



RONCALLI RANT 6

Crashing out with no deal. No checkpoints. What about the backstop? This is all the language associated with the dreaded 'b' word: Brexit! There was a time when our neighbours were praised for their world renowned democracy and people spoke of the 'mother of all parliaments,' and whilst it is of course not nice to gloat, nor is it very Christian, most people acknowledge we are witnessing a right political mess when it comes to the times in which we are living. On top of this when we look towards that other well established beacon of civil liberty, our friends in America, again there is much questioning with regard to leadership. The air these days is heavy with the threat of impeachment. Now really a parish newsletter is not the place for political diatribe, or is it?

I think we all agree that to use the altar or indeed your parish newsletter to promote or indulge in party politics would indeed be wrong but it might be argued that politics with a small 'p' is in fact the business of the Church. Rooted in Jesus himself, and indeed in the gospel, the Church has always made a unique and enormous contribution to social justice. It is against this background that I offer this particular rant.

All over the world there is a new wave of the politics of fear. Talk of walls and foreigners and keeping people out is now prevalent again in a very similar way to that of the 1930s. So often we hear the message of fear and suspicion. On the contrary it is not often we hear the message that there is great richness in diversity. Sadly, sometimes in the past, the contribution to this debate by us as Church was not always something we can be proud of. We too managed to pedal fear. And indeed shame. And of course guilt. Catholic guilt can indeed be stifling. Crippling. This of course is not to be confused with having a healthy sense of our own sinfulness and consequently our need for God's mercy.

It is interesting to ask ourselves do we slide into being instruments of fear and suspicion? Do we see that racist comments, or ridiculing the one who is in any way different to us, even when dressed up as humour, can see easily stoke the fires of hatred?

I think when we eventually get around to our primary call, to know and proclaim Jesus of Nazareth, we will become the salt and light that makes a difference, including, and especially to, the political-socio-economic world we live in.

The message of Jesus when accurately proclaimed, and more importantly, lived, brings unbounded joy. Let's resolve to be ambassadors of joy rather than prophets of gloom.

Fraternally, Joe McD

Harvest dues envelopes can be found on the table at the back of the Church in St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's and can be placed in the collection bags during Mass or left into the sacristy after morning Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

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PIZZA & POETRY

PRIESTS

As different as chalk and Cheese, as they say -
These two priests of My Childhood

Cool, hip and trendy
Holy oil still wet on you.
You wrestled us, boasting
Fast Mass. Stale Beer,
Faint hint of Unclean.

In you strutted, pompous
They said, plump in purple
Bowed at crucifix in prayer,
Then shook our hands, leaving
Holy Scent of Old Spice.

Yea, chalk and cheese.
God forgive that sad sick
Young man that ruined us.

Thank you Jesus for the
Holiness of the Canon!

JOE MC DONALD. 08. 05. 18

Mass Times: St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge:
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am Holy Days: 10am 7pm.
Bank Holidays: 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times: St Brigid's Church, Straffan
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am
Weekday Mass 9.15am

Confessions on Saturday before 6pm Mass

Adoration Friday Mornings after Mass for an hour.

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Paddy, Annie, Pat & Mary Cooney,
Laurence O' Toole

Sunday 11am: Special intention

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Tommy Bagnall, John Able, William &
Margaret Heeney

Sun: 8.30am: Joseph & Roseann Ready, Edith Stirling

9.30am: Noonan & O' Neill deceased family members,
Michael Hennessy

11am: Carmel & Patrick Kirwan

12.30pm: Ned & Jenny Condell, McHale Family,
Frank Whelehan

7pm: Janet Ann Claridge

Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised this
Sunday - great saint for Ecumenism.

We include his beautiful Hymn from Night Prayer
"Lead Kindly Light" .

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!

The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!

Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,

And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Meantime, along the narrow rugged path,
Thyself hast trod,

Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith,
Home to my God.

To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 14th 10am: Aidan McDonnell, Jimmy O'Shea

Tue 15th 10am: John Redmond, Gerry Lewis, June Curtis, Clare McDermott

Wed 16th 10am: Patricia & William McKenna, Vincent, Chris & Susan Dunne

Thur 17th 10am: Carmel & Martin Brophy, Raymond Smith

Fri 18th 10am: Tommy Ferguson, Special intention

Sat 19th 10am: Joseph Dominic Mahon

Planned Giving - amount was €1282.89. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving.
Standing Order Amounts: June: €4322 July: €4420, Aug: €4422

AN INVITATION

Dear Parishioners,
As the days pass and I become more settled here in St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's, my daily prayer becomes increasingly a prayer of gratitude. I am grateful for beautiful churches, fine schools, a huge amount of volunteers, a great team around me, the best of programs and outreaches, and above all, you, as a vibrant faith community.

I am very conscious of the legacy of my predecessor. It is indeed a rich legacy of dedication and committed service. I am very grateful to Fr Paul, and indeed Fr Brian. My friends I invite you to our celebrations next weekend, details below, where we have an opportunity to offer our sincere gratitude. I look forward to seeing you there, fraternally

JoeMcD

Saturday 19th St. Brigid's Church 6.30pm Mass, Chief Celebrant Fr. Paul Taylor. There will be refreshments in Scoil Bhríde, Straffan afterwards.

Sunday 20th St. Patrick's Church 12.30pm, Mass, chief celebrant Fr. Paul Taylor. There will be refreshments in Scoil Bríd, Celbridge afterwards.

To facilitate parishioners who wish to give a gift to Fr. Paul, there are special envelopes available at the back of both Churches.
Please place the envelope in the collection bags during Mass or alternatively hand into the sacristy or parish office.

TO NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE ENVELOPES IN ANY OF THE SAFE'S.

FOR SECURITY REASONS. NO MONEY IS KEPT ON THE PREMISES.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish
The prize fund is now at €3200. The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church in St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's & the collection bags at the Masses.

You pick four numbers between 1 - 30 One line just €2, 3 lines €5.
This week numbers were: 1st draw: 1, 9, 13, 29. 2nd draw: 26, 12, 9, 17
3 consolation prize winners: Patricia Brady, Mary Carton, Jacqueline Hayes

Prizes can be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times.

Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw.

Our next draw will take place on Monday afternoon.

Envelopes must be submitted before 10.30am on Mondays