

# PARISH NEWS

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the lamb as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, 'look' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the 'lamb of God' active in our world today.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'

*W.L. Wallace*

### Collections:

8<sup>th</sup> January

13<sup>th</sup> January

Envelopes €625

Envelopes €514

Baskets €840

Baskets €663

No of Envelopes

Direct Debits 7

Our thanks and appreciation to all who subscribe so generously to the Parish

### Mass Schedule:

Mass on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

Mass Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.00 am

### **St. Vincent de Paul ~ Thanks!**

The local branch of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Annual Church Gate Collection on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December. A total of €438 was raised. We also wish to thank the pupils, parents and staff of the schools for their kind monetary and food donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by both the Society and the local families in need of support.

Local Helpline 086-4042631

**Safeguarding:** If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Mick Daly** Mob: 085-8021633, email – [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

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**Parish Centre: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 – 12.30, Tues & Thurs 1pm – 4pm**

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## ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

### ***WEALTH***

Wealth is not the things we own –  
A stately house upon a hill,  
Paintings, rugs and tapestries,  
Or servants taught to do one's will.  
In luxury a man may dwell,  
As lonely as in a prison cell.  
Wealth is not a plenteous purse,  
The bonds that one has stored away,  
A boastful balance in a bank,  
Or jewelled baubles fools display.  
The things that really gratify  
Are things that money cannot buy.  
Wealth is health, a cheerful heart,  
An ear that hears a robin's song.  
A mind content, some treasured friends,  
And fragrant memories lingering long.  
Living is an inward art –  
All lasting wealth is in the heart!

**Alfred Grant Walton**

***Have a Wonderful Week***



