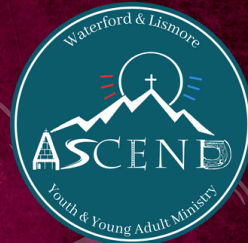




To the Heights



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Year C

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 29(30): 2,4-6,11-13

Second Reading:

Revelations 5:11-14

Gospel:

John 21:1-19

Hear Click the Bible image for this week's readings if you don't have a Bible handy!



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"Do you love me?"

Game Changers

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!

2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop

3rd May Ss Philip and James, Apostles

4th May St Conleth, Bishop

5th May Blessed Edmund Rice



Check out our Edmund Rice resource!

Reflect



1. Where did Jesus appear to the disciples in this Gospel passage?
2. Why do you think Simon Peter decided to go fishing?
3. What caused John ("the disciple Jesus loved") to recognise Jesus?
4. Who reached Jesus first?
5. What did Jesus have prepared for them?
6. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him? (Think back to the arrest of Jesus)
7. Who do you think the sheep / lambs are that Jesus is asking Simon Peter to shepherd?

CHECK IT OUT: ANIMA SERIES



"We are all longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives. In the ANIMA series, Bishop Donald Hying leads us through an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose. He recounts that through Christ's Incarnation, Resurrection, and the Institution of the Church, God reveals the meaning of all life. Accompanied by stirring music, stunning videography, and insightful narration, this three-part series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church." www.waterfordlismore.ie



"Peter, do you love Me?" FORGIVEN & RESTORED

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Then we have to go and transmit that grace to others too, just like Peter did when Jesus restored Him.

TUNE OF THE WEEK



I love You Lord / Passion

Hillsong

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

If you ever hesitate before spending time alone with Jesus, because you might be afraid He'll see the real you, don't worry! He already knows your heart and loves you without measure! Set aside a specific time to spend in prayer each day this week - set a reminder on your phone! Commit those few minutes to Jesus every day, and let his gaze draw you close to Him again!

Check out our weekly resource pack on pg 3-4!

WATCH:



Peter, Do you love me? (Brant Pitre)



Young Person's Prayer



Lord, You see me: all that I am, all that I've done, and all that I'm capable of becoming. You call me to greatness in Your name. Show me how to trust in Your plan for my life, to not allow my weaknesses or insecurities to hold me back, but to give my all to You, each day. Amen



WHAT'S ON

ANIMA: 3 week zoom series on Wednesday nights beginning on May 4th @8pm: video, chat, fellowship, prayer. Email events@waterfordlismore.ie or call 087 4042784

Encounter: for young adults aged 18-35 in St John's Church, Waterford Fri 13th May, 8pm, Talk - Music - Prayer - Refreshments. More info: www.waterfordlismore.ie

Cherished Evening of Prayer & Fellowship for women aged 18-50, Mon 2nd May, Holy Family Mission. Rosary @7.30pm, Mass @8pm followed by tea/coffee and lots of chat! Contact Shauna (087) 1378364.

Family Day at Holy Family Mission: Sun May 8th, 10am - 3pm. Bring a packed lunch! Booking is essential: 052 6133181 or email info@holymission.ie

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: August 3rd - 10th, Cost: €725pps, Open to those aged 16 - 35. For more info / to book a place contact: Roisin 083 3002123 / Annmarie 086 4572353 / Declan 083 4865213

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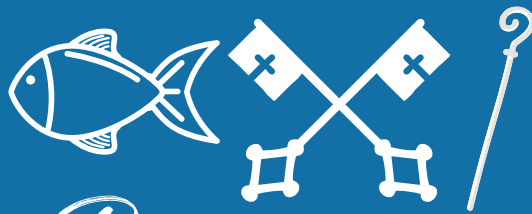
FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS RELATED TO THE GOSPEL IN THE WORD SEARCH. CHECK IF YOU KNOW HOW THEY LINK TO THE STORY!

boat
breakfast
cloak
cooking
declaration
denial
disciples
do you love me
fishing
John
lambs
Nathanael
Peter
reversal
sheep
shore
Simon
Thomas
Tiberias

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Pick one line from the gospel to reflect on this week!





