

James's Street Parish

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30th Sunday Ordinary Time – 27 October 2024

WALKING THE CAMINO



Last month, I turned 40. Unlike my other “zero” birthdays, I found I had little interest in marking it with a typical celebration. Forty felt different. I found myself quietly contemplating the fact that somewhere in the next decade (based on average life expectancies) I would likely have fewer years ahead than behind me. That felt serious and, as my birthday approached, I had a heightened awareness of how important it was to use time wisely. From this mindset, I booked my husband and I to walk the final section of the French Camino, from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain, on my birthday week. I hoped it would allow time for reflection; I’m not religious in the traditional sense, and I find the word “spiritual” offputting. Yet, as a writer, I have spent a lot of my life thinking and reading, taking time to contemplate questions about life’s meaning, attempting to understand human behaviour, including my own, and wondering is there a wider presence behind it all. The first day of the pilgrimage, as the sun arose above the trees lining the Rio Sarria, we walked through the town to the overwhelming chorus of birds. John and I selected our stones; part of the Camino ritual is carrying a stone, which one leaves behind at some point on the journey, in a symbolic act of letting go. We bought our scallop shells from a tourist shop, as it seemed everyone on the pilgrimage had one hanging from their bags, and collected our pilgrim passports to get stamped at the various stops along the journey. In many ways, the whole Camino is one large ritual, built on these smaller ones. Of those we met on the route, quite a significant number were groups of Spanish students. Occasionally we heard English speakers, mostly American or Irish, but for the most part it was a simple “Buen Camino” as we passed fellow travellers. The few Americans we spoke to reminded me that for a large portion of travellers it was a religious journey; I winced as they spoke confidently about Christ and God in a way an Irish person would be most unlikely to.....John and I talked sometimes, sometimes were silent. We spoke about the tension I felt when people spoke of Christ and God. I realised, as a gay man, I assume I’ll be judged by them. We also discussed Galician graveyards, where the dead aren’t buried, but stacked in wall vaults, something that seemed odd to me, as I’d like my body to be placed in the ground where it would be reabsorbed by nature. Day three, the weather changed. We bought cheap plastic ponchos and tried to make the best of it but when we got to the hotel after seven hours of walking in the rain, I was feeling deeply unspiritual. That day, my knees, through significant amounts of discomfort, reminded me I would be 40 in less than two days. I tried to remind myself that the magical rolling hills of oak forest only existed because there was lots of rain.....“What is a pilgrimage if you are not religious?” I reflected on Philip Larkin’s poem Church Going, in which he muses about what churches will be used for when religion is done away with. He ends with the idea that they’ll be “serious houses” for those with a hunger to “be more serious”, and I thought about how it related to the Camino.....On the final day of the pilgrimage I woke up to the sound of John shuffling at the dark corner of the room. When he moved away, I saw two lit candles (in the shapes of 4 and 0) around a makeshift “cake” of Lindor sweets and Italian cannoli. As I blew out the candles, I thought back to the graffiti on the Camino: “LOVE is aLL!”....We have a collective myth around the Camino, one that has evolved many rituals over time, which began with an apocryphal story about St James the Great, and from then the devout have flocked along the routes to Santiago de Compostella for more than a millennium. The pilgrims are different now. I, like many, question if the body and bones in the crypt are of St James and I question their miraculous powers. Yet, the one thing that is unchanged for everyone walking the route is they are all seekers of one sort or another. However, I doubt what is sought can be found physically en route. For me, the Camino offers space, a time and place for those who hunger “to be serious”, to discover meaning where it ultimately resides, within ourselves.

*Courtesy: Jamie O’Connell author of Diving for Pearls
And the Irish Times
Full article [here](#)*

Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us who have died.



Three Parish Bible Group

Would you like to meet in a small group maybe once a week to read the Sunday mass readings and reflect, share and pray with them? It could be a great way to deepen your faith and meet others who worship in the Liberties. If you would like to know more, please email Father Colin at fathercolinrothery@gmail.com or call 01-4426296



November Remembrance

Masses of remembrance will take place in our three parishes as follows:

Fri 01 Nov 7.30pm in Francis St.

Tues 05 Nov 7pm in James’s St.

Weds 06 Nov 7pm in Meath St.



Brams Stoker Festival

runs from Friday across the weekend and Bank Holiday. It celebrates the legacy of one of Ireland’s most beloved and iconic writers and is now firmly established as one of Dublin’s largest arts festivals. See

<https://bramstokerfestival.com/en/>



University Church

Traditional Irish Storytelling and Music: On Wednesday, October 30, at 6pm, Eithne Ní Ghallchobhair will be accompanied with music by world-renowned guitarist Steve Cooney for “Traditional Irish Storytelling and Music” Storytelling in the ancient Irish form of the seanchaí, which forms part the Gaelic oral tradition of storytelling & history.

The Mass

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR B
27th October 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPTHON

(Stand)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

PENITENTIAL ACT (1)

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy. **People:** Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout!

“The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!”

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears; I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 125

[R1] What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

[1] When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs..... **[R1]**

[2] The heathens themselves said “What marvels the Lord worked for them!” What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad..... **[R1]**

[3] Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap..... **[R1]**

[4] They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves..... **[R1]**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: “You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: “You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.”

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSEL

Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.



As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, “Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.” And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, “Son of David, have pity on me.”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.” So they called the blind man. “Courage,” they said “get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, “What do you want me to do for you?” “Rabbi!” the blind man said to him “Master, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has saved you.” And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

(Sit)

THE CREED

(Stand)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1-▶ SIT ▶-1

PREFACE DIALOGUE

(Stand)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts, ...

1-▶ KNEEL ▶-1

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (1)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb ...

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPTHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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