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## Saint Michael's Parish, Gorey 21 August 2016



**Jubilee Year of Mercy**  
**8th Dec 2015 to 20th Nov 2016**  
*In this Year, may we all BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER.*

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**Daily Mass:** 7.30 am & 10.00 am (No 7.30 am Mass Sat)  
**Weekend Mass:** Vigil (Sat) : 6.00 pm & 7.30 pm.  
**Sunday:** 8.30 am, 10.30 am & 12 noon, Polish Mass: 4.00pm  
**St. Kevin's Tara Hill Mass: Vigil (Sat): 7.30pm July & August** Sun: 10.30 am  
**Confessions:** Saturday after 10am Mass & at 12 noon in St Michael's

### Musings

Unlike Jesus, we seem very often too concerned about numbers as if that is the most important sign of the presence of the Kingdom and of its power to save the world. Rather than on numbers, Jesus asks us to concentrate on entering through the narrow door. This phrase has given rise to all sorts of negative spiritualities, but what Jesus is saying is to take up the cross and follow him every day of our lives. It is the cross that will bring us joy and everlasting life.

He also foretells we will be surprised by those who enter and those who don't. However hard we try, we often find ourselves excluding persons or groups from salvation. Jesus invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that all can be open to God's loving offer of salvation.

Even though the door to God's kingdom may be narrow, due to the degree of commitment required, it is open and available to everyone. People will come to it from east and west, from north and south – from everywhere, in short. Those who 'stand outside' are those who refuse to accept the reign of peace and justice, joy and love, which God so graciously and freely offers to everyone.

What a frightening thought, that the master would reject us and deny that he knows us. To think that we would have done our best to live a good life, only to meet him at the narrow door and be denied admission!

Yet many of us think we have it all sussed. Like those in today's Gospel, we think we are surely safe. But there is a certain complacency in the voices that plead to the master 'We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets' – as if it is enough to have a passing acquaintance with Jesus. Those are not the words of someone who really knows the master and deserves to enter his house. We may think we won't be denied eternal salvation because we say our prayers, go to Mass every Sunday, and try our best to live good and holy lives. Wouldn't it be disappointing after all that if we turned into someone that Christ does not recognise?

There are elements in all our lives that Christ would not recognise. What are the areas in our lives that need to change, in order that he might invite us in?

### CHURCH ENVELOPES 14 Aug 2016

CHURCH	AMOUNT	NO. ENV
GOREY	€1074.17	183
TARA HILL	€204	48
2nd Collection	1,099.23	

### Leaving Cert Results

Congratulations to all of our young Leaving Certificate students who received results this week. We wish you every success in your future whatever you decide to pursue. Best wishes.

### ANNUAL PATRON

**takes place in St. Michael's Cemetery Sunday 28th August at 2.30 pm.**

This is our annual day of remembering our loved ones who have died and bringing them before God in prayer. It is a time to think of the many buried in our cemetery who have no one left to pray for them. The usual collection for the upkeep of the cemetery will be held at the cemetery gates. Please respect all graves when cleaning and disposing of rubbish.

### NEW DISPLAY BOARDS IN CEMETERY

Boards have now been erected in the Cemetery, to provide details of all the headstones/vaults and their location. Due to the large number of burials, two display boards have been installed, one detailing the front section (entrance through Courtown Road gates) and the second detailing the top section (entrance through Clonattin Road gates). This information is also available on the parish website. These displays represent five years transcribing of headstones by Larry Quigley, to whom we all owe an invaluable debt of gratitude. Carmel Royce spent a lot of time transferring all these records to a computerised version.

We thank both Larry and Carmel for the work they have put into this mammoth task. Because of the thousands of names, etc, there will inevitably be some errors. Please bear with us on this and inform the Parish Office of any amendments which need to be made. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Cleaning of St Michael's Church** will take place on Thursday 25th August at 12 O'clock. We always welcome new volunteers for this. Thank you.

**Sr Briega McKenna's Traditional Prayer Meeting** In All Hallows College, Drumcondra Thursday 25th August To book place on bus, contact 087 7922639

**Volunteer with the Samaritans** Information evening in Gorey Library on Tuesday 30th August at 7pm.

### Business Advice Centre Thurs 25th Aug 2016

Gorey Library will hold Business Advice Clinics aimed at Start Ups, Expansion and Restructuring. Booking by appointment only at Gorey Chamber (053) 9484520 or info@goreychamber.ie

**Gorey Little Theatre Group present SHARON'S GRAVE** By John B.Keane every Tues & Thurs in August at 8.30pm Contact 053 9421474/ 087 9890352

**Gorey Tennis Club** thank Marie and Jimmy for the use of their courts during Parks Tennis.

### St. Michael's Gorey

*This week's Masses include intentions for:*

**Mon 10am:** William & Ellen Hannon, Liam & Una Hannon, Lila Hannon, Joseph McCarthy, Dennis & Margaret McCarthy, Sr Ephyryn McCarthy

**Tues 7.30am:** Michael Dwyer, Derek Murphy

**Wed 10am:** Special Intention

**Sat 10am:** Jim Hobbs, Paddy Dunbar RIP (burial of ashes after mass)

### Next Weekend Mass intentions for:

**Vigil 6pm:** Mary Duncan, James Russell, Frank & Sarah Kavanagh

**Vigil 7.30pm:** Jim Kavanagh (mm), Pat McGreal

**8:30am:** Elizabeth (Lizze) Nolan (mm)

**10.30am:** Eamonn (1st anniv) & Eileen Morris, Catherine Levingston, Julia Patchell, Angela Swords, Seamus & Annie O'Neill, Michael & Kathleen Funge, Margaret Maguire, Thomas O'Flaherty (snr), Katie & Andy McDonald, Eugene & Mary Kelly, Michael & Berry Devereux.

**12 noon:** Intentions for Deceased Parishioners

### St. Kevin's Tara Hill

**Sun 21 Aug 10:30am:** Jack Spencer (anniv)

**Sun 28 Aug 10.30am:** Dick Graham