

**"THE DARNEL AND THE WHEAT"
SPIRITUAL SCHIZOPHRENA
PART 2**

Last week we spoke of the parable of the darnel in the wheat and its reference to fragmentation in our spiritual lives which is especially manifested in the issue of workaholicism. This division of wheat and weeds in the same field also has resonance for Christians who practice their faith – we too can be divided and torn in our interior life. We have all come across the Sunday only Christians – they are angels on a Sunday and devils for the rest of the week. They go to Mass on a Sunday and then it's as if God disappears from their lives for the rest of the week.

Another manifestation of this spiritual fragmentation are those Christians who take on an off their faith as if it were a coat in the various day to day situations they find themselves in. Those of us who are in public life are particularly vulnerable to this type of "on – off" Christianity which can ultimately manifest itself as a sort of double life. God is put in a box to be taken out only at the opportune time. St Thomas More was a man who never put God in a box and in conflict with King Henry VIII he gave his life for the Christian faith. He was prepared to live faith both in private and in public. God is far too big to be put in a box and the more we try to confine Him, the more he breaks into our lives in the most unexpected ways. The parable of the weeds growing in the wheat field is also a sign for us of God's patience. He is the Lord of the Harvest and He gives us many good things to help grow the good wheat in our spiritual lives and kill the weeds that threaten to overwhelm us. Jesus tells us to seek first the things of God and everything we need will be given to us. When we have God in our lives and give him priority then the Holy Spirit will inspire us how best to use our time and talents in our families, in our workplace and in our community. We ask the

God of the Harvest to heal us of interior distractions that are a cause of disharmony and help us to love God in prayer and love our neighbour in both work and leisure.

Fr Padraig
(Continued from last week)

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €2,795 – your planned giving contributions this week.

SILVER JUBILEE!

Fr. Michael Ruddy, Shruleen, celebrates 25 years of priesthood on Wednesday next, 21st August. We send him our congratulations and best wishes and our thanks for his dedicated service not alone to Shruleen but to the wider community. We pray and hope that we will have his company for many years to come.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Cillian O'Loughlin is this week's winner. Congratulations Cillian! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

In today's Gospel what, according to Jesus, was He bringing to earth?



Your entries by email Tuesday to ellenteresacoyn@eircom.net 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. I've often seen a horseshoe over the door in outhouses. Where did this custom start?

A. One version is that the devil came to St Dunstan, a noted blacksmith, to have his hoof shod. Dunstan, being a man of prayer, recognised his customer, so he chained him and caused such searing pain in putting on the horseshoe that the devil cried for mercy. Dunstan released him on condition that he would never enter a place where a horseshoe was displayed.

Q. Why is St Anthony the saint for finding objects?

A. One story goes that a young novice, Brother Louis, stole a manuscript of a book that Anthony was writing, hoping to achieve fame and fortune by selling the work as his own. Anthony was more upset by the novice's loss of vocation than the loss of the manuscript, so he prayed that Louis would find his vocation. Poor Louis had a terrifying experience in a storm, so he hurried back in sorrow to Anthony who helped him find the way to follow his vocation. On hearing about the finding of the lost manuscript, people began to ask Anthony to pray when they had lost something. There is one catch with St Anthony: he expects a person to make a donation for feeding the poor.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap
Intercom Magazine

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to:

Ella Esther Roche, Bushfield Drive
Noah Daniel Keany, Castle Grove
Chloe Marie Morrin, Riversdale Drive
Paul Anthony Byrne, St. John's Close
Liam Jamie Gaff Henderson, Parklands,
Glasgow
Donal Francis Finegan, The Haven, Tower Rd

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 22nd August Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the: Church** : from after 10am Mass to 11.45am
Church: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold
Altar Linen: Mary Jenkins
Flowers: Kathleen Cosgrove, 23rd August to 6th September
(Weddings Tues, Thurs and Sat)

PHONE OUT OF ORDER

Apologies to those trying to get through to the Parish Office – the phone is not working - but hope as you read this we will be back in action.

NOTICES

Monday 19th August
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.
Legion of Mary meets in the Convent at 7.30pm. New members are welcome

Wednesday 21st August
Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm and all are welcome

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Cathy Keena and Stephen Dowling
Lorna O'Brien and Gareth Ward

recently married.

DEATHS

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

Brian Cruise, Oakwood Grove
Jim Smith, Michael Collins Park
Liam Heffernan, Castle Grove
Veronica Scott, Monastery Heath Avenue
John Hughes, Woodford Lawns

recently deceased. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 19th August
7.30am Deceased members of Kehoe Family
10.00am Eddie Harris

Tuesday 20th August
10.00am Eliz Whelan

Wednesday 21st August
10.00am Sean Fagan

Friday 23rd August
10.00am Kathleen Grace

Sunday 25th August
7.30pm (Vigil) Rose and Michael Slevin
10.30am Peter McCabe
Paddy Fitzgerald
Mamie (May) Craven, 8th An
Vincent Lernihan
12 Noon Conor and Alice Hogan
Danny Behan
Ellen and John Hoare
Thomas Cullen

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th August

6.30pm Frank Slattery An.
Jack Hughes R.D.

Sunday 18th August

11.00am Maphie Molloy B.R.
Eddie Tully and the deceased members of the Tully Family.
Kathleen Markey An.
Frank Slattery An.

FR. ASIF LEAVES US

Fr. Asif returns to his native Pakistan this week. He has been with us for the last month and has shared the celebration of Mass and Sacraments with us. We wish him well and a safe return to his home and look forward to his visit soon again.

FEAST OF QUEENSHIP OF MARY – THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST



The Feast of the Queenship of Mary was instituted by Encyclical Letter on October 11, 1954, by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

“From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church Christian people has addressed petitions and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven and never has that hope wavered that they placed in the Mother of the Divine King ...following upon the frightful calamities which before our eyes have reduced flourishing cities, towns and villages to ruin. We see that many moral evils are being spread abroad in what may be described as a violent flood.....victory of powers of corruption and threat of spiritual crisis fills us with anguish and so with confidence we have recourse to Mary our Queen...

(Pope Pius XI)

Novena to Our Lady of Knock ends today

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.

FRANCISCAN 3RD ORDER MEETING

Next meeting 24th August in the front room of the Presentation Convent after 10am Mass (10.30am approx.)

New members always welcome and especially on our year of Evangelisation. St Francis responded to the call “Repair my Church” at a time of fall away and showed us a way of following by His Spirit of love and self giving.

FINAL DETAILS FOR KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The coach leaves Scouts' Den, Watery Lane at 8am on Sunday 25th August, stop in Longford Arms on the way - tea, coffee etc not included in the fare- and dinner in the evening in Knock House Hotel. All in cost is €45 per person.

There are a few places left so please get in touch immediately with Ann Marie Langan, Order of Malta, 0866039274