



Love's Story

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived:

Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all the others including Love.

However, one day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink, so all prepared their boats and left. Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to stay until it started sinking. When Love was almost sinking, he decided to ask for help.

Richness was passing by Love in a beautiful boat. Love said, "Richness, can you take me with you?" Richness answered, "No, I can't. There are a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you."

Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by, "Vanity, please help me!"

"I can't help you Love. You are all wet and can probably damage my boat," Vanity answered. Sadness was close by so Love asked for help, "Sadness, let me go with you." "Oh...Love, I am so sad that I prefer to go alone!"

Happiness passed by Love too, but she was so happy that she did not listen when Love called her!

Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come Love, I will take you." It was an elderly. Love became very happy that he even forgot to ask the name of the elderly. When they arrived to the other side, Love asked Knowledge who the elderly was. "It was Time." "Time? But why did Time help me?"

"Because only Time is capable of understanding Love."

P.S: Time can solve anything as long as love is present!



Thought for the week

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can! "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10)



Feel Like Volunteering?

Wicklow Dementia Support (WDS) is seeking volunteers to support people living with memory loss who will attend our new 'Cognitive Stimulation Therapy' group in the Villa Pacis Centre, Bray. Our clients attending this group are in the early stages of dementia. Your role will be to help the session leader and encourage the involvement of those attending. The sessions will take place each Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12.30pm

Full free training and ongoing mentoring provided. If you feel you can help, please contact Wicklow Dementia Support on info@wicklowdementiasupport.org or call Kate on 085 134 5128



A TIME FOR HEALING

Saturday 28th September at Glencree Reconciliation Centre 10am-4pm

A SEMINAR OF SPIRITUALITY, HEALING AND INTEGRATION FOR THE TIMES WE LIVE IN.

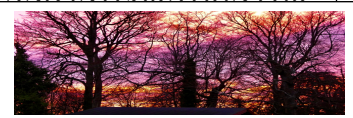
PRESENTED BY FR JIM COGLEY

This seminar focuses on intergenerational healing (Healing the family tree), personal and relational healing. A must for us all, revealing the exciting Christian message of healing found in the Scriptures.

Fr Jim Cogley is a psychotherapist and woodturner with over forty years' experience. He was an associate of the renowned pioneer in Family Tree Healing Dr Ken McCall. Currently Director of Pilgrimage in Our Lady's Island in Co. Wexford, his particular interest is that of Healing, both personal and intergenerational, and how the past that is unacknowledged can still influence the present.

Please register your interest at 0868182241 OFFERING € 20

There are a limited number of places left.



PARISH LINK

May 4th/5th



This Week We Remember...4th/5th
St Patrick's 10am: Owen Gallagher (1st A)

Next Week We Remember...12th May

St Patrick's 10 am: Colm Baumann (1stA) Pat King (A)
St Mary's 11 am: Louis Anthony Healy (MM)

Psalm 147:3.
He heals the
brokenhearted



TRIP TO KNOCK

Our trip to Knock is now going to take place on Saturday the 17th of August. We need names as soon as possible please, so we can work out a price. If your name is on the list already and you can't go on that date, please let me know at 086 8182241 or Sadie in the sacristy, Thank you.



A Few words from Archbishop Dermot Farrell *The Silent Apparition and the Silence of Mary*

This is the experience of Mary at the Annunciation: the word of the angel Gabriel leaves her troubled and wondering. "How can this be...", she asked. Let us not think, the Annunciation happened in a flash! It took time—Mary "pondered all these things in her heart." (Luke 2:19).

In the silence of Mary's heart, the word of God unfolded, the mystery of God happened. The same silence is already in our hearts. The apparition here at Knock witness to that same mystery, and our invitation into it. "Behold I stand at the door and knock," says the Lord in the Revelation of St John (3:20)—that same St John who appeared here. That invitation was given to ordinary people. It is for ordinary people today, it happens for ordinary people today. This same mystery happens in the Eucharist and we are called into it. Many of you know the power, consolation, and hope that flows from time spend with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. This same mystery happens when we spend time in quiet prayer in our homes, either alone and with our families. This same mystery happens when we spend time with the Scriptures—the word of life where we deeply come to know who and how Christ is—where we are "brought to see Jesus."



A Quote from Pope Francis in *My story through history*

"When I think about the Church to come, I am reminded of Joseph Ratzinger's theory. He spoke of a Church that will move forward but in a different way: it will be a smaller, more distinctive institution. It was 1969, and the Bavarian theologian traced his own vision of the future in a cycle of radio lessons, saying that what awaited us was a church that would start afresh from a position of minority status, with few adherents, placing faith at the centre of all experience; a more spiritual, poorer Church that would become a home for the indigent, for those who have not lost sight of God." Pope Francis



BUILDING HOPE NOVENA

You are warmly invited to **join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit** – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **12th – 20th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. As well as being a time of prayer, this Novena time can be used to plan, in parish and partnership of parishes, for the pastoral year ahead guided by the Spirit. *Building Hope* Novena Prayer Cards have arrived in our parish. To aid you in prayer, resources are accessible on the diocesan website at <https://dublindiocese.ie/novena-2024/>.

This novena will be take place in St Mary's after mass and prayer services starting on the 12th May but please ask for a card if you would like to join in at home.

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