JOHN 21:1-19

CHECK OUT WHAT
CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAYS ABOUT THE
PRIMACY OF PETER
CCC 881



Peter Restored

YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH. MT 16:18

Did you know that in the New Testament Peter is mentioned 155 times and the rest of apostles combined are only mentioned 130 times. Peter is almost always listed first!

HAVE YOU EVER LET A FRIEND DOWN, OR BEEN THE ONE WHO WAS LET DOWN?
WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE AMENDS?

LIST FOUR THINGS YOU KNOW ABOUT ST PETER



WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM CATHOLIC PRODUCTIONS, "PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?"
AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, ... 'before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times. And he went out, and wept bitterly' (Matthew 26:75).

Who or what did Peter deny after Jesus was arrested?

How will the triple denial of Peter be restored in this Gospel?

What question did Jesus ask Peter three times?

What could Jesus have meant by asking Peter, "do you love me **more than these?**" What did Peter proclaim to Jesus before the Passion?

On a deeper level, what is Jesus calling Peter to by this question?

Jesus is not just restoring Peter, but assigning him a particular office. What is it?

What **three** responses does Jesus give to Peter's affirmations of love?

What does the greek verb **poimano** translate as?

What does Jesus reveal about Himself in John Chapter 10?

How can Jesus and Peter both be the Shepherd of the flock?



PETER RESTORED

JOHN 21:1-19



The three questions Jesus asks correspond to the three _____ of Peter.
The three exhortations establish Peter as _____.
What does Peter's role as Chief Shepherd mean? What does Christ-like leadership look like?



Check these references which show Peter's Primacy among the apostles

- [Matt. 14:28-29](#)
- [Matt. 16:18](#)
- [Matt. 19:27](#)
- [Luke 22:31-32](#)
- [Matt. 16:16](#)
- [Matt. 16:19](#)
- [Mark 16:7](#)
- [John 20:4-6](#)
- [Matt. 16:17](#)
- [Matt. 18:21](#)
- [Luke 5:3](#)

Why do you think St Peter is patron saint of netmakers, shipbuilders, and fishermen and locksmiths?



Now Read John 21:1-19

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MISSION!

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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON PETER'S JOURNEY OF FAITH



- [Hillsong: I love You Lord / Passion](#)
- [Kristene di Marco: It is well](#)
- [Big Daddy Weave: Audience of One](#)
- [Victory Worship: New Beginnings](#)
- [Meredith Andrews: You invite me in](#)
- [Hillsong: From the Inside Out](#)
- [Lincoln Brewster: Surrender](#)
- [Nashville Life Music: Shepherd](#)

Click the links for the YouTube videos to listen to some suggestions!



St Peter, First Pope
Catholic Online



Why Catholics have a pope?
Fr Mike Schmitz



The Rock of St Peter
Real Life Catholic



*Cast all your cares into the arms
of Divine Providence.*



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PRESENTATION BROTHERS

*'Each Brother is an open letter
from Christ, a message written
not with ink but in the Spirit of
the living God, with a faithful
human heart to carry it.'*

Bl. Edmund Ignatius Rice

Feast Day: 5 May

Early Life

Edmund Ignatius Rice was born during Penal times in Callan, Co. Kilkenny. He first secretly attended a hedge school before moving to study in the commercial academy in Kilkenny. A bright young man, Edmund apprenticed to his uncle in Waterford City, in a business which supplied trade ships. He did well at his trade and had earned enough money for a comfortable life by the time he was in his early twenties.



Tragedy

Edmund married Mary Elliot in 1786 but tragedy struck when a pregnant Mary was seriously injured in an accident, dying shortly after giving birth to their daughter Mary, who was born with disabilities.

Devastation and a time of deep prayer led Edmund to reflect thoroughly on his life and his vocation which he felt now was to work not for himself or gaining wealth but for the dignity of the poverty-stricken, especially through providing education for them.

