



**The months mind mass for the late Frances Kiernan will take place at
12.30pm on Saturday 10th July. Burial of ashes immediately after in
Glasnevin Cemetery.**



**Please keep in your prayers the family of Marko Fitzsimons and
his uncle Jimmy Addi who both died recently.
Also Terry Ryan, brother of Kay Ryan. May they rest in peace.**

St Oliver Plunkett

Oliver Plunkett, Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, was born 1 November 1625 at Loughcrew, near Oldcastle, Co Meath, son of John Plunkett and Thomasina Plunkett (née Dillon). He was sent to Rome to study and Oliver stayed in the Irish College, from 1650 to 1654. After his ordination, he became a chaplain with the Oratorian Fathers at San Gerolamo della Carità. Having completed further studies he was appointed professor of theology in the Collegio di Propaganda Fide. He gained the friendship of Mgr Odescalchi, who in 1676 became Pope as Innocent XI. He often assisted him in ministering in the hospital of Santo Spirito.

On the death of Archbishop Edmund O'Reilly, Oliver, was appointed to the See of Armagh by Pope Clement IX despite a petition from the agent of the Armagh clergy that no Meathman should be appointed. On his way, he was ordained bishop on 1 December 1669 by Bishop D'Allamont of Ghent.

Oliver's active ministry lasted nine years and nine months. He was a man in a hurry. He shared his compassion with his people when he returned. Although things had eased under Charles I the country had been devastated in the Cromwellian period. A few of the Anglo-Irish nobility survived. The Gaelic nobility in the north was almost no more. Oliver set out to repair a broken church, calling synods, restructuring a hierarchy, pulling together a clergy rent with dissensions, demoralised and deprived of education. He confirmed some 10,000 people, young and old, in his province, and founded two schools for the education of boys and also saw to the training of priests first in the Dundalk area and then in Drogheda. The Drogheda schools were suppressed in November 1673. Oliver ordained some 200 priests in Ireland, some at Ballybarrack, Dundalk.

An educated and disciplined clergy was one of his main pastoral desires. His pursuit of discipline caused resentment among some clergy. He developed a friendly relationship with Protestant leaders including Archbishop James Margetson of Armagh and First Viscount Charlemont and this helped him to pursue his pastoral work discreetly. He made a pastoral visit to six dioceses.

One major problem he met was the dispute between the Dominicans and the Franciscans concerning the rights of 'questing' in four northern dioceses. Some of the Franciscans, after their houses had been dissolved, acted as curates in the larger rural parishes. The Franciscans and their lay friends were openly hostile to him when he decided uncompromisingly in favour of the Dominicans.

In the spring of 1673 he spent six weeks in Connacht. Then he had to face political change. Resentment had grown in the English parliament against the king's tolerance of Catholics. A wave of persecution followed. Archbishop Talbot was banished. Bishops and priests went underground. Plunkett and his friend John Brenan, who had returned to Ireland, sought refuge in south Armagh. There was a famine in the north in 1674 in which 400 Catholics died of hunger. Oliver wrote: '**You can see hundreds and hundreds of starved skeletons walking the roads.**' He did his best to help. He lived a life of continuous sacrifice.

The archbishop continued to write to Rome regarding the appointment of bishops. He held synods of his own clergy every two years and finally a provincial synod at Ardpatrick near Louth village in August 1678, which issued twenty-six decrees directed at the sanctification of the faithful, the ending of clerical scandals, and restoration of church discipline. He continued to report to Rome on the situation in various dioceses.

His arrest and subsequent trial in London is the stuff of legend, intrigue and lies. He was executed at Tyburn on 11 July 1681. It was probably during his imprisonment that Garret Murphy, a Dublin portraitist, drew the sketch on which later paintings of him are based.

Oliver was beatified by Benedict XV (23 May 1920) and canonised by Paul VI (12 October 1975). His relics are venerated in St Peter's Church, Drogheda (where his head is kept), Downside Abbey, England, and Lampsinge, Germany (taken from Intercom magazine).

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Daily Mass

9.15am

Followed by the Rosary

Adoration

Every Saturday

10.30am-12noon

Confessions

Every Saturday at 10.30am in the
Prayer Room. Or in Presbytery
by request.

MASS INTENTIONS**3RD JULY— 11TH JULY**

Saturday 3rd July 6.30pm	Paddy Byrne	Recently Deceased
Sunday 4th July 10.30am 12 Noon	Smyth Family Eddie Costello	Special Intention 25th Anniversary
Monday 5th	Noel & James Keogh	Anniversaries
Tuesday 6th	Br. Harry O'Gara ss.cc.	1st Anniversary
Wednesday 7th	Tommy Grant	Recently Deceased
Thursday 8th	Eric Farrell	R.I.P.
Friday 9th	Andrew O'Loughlin	Anniversary
Saturday 10th July 10.00 am 6.30pm	Kearney, Maguire, Foley and O'Cassidy Families. Pat & Gerry Murphy	Anniversaries (Get Well)
Sunday 11th July 10.30 AM 12 Noon	Catherine Hamm Joe Glennon	(Get Well) Recently Deceased

**Join us online
for Mass**

Weekdays @ 9.15 am
 Saturday @ 10.00 am
 Vigil Mass @ 6.30 pm
 Sunday @ 10.30 am
 & 12 Noon
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Ministers 10th/11th July

6.30pm (W) Declan Hanley
 (E) Mary McCoy
 10.30am (W) Yvonne Stobie
 (E) Teresa Kelly
 12 Noon (W) Aileen Hudson
 (E) Rose Healy

Polish Reflection on this week's Gospel

Spiritual reality can be very surprising and difficult to understand for us at times. Because how can you explain having the knowledge that couldn't have been learnt? Wisdom that could not come from a man? How is it possible to use human strength to make weaknesses an asset? I invite you to look at yourself through the eyes of God, for whom nothing is impossible. And let us look at others, with a belief that God can work in them and change their lives in ways that we cannot humanly explain.

Rzeczywistość duchowa może być czasami dla nas bardzo zaskakująca i trudna do zrozumienia. Bo jak można wytlumaczyć posiadanie wiedzy której nie mogliśmy zdobyć? Mądrości, która nie pochodzi od człowieka? Jak to możliwe, że ludzkimi wysiłkami można uczynić nasze słabości, zaletami? Spójrz na siebie oczami Boga, dla którego nie ma rzeczy niemożliwych. I zacznij patrzeć na innym z wiarą, że Bóg może w nich działać i zmieniać ich życia w sposób, którego nie potrafimy wyjaśnić po ludzku.