



9th August 2020

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MONASTERY RECEPTION

Opening Times:

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.45pm
Saturday 9.00am to 2.45pm
Sunday 9.00am to 1.45pm

Please follow safety precautions - hand sanitising, social distancing etc.

PUBLIC MASSES

The church will be open for public Mass:

Sunday to Saturday at the 7.00am and 9.30am Masses
Thursday at the 6.15pm Novena Mass
Saturday at the 7.30 Vigil Mass
Sunday at the 11.00am Mass



The church will be open daily for individual visits:
11.00am to 5.00pm [Monday to Saturday]
1.00pm to 5.00pm [Sunday]

Please use hand-sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
Sit only on designated seats.

Saturday 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Masses: 7.00am & 9.30am.

Webcam and Public Masses in Clonard

MASSES via the WEBCAM

PUBLIC MASSES in CLONARD

Table with columns for time slots (7.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 6.15pm, 9.00pm, 7.30pm) and days of the week (Sunday August 9 to Saturday August 15).

GOD'S WORD IN AUGUST 2020

9 AUGUST NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: 1 Kg 19:9.11-13; Ps 84; Rm 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33
BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER



After he sends the crowds back home, Jesus asks the disciples to go ahead of him in the boat while he spends time alone in prayer. The Sea of Galilee can sometimes experience violent storms. The disciples in the boat are making little progress. Not only is the wind against them but it's whipping up the water so that they seem to be in danger. They are in the middle of the lake, far from any cove or harbour where they could take shelter. It is then that Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. Whatever panic they may have felt from the storm is now compounded by what seems like the appearance of a ghost. Jesus speaks to them: "Take heart, it is me! Do not be afraid."

Peter asks Jesus to allow him to walk to him across the water. But as waves crash around him and Peter begins to panic. Jesus grabs him by the hand and rebukes him, "Man of little faith, why did you doubt?" Mark coined a Greek word, oligopistos, 'small faith', that he uses to 'describe the weakness of some followers of Jesus.

By the time they get into the boat, the storm has ceased. The disciples worship Jesus as the Son of God. This is what biblical scholars call an 'epiphany story,' a revelation or manifestation. It has many similarities to the stories of appearances to the disciples after he has risen from the dead. In these Easter stories, Jesus appears when the disciples least expect him. They think they are seeing a ghost, but he tells them to not be afraid, and they recognise who he really is. For the Israelites, the sea was a dangerous place. They believed it to be the place where a particularly dangerous monster, called Mot, lurked. Mot's name means "death." To walk on the sea then, was not so much to defy gravity as to defy death: by his resurrection, Jesus had conquered death

The story about Peter shows two sides of the apostle. First is his generous commitment to Jesus: he is prepared to come to Jesus even if it means defying the wind and the waves. Second is his impulsiveness; he is liable to collapse in time of crisis. This little story anticipates how Peter followed Jesus to the house of the high priest when the others abandoned him, but in a moment of panic, he will deny that he knows him, proving again he is a man of little faith. It is not the end for Peter. The Lord, who stretched out a hand to support him in the storm at sea and help him back into the boat, will meet him again after the resurrection as the forgiving Lord and restore him to his place as leader of the community.



Redemptorist Pilgrimage to Southern Italy.
In the Footsteps of St Alphonsus & St Gerard.

Dates: 8th - 15th May 2021

Price: £985.00 per person sharing

Seven nights in the 4 star Hotel Caravel, Sant'Agnello, Sorrento. Return flights from Dublin to Naples.

Tours & religious programme included:

Full day excursions to Naples and to Scala and Amalfi
Full day excursion to Ciorani and Pagani (Shrine & Burial place of St Alphonsus)
Full day excursion to Materdomini (Shrine & burial place of St Gerard Majella)
& Muro Lucano (Birthplace of St Gerard Majella)

Group Leader: Fr Dan Baragry Csr

Places are limited so early booking is advised.

