

Recommended reading: Everything by the biblical scholar, Scott Hahn, mentioned in the homily last weekend as a convert to Catholicism filled with Eucharistic amazement. Among his best works are his biography, *Rome Sweet Home*, and his books on the Mass, *The Lamb's Supper* and *Consuming the Word*.

Second Collection for Sea Sunday: Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. For more information on their work, or to donate online please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk.

Money Matters: Last week we collected £78 for Peter's Pence, thank you.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July: Universal intention - Social friendship. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember Rosemary Stevenson, Elsie Whelan, Kathleen Martin, Wilfrid Croft, Anne Potts, Lawrence O'Brien, Joan Parker, Catherine Halstead, Lucy Jolley, Michael Black, John Connell, Mary Sefton, Sheila Frith, Joseph Byrne, Margaret Taylor, John Madden, John Chatburn, Alfred Harvey, Martin McGranaghan, Liz Rawlings, Bernard Glennon, Emilia McInerney, Harriet Ward, Gladys Roche, Joan Thorpe and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Noel Russell and Bernadette McCrory. If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please speak to them or contact them via the presbytery, in the strictest confidence.

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Sunday 11th July 2021 – 15th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I mentioned Pope Francis' repeated requests for prayers last weekend. Perhaps this was connected to his health complications. As you have probably heard by now, he is recovering in Gemelli hospital in Rome after surgery on his colon. Let's continue to pray for him.

I just read an insightful little article on the *Aleteia* website entitled, "How to discover your talents—especially if you think you don't have any..." With fine summer weather hopefully on the horizon - and the expected return of freedom from Covid restrictions - this might be the time for you to discover some God-given talents you never really knew you had. "The glory of God is the human person fully alive." (St Irenaeus) Here are some points from the article:

If you were to list the talents that people have, you could say plenty of things: singing, painting, sports, playing musical instruments, culinary skills, sculpture, writing, and a variety of other human activities, most of which translate into a tangible result or display of delightful skills. It's a pretty long list, but a finite one. What if I told you that twice as many talents, or even more, can be found in a second "unofficial" list? Of course, there is no official list of talents, but I'd like you to think about whether you're missing something if you have a hard time identifying an ability in yourself. Even though I don't know you, I know you have talents! More than one. How do you discover them? Here are four things that can help:

1 Change your perspective! Think about what you love to do most. It's that easy. It might be baking or having long phone conversations. I'd say that if you like it, and it comes easy to you, then ...well... you have a talent for it! And while it may not seem as if talking to friends on the phone is a talent at all, it actually is, even if it's unconventional to say so. A good conversationalist is a

good speaker and storyteller, and is also a good listener—thus, probably also a good counsellor.

2. Try new things! Never assume you're not good at something until you actually try it—even if it's similar to an activity you've tried and don't think you're good at. Maybe the similarities between the activities aren't as great as you thought.

3. Try old things again! We're constantly changing throughout our lives. No one can say for sure that if you were the worst at playing an instrument when you were 10, you still won't be able to do it when you're 25. What's more - unlike when you were a kid - you may find it fun and highly engaging this time around. It's also worth remembering why we didn't like certain activities in our childhood. Maybe it wasn't that we had poor coordination or no ear for music, but that people who were important to us told us (or implied) we weren't good at it.

4. Get a good teacher! Trying old things again on our own won't always be a success. Sometimes someone has to guide us down the right path. If you've made some efforts at music in the past and really used to dream of singing, but gave it up because you turned out not to have a good ear, I encourage you to try again, this time with the help of a good teacher. In most cases, it turns out that after putting in the right amount of work, under the supervision of a true singing expert, the out-of-tune notes become more and more similar to the correct ones. You can end up singing as well as people with innate musical talent!

May God bless you all!

Fr Sean

PS: Could it really be coming home at last???

Mass Times & Intentions

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| Sat 10 th | Vigil | St Ann's | 5pm | Bridie & Martin Frain RIP |
| | | St Chad's | 7pm | Bernard Brooks RIP |
| Sun 11 th | 15 th Sunday Ordinary Time | St Chad's | 9am | John Thompson RIP |
| | | St Ann's | 11am | Pat Lynch RIP |
| Mon 12 th | | St Ann's | 10am | Olive Maher |
| Tues 13 th | | St Ann's | 10am | Marie Ryan RIP |
| | | St Chad's | 6.30pm | Anna Carton RIP |
| Wed 14 th | | No Mass | | |
| Thurs 15 th | St Bonaventure | St Chad's | 9.30am | Florence McCarron RIP |
| Fri 16 th | Our Lady of Mount Carmel | St Ann's | 10am | Julia Lohan RIP |
| Sat 17 th | | St Ann's | 5pm | Mary Kate O'Neill |
| | | St Chad's | 7pm | Tony Byrne RIP |
| Sun 18 th | 16 th Sunday Ordinary Time | St Chad's | 9am | Peter Danson RIP |
| | | St Ann's | 11am | Michael Lohan RIP |

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are now into December with Mass intentions.

Confessions: Available on on request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Masses.