

THE DARNEL & THE WHEAT

Spiritual Schizophrenia
(Part 1)

In Chapter 13 of St Matthews Gospel we have the parable of the darnel (weeds) growing in the field of wheat, which is a reflection of one of the most perplexing realities of life. Good and evil can co-exist in our communities and even in the inner lives of individuals. This division, fragmentation, splitting apart is a manifestation of the Satanic, while gathering unity and harmony are a manifestation of God's work among us. Distraction means being pulled apart and we live in a world where distraction is taken to an extreme. It pulls people apart as individuals, as family members and as members of the community. One of the most frequent manifestations of the distraction fragmentation scenario is in the phenomenon of workaholism which unfortunately is very prevalent in today's world. It is frequently the underlying cause of stress related illness and conflict within families.

In his treatment of patients who have an obsession with work the American psychiatrist Dr. Aaron Kheriaty writes of the division of frantic activity at work and an oscillation to the other extreme where the workaholic sits at home as a couch potato watching too much television and possibly drinking too much alcohol as well. They are two sides of the same coin and from a spiritual perspective God is absent from the life of the patient and so multiple distractions enter into their lives as they engage in frantic chasing after a bigger salary, greater achievements, promotion to a higher status and so on.

Getting off this rollercoaster is not easy, that is why we need regular time for prayer, reflection and silence. Of course Dr Kheriaty points out some people will need medical intervention to heal the stress related illnesses that are associated with workaholism. But ultimately serious

thought must be given to what's important in our lives - what do we prioritise? If work is more important than faith, family, marriage and community then trouble awaits us down the line.

Fr Padraig

(Continued next week)

Reference: "The Catholic Guide to Depression"

Dr Aaron Kheriaty. Sophia Press

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

For men, beginning the 5th September and for women, 12th September in Termonfeckin, Co Louth.

The weekends are delivered by lay people, priests, nuns and brothers. Together they explore what it is to live as a Christian through faith in society. Further information: www.cursillo.ie

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Congratulations Jack Quinlan this week's winner. Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

In today's Gospel who said this "Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?"



Your entries by email to - ellenteresacoyn@eircom.net by Tuesday or to the Sacristy by Wednesday morning at the latest!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "PARISH NEWSLETTER" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. Should I continue to go to confession as I always find I have no sins to confess?

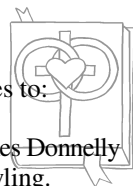
A. You probably are a good-living person who doesn't break the commandments. But nobody is perfect. Do you love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind? How much time do you give to prayer each day? Are you reading to develop your faith? Do you forgive others, help those in need, control negative thoughts, treat people with sensitivity and courtesy? What are the areas of character that you need God's grace to improve?

Q. Is it possible to fear God and love God at the same time?

A. One must distinguish between unhealthy fear which causes terror and healthy fear which breeds humility and reverence. The terrifying sort of fear fails to recognise God's love and mercy. Reverential fear is part of true faith which humbly recognises one's unworthiness before God's holiness. This humble fear is the beginning of wisdom. Reverential fear is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap
Intercom Magazine

WEDDINGS



Congratulations and best wishes to:

Lorraine Olwell and Emmet James Donnelly
Cathy Keena and Stephen Dowling.

recently married.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 15th August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the: Church** : from after 10am Mass to 11.45am
NO EVENING ADORATION because of Holy Day 7.30pm Evening Mass for Feast of Assumption of Mary.

“FATIMA” CLONDALKIN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Date: 11th to 18th September 2013

Hotel: Domus Pacis

Fare: €699 per person sharing – single supplement €175

Deposit €200 non refundable

For further information please contact:

Eileen Carty at 4574832

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The Novena to Our Lady of Knock begins on Wednesday next, 14th and ends on the 22nd, Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

Novena leaflets will be available in the Church.

NOTICES

Monday 12th August

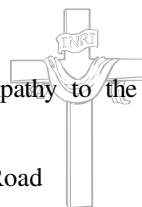
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Wednesday 14th August

Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

DEATHS



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Urusla Rogers, Castle View Road

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,309 – your planned giving contributions this week.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

We are glad to report that there is a pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 25th August.

Departing Clondalkin Village at 8am the trip will include an evening meal in Knock and we should be returning at approx 10pm

Cost for coach and dinner will be €45 per person.

Further details from:

Lieut. Ann Marie Langan, Order of Malta, 0866039274

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 12th August

7.30am Sheila Rushe B/day Rem

Wednesday 14th August

10.00am Mary Minogue B/day Rem

Friday 16th August

7.30am Tony Bridie, Rody & Pat Kinnane

Sunday 18th August

7.30pm (Vigil) Anthony James & Pat Hearey

10.30am Joseph Nolan MM

Frances Griffin MM

12 Noon William & Brigid Rogers

Joe Timmons B/day Rem

5.30pm Ann Elizabeth Morris MM

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th August

6.30pm. Jim Smith R.D.

Brian, Paul & Patrick Byrne An.

David and Gerard Lannigan An.

Sunday 11th August

11.00am Brigit Herlihy An.

Thanks to all who contributed to The Lourdes Invalid Fund €860 was collected and has been forwarded to them with all the names of those who contributed. The names will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Kitty Egan, Angela McCreevey, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Veronica Bayly and May Styne.

Altar Linen: Vera Rogers.

Flowers: Aileen Skelton from 9th August to 23rd

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR CANCER SURVIVORSHIP 2013

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations we are bringing all our patient events together in one major survivorship conference. This conference will be our main patient event for 2013.

The National Conference for Cancer Survivorship 2013 will take place on 20th and 21st September in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin and will be attended by approximately 700 cancer patients, survivors and family members. There is no charge for people to attend.

Information on the conference can be found at www.cancer.ie/nccs. If you have any further queries contact Avril O'Sullivan on 01 2310 533 or aosullivan@irishcancer.ie.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place in September and the organisers are appealing to you to become Associate Members by making a contribution to help defray the cost of bringing the sick on pilgrimage. Your contributions may be made in the Parish Shop after Mass where it will be recorded and forwarded to the Diocesan Office and your intentions will be remembered during the Pilgrimage.

If there are any sick people who wish to travel on the Special Section for the Sick, in particular those who have never travelled to Lourdes before, they should contact the Pilgrimage Office as soon as possible on (01) 8376820 where application forms are available.

RETREAT

The Syro-Malabar Community will be conducting a series of retreats on 14th and 15th September at Phibblestown Community Centre, Blanchardstown.

Fr Joseph Puthenpurackal will lead the adult retreat.

For information check www.syromalabar.ie

ALZHEIMER CAFÉ South County Dublin

Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 7.0pm

Topic: Dementia Friendly Communities
Speaker: Avril Easton, Project Leader Dementia Friendly Communities, Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Location: Bloomfield Hospital, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

Attendance at the Café is FREE
For further contact www.bloomfield/acscd.ie