

## Trust might well be the key?

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Have you a propensity to lose things? I'm thinking of items such as keys, bags, books, anything really. It's obviously a long-practiced habit of mine. I remember on one occasion coming home from somewhere and my mother commenting how surprised she was that my head was still on my shoulders.

One summer day cycling from the city centre to Cappagh Hospital to visit my father, I arrived back home to discover I had lost my keys. I retraced my journey, eventually finding the keys at a roundabout near Cappagh Hospital. And retracing my journey meant cycling the entire way from Dorset Street to Cappagh on the wrong side of the road. Mea culpa.

Fast forward approximately 30 years. Last Saturday I visited two people in St James's Hospital. My mode of transport this time had been upgraded to a motorbike.

If you have ever been to St James's you will be aware that there is always a large number of people near the main entrance to the hospital. A month ago while on a visit I spotted two men chained to each other. Presumably a patient prisoner chained to a prison officer.

I visited the two patients I planned to call on. We chatted, laughed and listened to one another.

It was time to leave. Went looking for the key of my motorbike. There are many pockets in the jacket and trousers of motorbike gear. Couldn't find the key. Kept searching, no sign of the key. But I knew it had to be somewhere. It wasn't.

I went down to the shop in the main concourse where I had earlier bought a newspaper. No key had been handed in. Then off to the main reception. Another blank, no key. I retraced my steps, searched the two rooms, crawled around the floor, looked under the beds. No keys. Walking those long corridors in motorbike gear and boots plus helmet is no fun.

There was one last possibility: had I by any chance left the key in the motorbike?

Out the main entrance. The bike is parked close by and what do I see. The key is in the lock of the pannier at the side of the bike. And so visible for all to see.

Phew. Lucky man. Or is it that most people are honest?

### 7.30am Mass in August

The Monday to Friday 7.30am Mass will continue during August.

## Collections 21st July 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,494

Share Collection: €830

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

**Franciscan Missionaries of Mary** will be speaking about their Missions after all Masses today, and will be distributing their Mission Newsletter, and seeking your financial help.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** will take place this First Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil.

**Christian Meditation** takes place every Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

**SeniorLine** is urgently looking for women and men aged 55+ to train as telephone line volunteers. Training begins in September. SeniorLine is a national service for older people who may be lonely, unsupported, or with specific problems. For further information, please phone: Anne at 087-7450721.

**Study Theology Online** Attend Saturday lectures in the Priory Institute, Tallaght, or study from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Autumn 2019. Contact: [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or phone 01 4048124. Also see notices and leaflets at the back of the Church.

**Computers for the Terrified.** If you are frustrated by your lack of computer skills, or feel that the digital age has passed you by, Age Action runs beginner courses for older people who have little or no experience with 1 to 1 training for over 55's. For more information about the course or if you would like to become a volunteer phone: 01 475 6989.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join us on this special pilgrimage where you will have an opportunity to walk in the Footsteps of Jesus by visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem and much more. Join a Dublin Parish on this trip of a lifetime from 13 - 21 September with direct flights Dublin - Tel Aviv return €1695 p.p.s. Limited Places available - Contact MAP Travel - call Patricia on (01) 8783111 or email: [Patricia@maptravel.ie](mailto:Patricia@maptravel.ie) or visit: [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie).

**Volunteers:** St Vincent De Paul urgently needs volunteers in the areas of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare to work in assistance with individuals and families for just once a week. This will be for about 3 hours, day or night, (whatever suits you best). Full training and support provided - for more information Tel: 01 8198405 or visit: [www.SVP.ie](http://www.SVP.ie) / [volunteer@svp.ie](mailto:volunteer@svp.ie) /

### Cemetery Sunday

**Esker:** Sunday 25th Aug at 3.00pm.