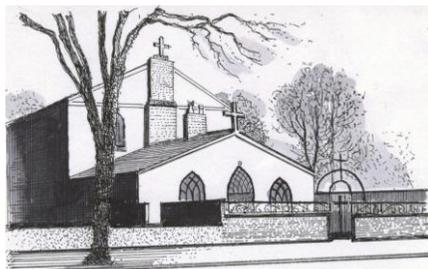


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24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 13 SEPTEMBER 2020
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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday	9.00am	Terry Riley
Sunday	10.00am	Genio Bonati
Monday	7.00pm	George Coroneo
Tuesday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	7.00pm	Elizabeth Robinson
Thursday	9.00am	Private Intention
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.00am	Michael Kilgannon

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	No confessions this week
Meditation	No meditation this week

Counters team next Sunday
No counters needed
PURIFICATORS NEXT WEEK
I will do them

COVID 19

As I have been in contact with someone who has tested positive to the virus, I must self isolate for 14 days. Sadly, I have been advised not even to see people in the garden during this time. If anyone wants to continue the phenomenal work that is being done in the garden just let me know and I'll come into the house.

PROGRESS REPORT – IN CASE YOU MISSED LAST WEEK

I can't believe that it is over four months since I got out of hospital. In that time I've had endless blood tests, changes of medication and scans. Sadly, nothing has shown up that would indicate what is causing my health problems: I'm tired all the time, have no energy and have great difficulty walking. I get up in the morning, wash, pray, have breakfast and celebrate Mass. At the end of Mass I can't wait to get back on the bed. I have a siesta after lunch and have to go to bed early. I have two more important tests to come. If they can't get to the bottom of things I'm afraid I will have no choice but to retire. So, please get the prayer mats out. Retire is the last thing I want to do. Meanwhile, you have no idea how much I appreciate the support I am getting. Individuals contact me and the parish whatsapp is worth its weight in gold. And where would I be without the garden. It is a life-saver. If you have contacted me and got no reply please understand that it is not from lack of appreciation. It's just that everything is an effort at the moment.

FUNERAL

Margaret Gormon's funeral is in St Luke's on Wednesday 16th Sept at noon
UNDERSTANDING

We recognize in the passionate exploits of athletics, art and literature, an interior reality suddenly expressed and made present before us. I could never tire of reading and teaching the great poets because they continue to speak to us. From the past these great works speak to us, transforming our present. But for those who get lost in the ephemeral concepts of these works of art, those who find great harmonious uninteresting or don't understand the logic of the game, difficulty ensues in understanding. The great pleasure is lost. The art and sport fail to speak. As the Italian philosopher and priest Luigi Giussani puts it, "There must be correspondence if there is to be understanding."

This is true not only for art and sport and music and poetry. It is true for the Church. Our work then, is to aid in correspondence. We must nurture the natural religious sense and spend our lives revealing its gratification in the Church.