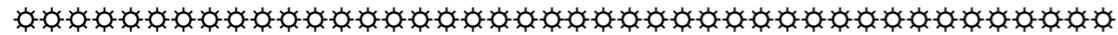


Mass Intentions

Tuesday July 19 th	4:00pm	Patrick Byrne; Theresa Fitzgerald; Maude Kelly; Helen Dwyer; Michael Gosine; Winnie Ryan
Wednesday July 20 th	9:30am	Kevin Bouzane; Sam Kavanagh; Rita Newton; Edward Dwyer; Arthur Cummings; Edward Laurie
Thursday July 21 st	7:00pm	Michael Shea; David Fitzgerald; Bride Manning; Kathleen Oates; Bernard Brazil
Friday July 22 nd	9:30am	Rita Newton; Marie Rees; Greg Mansfield; Christine Whalen; William Fitzgerald; Michael, Margaret & Jack McLean
Saturday July 23 rd	4:00pm 5:00pm	Sacrament of Penance Frank Pendergast; Cyril, Enid & George Cahill; Edward Kent; Edward Dwyer; Marjorie Sweeney; Stephen Hawco; Maude & Henry McCarthy; James Quinlan & dec. family; Eneas Bickford
Sunday July 24 th	10:30am 2:30pm	For All Parishioners, Living & Deceased Cemetery mass, the Front

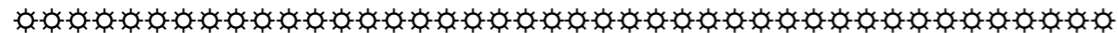
SANCTUARY CANDLE: Cyril, Enid & George Cahill



Collection

Offertory - 115 envelopes.....	\$1459.00
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Dues - 4 envelopes.....	\$37.00
Cemetery Fund - 2 envelopes.....	\$9.00
Donation in Memory of Regina Barry.....	\$20.00

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Liturgical Ministers

Sat. July 23 rd	5:00pm	Readers:	Ashley Curnew & Kevin George
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty & Kevin Quigley, Teresita McCarthy, Helen Pitts
		Presentation of Gifts:	Joanne Power & Jeff Childs
		Ushers:	Leo Byrne; Jim Pendergast; Fred Carroll; George Hickey; Brian Tulk; Cyril Jackman
Sun. July 24 th	10:30am	Readers:	Rosanne Grant & Gary Gosine
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Keith Kent; Irene Delahunty; Christine Quinlan; Judy Burt
		Presentation of Gifts:	Shirley Murphy & family
		Ushers:	Ray Kennedy; Rick Whelan; Tom Cole; Charlie O'Brien; Kevin Delahunty
Sun. July 24 th	2:30pm	Readers:	Ros Hurley & Bonita Power
Cemetery Mass		Eucharistic Ministers:	Riv Fitzgerald; Mary Power; Shirley Murphy; Sid Maddigan; Art Whelan; Carol Clarke

Welcome Home

Our parish extends a warm welcome home to all who have returned for the summer vacation. We pray it will be an enjoyable time for all and a special opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. We also welcome our many visitors to the Island. May you share in the great hospitality of our community.

Knights of Columbus - Rosary and Light Procession

A Rosary and light procession, organized by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on the campus of St. Bonaventure's College, St. John's, **August 12th**, starting at **8:00pm**. Those attending the celebration of faith are encouraged to be present at least

fifteen minutes in advance for the distribution of the candles.

Annulments

This week we want to open up a discussion on annulments because there is so much misinformation among Roman Catholics. Here are some frequently asked questions about annulments.

What is an annulment? “An Annulment is the declaration by a Tribunal to the Church that a marriage never legally (ie. according to the canon law of the church) existed as a sacramental union.”

What is the difference between an annulment and a divorce?

“A divorce is a dissolution by a civil court of an existing sacramental union. An annulment declares that there never was a valid, legal, canonical union, despite appearances to the contrary.” Remember, we live under civil law, ie. laws laid down by the province and we live according to laws laid down by the Church. Annulments do not refer to civil law, but to Church law.

Who can apply for an annulment? Any baptized Roman Catholic who has gone through a process of civil divorce and wishes to remarry within the Church while the divorced spouse is still alive will need to obtain an annulment.

Doesn't a divorce mean automatic excommunication? There is no Church penalty for divorce. Many divorced people kick themselves out of the Church. A divorced person is neither excommunicated or barred from the sacraments. Quite the contrary, a divorced person has the responsibility to live according to their conscience and live out their faith daily.

Divorce is a sin, isn't it? This is another popular misconception by some Catholics. Divorce by itself is neither right or wrong. In fact, the Church recognizes the need for a divorced couple to go through the civil divorce process to protect one or the other partner, to provide for child custody, child support, property division, etc. Divorce is not a sin.

Where lies the problem? When a divorced person wished to re-marry, the first union must be annulled in the eyes of the church. The first union is considered a sacramental union, a bond that civil authorities are not capable of breaking. Only a Church Tribunal can declare that the sacramental union never existed. The Church considers all marriages binding and all marriages between baptized Christians (those of another faith as well) to be at least potentially a sacramental union. Therefore, before a second marriage can take place, the first marriage must be declared null and set aside.

Catholics who divorce and re-marry are not excommunicated, but they are not supposed to receive the sacraments unless their first marriages are annulled.

Annulment then in an invitation for divorced people and re-married Catholics to be reconciled to the Church and fully participate in the life of the Church. The Church wants people to seek an annulment and return to full Eucharistic Communion.

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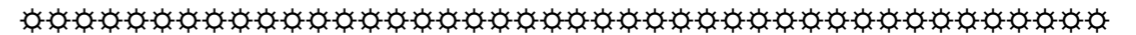
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Focus: God is the One who sustains us from moment to moment, loving us just the

way we are.

One of the parables that the disciples failed to understand was that of the wheat and the weeds. We can sympathize; perhaps we, too, fail to recognize that evil is present around us. Our acknowledgment of the presence of evil-*the weeds*- should deepen our gratitude for the mercy of God and turn us away from self-destructive behavior.