



# Rumblings from the Bunker

## TWENTY LIVING SIGNPOSTS TO GOD

*( Women and Men who have helped me on the Pilgrim Path)*

*This week I offer a reflection, noting people who have modeled God's love for me in the hope that it may help you to prayerfully reflect and identify similar people in your own life. Inevitably such a reflection inspires a prayer of deep gratitude.*

**Joseph, son of Jacob**: one of my favorite biblical stories, the least of the brothers, his dream coat, his relationship with Jacob, his father, his brothers and God himself....

**Mary Magdalene**: one of the first witnesses to the Resurrection I am always moved by the depth of love she has for the Lord...

**Thomas**: he brings us into the place in the Bible I would so love to be, the Upper Room. I love Thomas. I love his doubt, his entrenched doubt and his beautiful 'My Lord and my God'.

**Brigid of Kildare**: her courage, her prayer, her influence, a bridge from the pagan to the Christian.

**Martin Luther**: Great example of righteous anger at the abusive and dysfunctional Church of his day. We forget he was an Augustinian priest, who had much of value to offer....

**Catherine of Siena**: one of the great women of the Church. A defender of the Church, had great influence on it, especially at the time of Pope Gregory XI. Deep prayer.....

**C. S. Lewis**: perhaps best known for Narnia, he is one of the giants of writing. His journey is one of ever deepening faith. His book where he imagines writings from a senior devil to a junior devil, The Screwtape Letters, is a classic...

**Mother Angelica**: EWTN. Her vibrancy, her humor, her recognition that communication is key....

**G. K. Chesterton**: I never tire of him. Big in stature, big of heart and big spiritual intellect.....

**Edith Stein**: A beautiful saint. A German Jewish philosopher who converted to Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun. Martyred in Auschwitz in 1942, aged 50...

**Edmund Rice**: One of the great Irish Saints, much under appreciated. Beatified in 1996...

**Stan Kennedy**: A great and very special lady, living her vocation in the service of those in need...

**Peter Mc Verry**: Many of us talk, plan and debate, Peter has lived an extraordinary commitment to the homeless. Selfless and courageous he continues to inspire...

**Brid Mc Kenna**: steeped in prayer, immersed in the Holy Spirit, a life of healing....

**Pope Francis**: beautiful Pope, compassionate, courageous, inspirational prophetic leadership....

**Mother Teresa**: 'love until it hurts', she said, and she did. She struggled with much inner darkness.

**Brother Roger**: Deeply prayerful. Unifying. Beautiful writings. Tragic death. Legacy that is Taize....

**Bernadette of Lourdes**: associated with the Lourdes story, she has her own story, worth exploring.

**John XXIII**: For me, the pivotal figure. His papacy irrevocably changed the Church. Still reeling...

**Sr. Consilio**: Has, and remains, the shining light in the cruel world of addiction.....

**Mass Intentions This Week**

**Mass Times**

John Dillon	Kitty Duffy	Martin Duffy
Arthur Dunne Snr	Arthur Dunne Jnr	Ann Fowler
James Fowler	Theresa Hoare	Mary Maher
Edward O'Callaghan	John O'Callaghan	Eileen Piggott
Alice Whelan		

**St. Matthew's**  
**Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30**  
**Sunday: 09.00, 10.30, 12.00**  
**No Convent Mass @ 9.45 during July and August**  
**Tuesday**  
**10.00 Prayer Service**

**Weekdays:**  
**Mon, Thur, Fri: 10.00**

**Recent Funerals**

Seanny Whelan

**NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS**  
**DURING JULY AND AUGUST**

**FAITH MOMENT**

The Rosary is a prayer based on Scripture. It is the Gospel turned into meditative prayer. The mysteries of the Rosary centre on the events of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

**BOOK OF THE WEEK**

**THE WOODEN BOWL**  
**SIMPLE MEDITATION FOR EVERYDAY LIFE**  
**CLARK STRAND**  
**NEW YORK 2000 Pp 220**

Clark Strand is a renowned meditation teacher. This book will slow you down. Even the language is simple and quiet. For Strand meditation is both as simple and necessary as breathing.

**Weekly Collections**

**July 15**  
**First Collection € N/A**  
**Peter's Pence € N/A**  
**Family Offering € N/A**

**PARISH SHOP**

Cards, Calendars, Candles and much more available at the shop in the Parish Centre

**Concert in Aid of**  
**St. Matthew's & Peter McVerry Trust**

**Friday 30th November in St. Matthews Tickets €15**  
**Show Starts @ 7.45pm Doors open at 6pm.**

Performing will be the Flukey Ukeys, The Dublin Gospel Choir, Ms. Mary Byrne, Matt Dodd, the Girls from St. Louise's School and the Boys from St. Lorcan's BNS. Contact Ken Byrne for more information on 086 236 52 88

**Barnardos National Collection Day**

Barnardos is seeking parishioners to support them with 1-2 hours of their time to help collect funds on **Barnardos National Collection Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. We need volunteers to help with organised bag-packs or on-street collections in their local community. All money raised on the day will help change the lives of vulnerable children and their families in communities around Ireland. Every hour of volunteered will give hope and create brighter futures. To hear what's planned in your community for the day and how you can get involved please contact Robyn Macken on 01-7080418 or email [buckets@barnardos.ie](mailto:buckets@barnardos.ie)

**Don't forget to visit our website**  
[www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com](http://www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com)

And our Facebook page,  
[www.facebook.com/st.matthews.ballyfermot/](http://www.facebook.com/st.matthews.ballyfermot/)

**Parish Centre or Sacristy:**  
**Phone: 626 56 95**  
**Monday to Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Weekly Collections**

**First Collection**

Pays our priests, and helps support sick and retired the priests of the Diocese.

**Share Collection**

Helps towards maintenance and building in the poorer parishes of the Diocese.

**Envelope Collection - Family Offering**

Main source of income in the Parish, and the only money retained by the parish. It covers all admin and general expenses, church & grounds maintenance, heating, light, repairs, insurance etc. Vital for the upkeep of our parish.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival,**  
**Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary**  
**Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th August 2018.**

For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online

E-Mail: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) --- Phone 01 6753690

**GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon 30/07	<b>Matt. 13: 31 – 35</b>	'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.'
Tue 31/07	<b>Matt. 13: 36 – 43</b>	St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest. 'Whoever has ears ought to hear'..
Wed 01/08	<b>Matt. 13: 44 – 46</b>	St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Bishop, Doctor. 'The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field'.
Thu 02/08	<b>Matt. 13: 47 – 53</b>	'Do you understand all these things?'
Fri 03/08	<b>Matt. 13: 54 – 58</b>	'Is he not the carpenter's son?'
Sat 04/08	<b>Matt. 14: 1 -12</b>	St. John Mary Vianney, Priest His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus

**Papal Visit**  
**August 25 - 26**

**Saturday 25**  
**No Mass at 6.30**

**Sunday 26**  
**No Mass at 9.00,**  
**10.30, 12.00**

**Mass at 9.30am**  
**ONLY**