

James's Street Parish

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Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time – 02 March 2025

BISHOP WILLIE WALSH — A TRUE RADICAL



The late Bishop Emeritus of Killaloe Dr Willie Walsh was a radical and effective crusader who was not afraid of “challenging the system”, his funeral Mass heard. At a packed Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Ennis on Monday, the current Bishop of Killaloe Fintan Monahan told mourners that “Willie was a radical in the true sense of the word”. He said: “He challenged unquestioned beliefs, the accepted mores of society

and in doing so stripped them back to their origin, measuring them up against what he believed was the core of the Gospel, Cineáltas Chríost, the gentleness of Christ. “Being frequently outspoken, he stirred things up. This sometimes ruffled feathers, was occasionally misunderstood, upset a few and others saw it as an effort to overturn hard earned orthodoxy.” Bishop Monahan said he “was a profound and effective crusader” in an understated, yet very effective way and won people over “to genuine Christian values through kindness, understanding, listening, generosity, care for the poor, the marginalised, people struggling and suffering in life”. He said that “Bishop Willie did this through his unstinting work with the Travelling community, his pastoral outreach to survivors of abuse, the sick, the vulnerable, so many who availed of his spiritual outreach as a true pastor of Jesus Christ”. Recognised by survivors’ campaign group One in Four as having taken a lead in addressing clerical sex abuse scandals, Dr Walsh was at odds with the church leadership on several issues. He publicly disagreed with its ban on artificial means of contraception, felt the celibacy rule for priests should not be mandatory, favoured women priests, and was always publicly supportive of gay people despite traditional church teaching. Dr Walsh died suddenly at his Ennis home last Wednesday evening just weeks after celebrating his 90th birthday. He served as Bishop of Killaloe from 1994 to 2010. Dr Walsh was the last surviving member of his immediate family and was predeceased by his parents Ellen and William, brothers Joe, Eddie and John and his sisters Maura and Catherine. At the end of the Mass, his niece Miriam Burke expressed thanks to those who had mourned his loss with the family. “Whilst we loved Uncle Willie as a member of our family, we were always aware that we shared him with another family - the family of Killaloe diocese and the extended family nationwide”. She said: “It is very clear to us that your sense of loss mirrors our own. Willie would not have wanted us to dwell on our loss but rather to celebrate his life and a life that was lived with purpose, joy, generosity and above all humility. We have much to celebrate and much to learn from the example of his life.” Members of the public turned out in large numbers on Monday and Sunday afternoon at the cathedral to pay their respects to the Roscrea native who first came to Ennis in 1947 where he entered St Flannan’s College as a boarding student. Dr Walsh - who celebrated being a priest 66 years this month - was to remain in Ennis for the rest of his life apart from periods spent in Maynooth, Rome and Galway on his studies. Burial took place on the grounds of St Peter and Paul Cathedral close to the plot of the late Bishop of Killaloe, Dr Michael Harty whom Dr Walsh succeeded as Bishop in 1994.

Courtesy Gordon Deegan Irish Times

Fr. Pádraig Daly launching his new book — “This Glowing Place”

On Thursday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Teachers Club on Parnell Square. All are welcome.

Pádraig J. Daly was born in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. He is an Augustinian friar, working in the Dublin Liberties. He has published thirteen collections of poetry and several volumes of translations from Irish and Italian. Translations of his poetry have been made into most European languages and collections have appeared in Italian and Romanian. His translation of a Poem by Eduardo Sanguinetti features on the dustcover of “The FSG (Farrar Straus Giroux) Book of Twentieth Century Italian Poetry”.



Mass & Eucharistic Service

In St. James’s Parish there is 10am Mass on Mon, Tues & Weds. Every Friday at 10am there is a full Eucharistic Service. Sunday Mass at 10am.



Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us who have died.



New Statue of St. James

On Sunday 16 March, when the new statue of St James is installed in the Camino Chapel **mass will be at 12noon** and not 10am for this Sunday **ONLY**.



Procedures for Allegations

The updated Procedure for Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Children or Vulnerable Adults against Clerics of the Archdiocese of Dublin 2025 is available [here](#).



Day of Prayer

This year, the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse will fall on Friday week, March 7, the first Friday of Lent.



Dublin City Parks Services

are moving ahead with a refurbishment of parkland between Christ Church Cathedral and the Civic Offices - a medieval lane called St John’s Lane. The area will be remodelled and landscaped with work set to start shortly and be completed later this year.



Aware

If you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware’s phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Stand)

The Lord became my protector,
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

PENITENTIAL ACT (2)

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

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: 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,
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

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus:

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged
on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 91

[R1] It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

[1] It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **[R1]**

[2] The just will flourish like the palm—tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **[R1]**

[3] Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **[R1]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:5,4-5,8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on
immortality, then the words of scripture will come true:
Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your
victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of
death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let
us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

(Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus told a parable to his disciples. "Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye."

"There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE 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,
(*All 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

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PREFACE DIALOGUE

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. . . .

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THE MYSTERY OF FAITH (2)

Priest: The Mystery of Faith.

People: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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 ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.