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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am Simon Luong RIP
Tuesday	10:00am John White RIP
Wednesday	7:00pm People of the Parish
Thursday	10:00am Intention of Jean-Marie
Friday	10:00am Intention of Dennis Lowton
Saturday	6:00pm Una White RIP
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday	8:30am Intention of Bernard
	10:00am James Dermody RIP
	12:00noon Norah O'Brien RIP

Criticism is easy, achievement is difficult

The Journey is Short

(A thought provoking message)

An elderly woman got on a bus and sat down. At the next stop, a strong, grumpy young lady climbed up and sat down beside the old woman, hitting her with her numerous bags. When she saw that the elderly woman remained silent, the young woman asked her why she had not complained. The elderly woman replied with a smile: "There is no need to be rude or discuss something so insignificant; our journey together is so short, because I am going to get off at the next stop."

This answer deserves to be written in gold letters: "There is no need to discuss something so insignificant, because our journey together is too short."

Each of us must understand that our time in this world is so short; that darkening it with useless arguments, jealousy, not forgiving others; discontentment and bad attitudes are a ridiculous waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart? Stay calm. The trip is too short. Did someone betray, intimidate, cheat or humiliate you? Relax. Don't stress. The trip is too short. Did someone insult you without reason? Shake it off. Ignore it. The trip is too short. Did a neighbour make a comment that you didn't like? Take a deep breath. Ignore him/her. Forgive and forget it. The trip is too short.

Whatever problem someone has brought us, remember that our journey together is too short.

No one knows the length of our trip. Nobody knows when it will arrive at its stop. Our trip together is short. Let us appreciate friends and family. Let us be respectful, kind and forgiving. In return, we will be filled with gratitude and joy. After all, our trip together is very short.

Share your smile with everyone. Our trip is very short... AUTHOR UNKNOWN Fr Jack

IT IS A FASCINATING IDEA THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN THE MIND OF GOD BEFORE EVER THE WORLD BEGAN.

In Him we also have the Holy Spirit active in our lives guiding, encouraging, fixing, giving strength and helping us to be faithful.

Truly we are a blessed people.

All this help has been given to us, not for our own benefit only, but so that we may go out and evangelise. Make humanity new.

Our care for the poor, the environment, those we meet especially the suffering, those on the margins. He does not give us much by way of help; a staff and a pair of sandals.

But we are consecrated in the truth, we have Christ Himself as our help and guide and in Him all things are possible.

Hospitality was a sacred duty in the East. When a stranger entered a village, it was not his duty to search for hospitality; it was the duty of the village to offer it. Now if hospitality was refused, if doors and ears were shut then they must shake off the dust of that place before they leave.

Jesus is being very tough on the people, if they refuse hospitality there can be no fellowship between them.

The mark of the true disciple was utter simplicity, complete trust and the generosity which is always to give and never demand.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

We welcome Fr Tom Ryan today to speak to us at all the masses about their work.

Your generosity is appreciated.

BENEDICTION

Request that we have benediction at least once a month. So this Friday at 7pm we look forward to seeing you.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday between 2 and 4pm. Call into the office. Or by appointment.

BAPTISM by appointment.

** 25th JULY **

We will still keep an eye on it, as the possibility for our parish day.