

The Parish of Cushinstown Weekly Newsletter

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Deep End- Now is the time

More than 50 years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him. Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the kingdom is too immediate to wait.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of

Sunday Mass will be live cast on the Parish website, www.parishofcushinstown.ie/live and on the parish Facebook page @cushinstownparishnews at 7:30pm for Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday at 11am

This weekend we pray for the repose of the Souls of:

Bridie Connick, Month's Mind Carmel Perry Nee Dunne, Old Charleton Hill

Those who died during the week: Paddy Finn and Nancy Hayden, Ballyleigh

Mass Intentions for the weekend January 30/31, 2021

Moira O'Shea, Coolback months mind.

Parish Office Opening Times during Level 5 lockdown

During the current Level 5 Lockdown the Parish Office will remain closed to the general public.

However, Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and other bookings may be made over the phone or by email.

Card payments are available over the phone.

Weekly Envelope Boxes

Your box of weekly envelopes are available in your Church for collection.

Catholic Schools Week 2021

This years theme is: Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience.

This week we pray for our school communities. We pray that our parish schools will play their part in handing on the gift of faith to our children.

Feast Days During the Coming Week

Monday 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul

Tuesday 26th - Ss. Timothy and Titus - followers and co-workers of St Paul.

Thursday 28th - St Thomas Aquinas

Saturday 30th - St Aidan Patron of the Diocese of Ferns

Online Donations to support your Church and Priest.

During the COVID 19 pandemic, parishioners are encouraged to use the online donations portal. The portal is on the Parish website www.parishofcushinstown.ie/donations. Please follow the link to support your local church of Cushinstown, Terrerath or Rathgarogue. Donations may be made to support the church and priest.



Snowdrops in the Parish Garden