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Hospitality and kindness

In the gospel reading this weekend **Jesus** is trying to teach us the value of what we might be tempted to dismiss as of little significance. In all sorts of ways throughout parishes people are giving the equivalent of a cup of cold water to those who need it. Parents are doing it for their children everyday of the week, especially in those times when children fall ill. Neighbours are doing as much for each other, young people, for those who have less vitality and energy than themselves. The kind of hospitality shown by the woman to **Elisha** is being replicated every day in all kinds of ways among us.

We can all think of people who have shown us hospitality over the years. Such hospitality may have taken a whole variety of forms, apart from food for the table. We appreciate those who make us feel at home when we move into a new situation, whether it be a new home, a new job or a new responsibility. **We value those who are hospitable towards us when we need a listening ear.** Such welcome responses are all expressions of that giving of the cup of cold water that **Jesus** speaks about in today's gospel reading.

Jesus who came to serve and not to be served was himself very appreciative of the cup of cold water from others. In the heat of the sun he asked the **Samaritan woman** for a drink; he welcomed the hospitality of **Martha** and **Mary** & momentary relief when **Simon of Cyrene** who helped him carry his cross.

Fr Martin Hogan

The Power to Heal

Each of us is capable of doing some healing,
Because we have **eyes** that can see,
Ears that can **hear**,
Tongues that can **speak**,
Hands that can **touch**,
And above all a **heart** that can **love**.

Lord, make me an instrument of your healing power.
Where there is hatred, let me show love
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

The Latest.....

From Monday a priest can celebrate Mass with a congregation, but must follow the rules laid down.

Every second seat must be left vacant. People must stay **6 feet apart** but family groups can sit together. That reduces the capacity of our church to **60, approx.**

Worshippers must enter the **main door** only and exit by the side doors. There will be **sanitizing gels** at the doors.

All who are elderly, vulnerable or feel unwell should **pray at home.** **There is no obligation to attend Mass at this time.**

The first week-end Mass open to the public will be celebrated on the week-end of **July 4/5** (next weekend) at the usual times; **vigil 7.00pm & Sunday at 10.30am.**

Anniversary Mass: Friday 7.00pm: Bernie Earley, Michael and Hannagh Mullervy.

July 4th (Vigil): Matthew Thompson.

Confirmation; Friday August 21st. There will be three celebrations, 12 noon, 2.00pm and 4.00 pm.