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DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE “LOURDES AT HOME 2021”

A VIRTUAL JOURNEY TOGETHER

Wednesday 8th September (Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary)

- **Opening Mass** at 7.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street. A large “Lourdes Candle” will be lit at the grotto inside Our Lady of Lourdes Church and will be carried to all the ceremony venues. (www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-of-lourdes-dublin)

Thursday 9th September

- **Holy Hour** (Lourdes style) at 8.00pm in the church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock (www.churchservices.tv/castleknock)
Recitation of the Rosary (Mysteries of Light) with Reflections

Friday 10th September

- 1.00pm **Prayer Service** with a gathering

of Schools Groups in Blackrock College (www.churchservices.tv/blackrockcollege)

- 7.00pm **Mass for the Deceased** in Foxrock Parish (Our Lady of Perpetual Succour). The deceased of the Dublin Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalité and all of those from our Pilgrimage Family and former sick pilgrims (including some of whom died from Covid 19) will be remembered in this Mass. (www.churchservices.tv/foxrock)
- 8.00pm **Prairie style Gathering of YOUNG HELPERS** in the chapel of Deaf Village Ireland (www.churchservices.tv/dvi) Stations of the Cross with Reflections

Saturday 11th September

- **Concluding Mass** at 12.00 midday in Raheny Parish (Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace). This Mass will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when some of our sick pilgrims of recent years will be in attendance. (www.churchservices.tv/rahenyparish)

Recitation of NIGHT PRAYER will take place each evening (Wednesday to Friday) at 9.30pm organised by the Pilgrimage Spiritual Director, Fr. John Gilligan, and streamed live from the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saggart. (www.churchservices.tv/saggart)
More information at the Dublin Pilgrimage Website: www.lourdes.dublindiocese.ie

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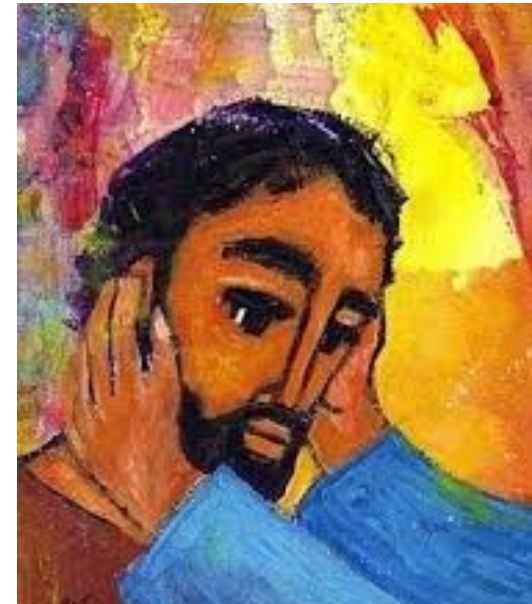
St. Mary's Dominican Priory - Tallaght, 23rd Sunday of the year (B), 5th September 2021

EPHPHATHA

In the gospels, deafness is not only a medical condition; it has overtones of spiritual deafness, being unable to hear God. We still speak of ‘spiritual deafness’. “You called to me,” St Augustine said to God (in his Confessions), “you called to me; you cried aloud to me; you broke through my barrier of deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me; you put my blindness to flight. You shed your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I gasp for you. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I burned for your peace.”

Notice that Augustine uses all five senses in that sentence: hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch. All the senses aspire to God, everything in us reaches upwards, our whole being is a longing for God. And conversely, if we were truly seeking God we would be alive in all our senses. Many of us are half dead: sleepy, heedless, habitually bored... We are called to be fully alive.

At the end of his gospel John says, “There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book” (John 20:30). No doubt there were also many things he said that were never recorded and that have been forgotten forever: his preaching in Chorazin and Bethsaida for example is not recorded. He preached there and worked miracles of healing for them, but nothing whatsoever is heard of them; there is complete silence. Even the towns themselves have disappeared. Chorazin (now Keraze)



is a pile of ruins, Bethsaida is nothing but a location. Yet the Son of God walked their streets, healed their sick tormented people, spoke to them about a new hope and a new world. Gospels could have been written, filled with his words and his deeds.... Instead, there is total silence. There is good silence, but this was not good silence. It was the silence of the barren ground where the seed of God's Word could not find soil. It is the barrenness of the heart.

Notice a very human touch: Jesus took the deaf man aside from the crowd. Deaf people are easily embarrassed because they know you have to speak more loudly than usual and everyone can hear. The mark of true religion is not power or magic, but loving-kindness.

Fr Donagh O'Shea OP

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