



Mass Times

Monday-Friday

7.30am, 8.30am,
10.15am, & 4pm

SATURDAY

8.30am, 10.15am

Mass for the Sick

3.00pm

SUNDAY

9.00am, 11.15am
& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.45am - 12 Noon

3.00pm - 4.00pm

SATURDAY

10.45am - 12noon

2.30pm - 4pm

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St. Augustine's are
Live streamed.



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Mad Rush for Gold or God

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. (Mt 13:44)

Up to forty thousand Mayomen and Mayowomen, shovels on their shoulders, will rush into Croke Park today looking again for the buried treasure they believe is hidden in that field. Facing them, like the multi-headed beast Cerberus guarding the gates of the underworld, will be the multi-headed beast called Kerry. One side ready to give "everything they own" to get it and the other equally intent on baulking them. They've both been there before but their intent to be there again will not weaken in the slightest. Sam Maguire is their holy grail and they would willingly dig from every dawn to every dusk to find it.

Wealth as the way to health and happiness has been sought as the hidden treasure beyond all treasures since human history began. The hope of finding it and the hardship of the quest have driven men mad. The madness was betimes divine, but often diabolic. Think of the 'gold-rushes' of between one and two hundred years ago, when the promise of gold sent thousands rushing east to west across America, Australia and Canada. Any suffering would be endured in the cause of getting to California or Kalgoorlie or the Klondyke to stake a claim and scabble in the dirt there. The terrible hardships of the journey were ignored while the gold-fever ran high. Some men sold their women and ate their mules (or the other way around, according to taste) to reach their goal. How did they fare? A few well enough, but many of them were destroyed by disease or drink, disputes or disappointment. Others were maddened by repeated flashes in their pans, learning in the most authentic, if painful, way that all that glistens is not gold. An ever-growing heap of dross and shale was their only 'pay-dirt'.

A gentler quest for the same seductive stuff runs through earlier centuries: alchemists never gave up their quest for the 'philosopher's stone' to turn base metals into gold.

But that mad quest could be divine too. Jacopone da Todi (early Franciscan) translated by Padraig Daly (Augustinian of today) is explicit on the madness of the true quest for true treasure:

It is the very summit of wisdom to want to go mad for God

No better philosophy is to be found, even in Paris.

The one who goes mad for Jesus seems full of affliction.

But he is the true doctor of life and theology.

The crowd will call you crazy if you go mad for Christ

Never having felt the madness they will think you off your tree.

And in another place, like a cask full of the wine of love from the Cross:

Nowhere is there a hoop so strong

That my ferment does not rupture it.

(The God -Madness: Jacopone da Todi: Trans Padraing Daly; Dedalus 2008).

J.L.

Pointers for Prayer

1. Have you ever found yourself saying "that was worth it" after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?
2. The "kingdom of heaven" is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?
3. In life, we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?



PRAYER : God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of right judgement. Grant us an understanding ear, that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom and gladly forgo all lesser gifts to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen .

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World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

'I will not forget you' (Isaiah 49:15) is the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, which takes place this Sunday , July 26th. This verse chosen by the Holy Father which seeks to emphasise how God's love for every person is never lacking, even in the fragility of old age'.

Prayer

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen

Source: Short excerpt taken from Pope Benedict XVI Prayer for Grandparents



Upcoming Feast Days

Wednesday 29th

Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Friday 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola Priest
Founded the Society of Jesus

Saturday 1st August

St. Alphonsus Liguori
Founder of the
Redemptorist Congregation

Reek Sunday 26th July

The annual Reek Sunday takes place this last Sunday in July on Ireland's holy mountain Croagh Patrick in the Archdiocese of Tuam .

In the Bible, mountains were places of a privileged encounter with a divine presence, places which hosted key moments in the story of God's love for his people. High points like Sinai, Carmel, Horeb, Tabor and Calvary carry spiritual resonances for us.

Lord, remind us that we are a pilgrim people, searchers and seekers, companions on a journey, wounded healers and faith-friends, walking with Jesus to places made holy by his presence. Amen.



Lunchtime Concert
St. Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 28th July at 1.15pm

Adam Heron (Piano)

Admission Free (with retiring Collection)

