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Schedule for the Week:

Sat. 3rd Oct. 7.00p.m.	Fr. Mortimer Stanley (Months Mind); Marian Mulvihill; Mary Stokes O'Sullivan; Annie & Timmy Diggin; Special Intention; Catherine Kitty Scanlon, Ragoonagh;
Sun. 4th Oct. 11.30am	Jerry Kelly & decd. members of the Kelly family, Bromore; Eamonn Kennelly (3 rd Anniv.); James Jimmy Kissane Lahesrough, Norrie & Martin Sugrue & Laura fitzmaurice
Mon. 5th Oct. 10.00am	STATION: Gullane, Derra, Rahavannig, Tullabeg, Beale & Beale Hill
Wed 7th Oct. 10.00 a.m.	STATION: Church Road, Fushia Drive, Hillview Crescent, Spraymount Road
Fri. 9th Oct. 10.00a.m.	STATION: Bridget & John Enright, Pat, Willie & Thomas Enright, James Walsh
Sat. 10th Oct. 7.00p.m.	Joan & Matt Beirne & decd. family members, Andrew Pierce, Marie Kissane & decd. members of the Kissane Family, Doon Rd., & Kilgarvan
Sun. 11th Oct. 11.30am	Missa Pro Populo

Parish Notes

Welcome to St. John's Church. This is a House of the Lord: Please speak to Him for yourself and those dear to you. This is a Sanctuary of God: Please maintain the silence and respect befitting its sacredness. This is a place of sacrifice: Please, let us be especially conscious of this as we prepare for the celebration of Mass.

Please pray for the souls of: John O'Callaghan, Galway & Noreen Keane Cliff Road who died during the week
Anniversaries: Christopher Hellard, Patrick Lyons, Paul Shanahan.

Confession: Saturdays 6.15p.m. - 6.45p.m.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament: Mon. mornings from 8.45a.m. to 9.45a.m.

Annual Remembrance Service for parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage Ectopic pregnancy, etc. will be held Sun. 11th Oct. at 2.30 p.m. in Hospital Chapel6

***The Way** is an initiative of The Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth – it has been designed to help people discover, live & pass on the Catholic faith. Keep up to date by checking the homepage at www.theWay.ie Call 01-5053055 email: info@theway.ie

Link to the Synodal Gathering Working Document: www.dioceseofkerry.ie/natsyn

Priest on Duty Sunday 4thOct.: Fr. Jerry Keane Abbeydorney 087-2844649

Reflection: Vineyards and seeing the fruit of one's labor are possible themes from today's readings. Isaiah shares a song about a vineyard in today's First Reading. The vineyard, that has been planted with choice grape plants, and then is producing wild, unsavory fruit. The psalmist compares the nation of Israel to a vine transplanted from Egypt into the Promised Land. The choice vine is now being attacked. St. Paul sends greetings of peace to the people of Philippi as he prays that they will live lives that bear fruit from the GOOD seed that has been planted in them. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the story of a vine owner who leases the vineyard to others who seek only their own benefit from the well-provided-for vineyard. In the Gospel, mindful of the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament) passages concerning vineyards, Jesus, shares a story with those who have come to hear Him. In the story, the owner of the vineyard does all that is necessary to be sure that the vines produce GOOD fruit. The owner sets up a wall around the vines, builds a wine press, constructs a watchtower from where those who take care of the vineyard can guard the vineyard from attack. After the owner has done all this, he hands over the care of the grapes to tenants. The tenants are greedy and want not only the fruit of the owner's labor, but also the land on which the grapes are grown. When the vine owner's servants come to collect what is rightfully owed to the owner, the tenants attack and even kill the servants. More messengers are sent by the owner. They, too, are mistreated. Finally, the owner sends his son, the one who will inherit the vineyard. The tenants drag the son outside the walls and kill him. Obviously, GOD is like the owner of the vineyard. The servants/messengers are the prophets from of old. The Son is the Lord Jesus. The fact that the Son is dragged outside the vineyard forecasts Jesus' being crucified outside the wall of ancient Jerusalem. That is only part of the message for me. I see in the readings not only a warning to Jesus' contemporaries. I also see the readings as a challenge to me, a challenge to see what the Lord Jesus has entrusted to me. GOD has provided all that I need to produce a rich harvest for GOD. I have been given many tools that I can use in order to care for the part of the vineyard in which GOD has let me work. I am sometimes tempted as the tenants in the Gospel; it would be so easy to be greedy and see what I can get out of the crop just for myself. The challenge for me is that I take to heart Paul's words to the Philippians and seek to treat others the way GOD has treated me. I must be loving, gracious, kind, just, and fair. As Jesus will remind us in Matthew 25, the final judgment for each of us will be based on how we have lived out the GOOD News we have received by treating others as if they were the Lord Jesus. Our salvation has already been earned for us by the One Who was dragged outside the walls to be put to death. Our response to the gift of salvation that we have received is to treat others with the peace of GOD as demonstrated by the One Who came as the GOD of peace.

Community News

God Bless.

Fr. Gearóid Walsh, P.P.

