Mass** on Saturday, those who prepared the site and those who prepared the refreshments afterwards. Finally thanks to all our Pilgrims who turned out again in great numbers this year.

Muli bwanji from Mazabuka!

The time here is challenging, you can't deny that, but those glimpses of moments when you succeed in teaching one of the girls her times-tables makes you feel that it's all worthwhile. I recently read that "pain is like fabric: the stronger it is, the more it's worth". This is so true for the girls here at 'City of Joy'. The girls are all here because they are part of **G.A.R.T.** which stands for '**girls at risk trust**' and they are here because they have been at severe risk of abuse or have been removed because of a high potential of being abused. The level of risk for each girl varies depending on their individual situation. Their history influences them in everything they do, from the way they wake up to how they are when they go to bed. But, in each girl, there is a resilience, a strength, which can be nothing, but admired. Each are like a landmine that could go off at any time depending on what situation they find themselves in. At the core, these are the strongest, most beautiful girls you could meet. It's a difficult world for all. There's delicate balance about getting them into a regular routine and keeping order but also taking into account their history, but also that they're history can't excuse certain incidents. I've watched them the last 5 weeks and been shocked, surprised, annoyed, elated, laughed and beyond proud of them.

Some other general **Zambian** observations:

- **Seat belts are to decorate the car only**
- **We live on a road that is called 'Cha-cha-cha'**
- **On our road, we have a little house that passes itself off as a college of agriculture**
- **It's acceptable to call 3 dogs (2 male & 1 female) all by the name of Eric**
- **There are also 3 cats, 2 normal and 1 slightly.... Special**
- **Nothing EVER happens on time in Zambia**

(Natalie & Lisa xx)

The Lighter Side !

The school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her 3rd year Class. After explaining the commandment to 'Honour thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, little Jenny answered, 'Thou shall not kill....'



Weekly Church Collection

1st Basket €270
2nd Basket €215

Envelopes €425



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Entrance Antiphon

Monday

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Tuesday

Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

Wednesday

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Thursday

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Friday & Saturday

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Next Week's Ministers 2nd/3rd August

6.30pm (W) Teresa Watts
(E) Phil Finn, Maureen O'Toole & Rita Lynch
10.30am (W) Carin Martin
(E) Yvonne Downey, Peg Cullen & Robert Gardiner
12 Noon (W) Hugh O'Neill
(E) Kay Ryan, Rose Healy & Catherine Fitzgerald

| MASS INTENTIONS | 26TH JULY - 3RD AUGUST |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Sat. 26th July 6.30pm | Mary & Martin Rogers & Deceased Members of the Rogers Family. |
| Sun. 27th July 10.30am 12 Noon | Pascal Delaney (Get well) Winifred Hall (Recently Decd) |
| Monday 28th | Teresa Young (Recently Decd) |
| Tuesday 29th | Aryanna Lily Duffy (1st Anniv.) |
| Wednesday 30th | Yvonne Downey (Get Well) |
| Thursday 31st | Mary Axtmann (R.I.P.) |
| Friday 1st August | ALTAR LIST |
| Saturday 2nd 10.00am 6.30 pm | William Doyle (Recently Decd) Special Intention |
| Sunday 3rd 10.30 am 12 Noon | Rose Anne Byrne (Anniversary) William Muddiman (Rec Decd) |