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MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon. 9.00am Tues. 9.00am Wed. 9.00am Thurs. 9.00am Fri. 9.00am.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND

Vigil: *Mary & Peter Gallagher. 10.30am: Deceased members of the Mullervy family.*

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: *No special intention. 10.30am: No special intention.*

Last weekend Collection: €1272. Thank you.

Next Weekend

Readers—Vigil: <i>Sonia Flynn</i>	10.30am. <i>Patricia O'Brien</i>
E.Ms. Vigil: <i>Anne Duke</i>	10.30am: <i>P J Bennett</i>

Feast Days

Aug. 20th **St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1152)**

At the age of twenty he joined the monastery at Clairvaux (France) He is best known as a scholar and theologian, an eloquent preacher and a reformer of monastic life.

Aug. 21th **St Pius X (1835-1914)**

He is quoted as saying "I was born poor, I lived poor and I will die poor". He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court.

Aug. 22nd **Queenship of Mary**

Pope Pius XII established this feast in honour of Mary in 1954.

Aug. 23rd **St Rose of Lima (1585-1617)**

She lived a life of solitude as well as caring for homeless children, the elderly and the sick.

Aug. 24th **St Bartholomew (Apostle)**

Bartholomew is rarely mentioned in the Gospels. His name only appears in the list of the apostles.

Not Peace at Any Price

Every time we attend Mass we remember what Jesus told his disciples, "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you" and we will then exchange a sign of peace. But in today's gospel reading, Jesus tells us that he has come not to establish peace on earth but rather division. What are we to make of this?

Peace means different things to different people and in different times. To some, peace means that everything is quiet, there are no disturbances; law and order prevail. These may be signs of real peace, but maybe not. Underneath the surface tranquility, there may be **injustice, racism, sexism, ageism, economic exploitation, religious discrimination**, and many other forms of oppression. This is not real peace; that's violence disguised as respectability.

The command to love our neighbor obliges us to protest against mistreatment and to struggle for justice. That can create division. It can get people thrown into jail. When **Martin Luther King, Jr** and others fought for racial justice, they were called "trouble makers." They were simply following the example of Jesus.

James Di Giacomo SJ

Mission Appeal

Fr Terry Smith of the **Holy Ghost Fathers** will be visiting the parish next weekend. He will be speaking at the Masses about the missionary work of the Holy Ghost Fathers through the world.

Baptism

We welcomed into the Christian family, **Peigi Marcella O'Halloran**, Minard and Dublin on Sunday. We pray God's blessing on the newly baptized and his parents.

Exam Results

Well done to all our students who got their Leaving Cert results this week. We wish them well as they contemplate what courses to take and what college to attend. Thought - "exam results do not define who you are as a person"

