



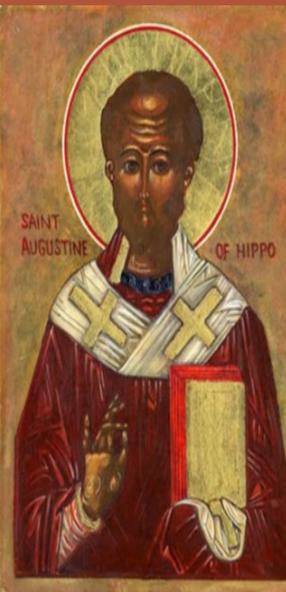
Christ, Man of Sorrows
Jan Mostaert, (1475 – 1552),

**St Mary's
Parish
Haddington
Road**

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Christ the Physician

Augustine of Hippo

On the words of the Gospel, Matthew 20:30, about the two blind men sitting by the wayside crying out, "Lord, have mercy on us, thou Son of David."

You know that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the physician of our eternal health, and that to this end he took the weakness of our nature, that our weakness might not last forever. For he assumed a mortal body, wherein to kill death. And though he was crucified through weakness, as the apostle says, yet he lives by the power of God. They are the words too of the same apostle:

"He dies no more, and death shall have no more dominion over him."

These things, I say, are well known to your faith. And there is also this which follows from it: that we should know that all the miracles which he did on the body avail to our instruction, that we may from them perceive that which is not to pass away, nor to have any end. He restored to the blind those eyes which death was sure sometime to close; he raised Lazarus to life who was to die again. And whatever he did for the health of bodies, he did it not that they should be forever; whereas at the last he will give eternal health even to the body itself. But because those things which were not seen, were not believed; by means of these temporal things which were seen, he built up faith in those things which were not seen.

These things, then, the Lord did to invite us to the faith. This faith reigns now in the church, which is spread throughout the whole world. And now he works greater cures, on account of which he did not disdain to exhibit those lesser ones.

The physician gave us precepts when we were whole, that we might not need a physician. They that are whole, he says, need not a physician, but they that are sick. When whole we despised these precepts, and by experience have felt how to our own destruction we despised his precepts. Now we are sick, we are in distress, we are on the bed of weakness, yet let us not despair. For because we could not come to the physician, he has vouchsafed to come to us himself.

Come. His house is not too narrow for you; the kingdom of God is possessed equally by all and wholly by each one; it is not diminished by the increasing number of those who possess it, because it is not divided. And that which is possessed by many with one heart is whole and entire for each one.

Source: Augustine of Hippo, "Sermon 38 on the New Testament," *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, First Series, Vol. 6*, ed. Phillip Schaff, trans. R. G. MacMullen (T & T Clark, 1980).



St Mary's to Welcome WMOF 2018

Our parish is among sixteen Dublin parishes who have been asked to welcome visitors to the WMOF2018. These are from amongst these 12.000 who will be attending the three-day Pastoral Congress for WMOF2018, from 22nd to 24th August, in the RDS.

The Congress will take place in the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) and will offer a daily programme of workshops, discussions as well as fun and prayerful activities for individuals and families, including a tailored programme for children (4-12 yrs) and young people (13-17 yrs). The World Meeting of Families will focus on key issues related to family drawn from Pope Francis' teachings in *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*. For details see <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Programme/Congress>

The highlight of each day will be the celebration of the Eucharist in the main arena. Fun activities for all the family will run throughout the day in the Conference venue, except during the celebration of Mass in the Main Arena. This is the biggest number ever to attend such a conference and it is an important part of the bigger event.

We have been asked to host an evening event on Friday 24 August at 7.30pm. This will include a short prayer service around the WMOF icon, a short cultural programme and refreshments.

The visitors attending the Haddington Road event will be mostly from the UK, Australia and New Zealand, while another parish will receive our American visitors and other parishes will received the different major language groups from across the world.

Further details of this are being worked out but we will be counting on the hospitality and generosity of parishioners to make this a very nice evening with a real sense of Irish welcome to who have come to us for this important Church as Family event. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to experience the universality of the Church and the fact that we all belong to this one body.

Your help and your participation in the evening will be much appreciated. More details later.



Thoughts for a Day

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the green heron
feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

-Wendell Berry

I have seen almost all the beautiful things that God has
made; I have enjoyed almost every pleasure that he has
planned for us; and yet as I look back I see standing out
above all the life that has gone four or five short experi-
ences when the love of God reflected itself in some poor
imitations, some small act of love of mine. And these
seem to be the things which alone of all one's life abide.
Everything else in all our lives is transitory. Every other
good is visionary. But the acts of love which no one knows
about, or can ever know about – they never fail.

-Henry Drummond

Masses and Confession

Sundays: Vigil, 6pm (Saturday), 9.30am, 11am, 5pm

-Rosary daily after 10am mass

Adoration Blessed Sacrament, Weds 10.30-12.40

Church Collections

W/e 15th July 2018

1st Collection: €1,045

Share Collection: €665

Weekday collections: €282

THANK YOU

In Memoriam

11am, Marion McEvelly (Months Mind)

5pm John Mooney

Mary Marry (Anniv)

Masses on 28th /29th July 2018.

6pm... Nuala Valentine

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