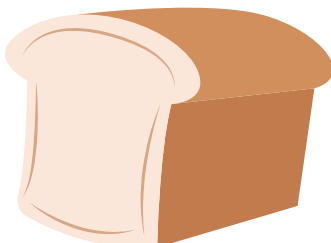
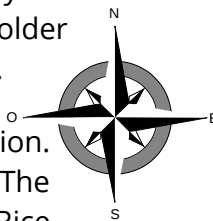
New Direction

At the age of 40, Edmund changed his life's mission. Although he was a wealthy business living a comfortable life, he could see the effects of poverty all around him, especially on the young boys in the city of Waterford. He decided to act and sold off his business interests to start a school for poor boys. He used a converted stable, and lived in the building too. Thomas Grosvenor and Patrick Finn soon joined him in living a life of community over the Stable School on New Street.



Edmund Rice's vision stretched far beyond one simple stable school and he wanted to found a Religious Congregation, who would have traditional vows and be recognised by Rome. In June 1802 he started building a monastery in Waterford City at Mount Sion using his private resources to fund it. It was a larger building, a school with living accommodation for the Brothers, sparsely furnished. The school was built to accommodate about one hundred boys in each classroom. The Brother teaching the class was assisted by the older boys, called 'monitors', who examined the homework and the catechism.

The boys learned to read and write, as well as studying arithmetic and religious education. The older students worked on book-keeping, and studied geography and navigation. The boys also were prepared for their first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Edmund Rice championed education beyond the classrooms walls as the boys could bring home school library books to read to their parents who were largely illiterate.



The children in the school were poor and hungry and received freshly baked bread at a bakery built by Edmund at the school each morning at school which gave them the energy they needed to apply themselves at school. The boys were also poorly dressed so he employed tailors to make suits for the boys at a tailor's shop.

BL. EDMUND IGNATIUS RICE



Edmund and his brother companions worked and prayed together, living a semi-monastic life alongside the hard work of teaching unruly boys under the most basic of conditions. The Presentation Sisters founded by Nano Nagle in Cork City had already opened a school in Waterford city and were educating the girls. In 1808, following the example of the Presentation Sisters, Edmund and his companions took vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, and devoted themselves to the education of poor boys. They were known as the Society of the Presentation. In the early days, when Edmund first began to attract followers to his way of life, they formed themselves into little groups of laymen.

Community Life

Penal Laws

Since Ireland was still under the Penal Laws, all of Edmund Rice's endeavours to educate the boys were considered illegal at the time. However Edmund knew that the boys needed an education in order to rise about their poverty.

Be intent on prayer and whatever may happen will turn to our good.



Edmund received much of his strength, courage and confidence from his strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and frequent reception of Holy Communion. He encourage the Brothers to attend Mass daily and always encouraged the boys to visit the Church daily to pray.

Faith

Death / Legacy

Edmund died on Thursday, 29th August 1844 following a number of years of ill-health. He was buried at Mount Sion in the heart of Waterford city and was mourned greatly by people in Waterford City who knew just how much of a champion this humble man had been for them in their poverty and difficulty.

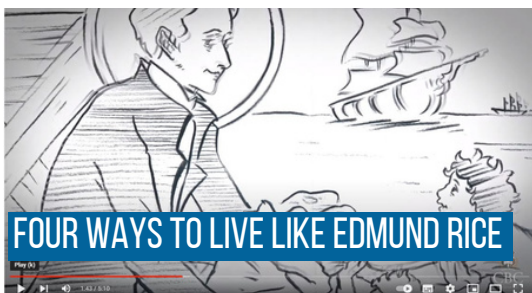
On 6th October 1996, Pope John Paul II beatified Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers. He was declared 'Blessed'



TIME TO REFLECT:

- IF YOU COULD MEET EDMUND RICE, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO HIM?
- WHY DO YOU THINK EDMUND FOUND SUCH STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?
- WHAT INSPIRES YOU THE MOST ABOUT EDMUND RICE'S LIFE?

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES



WATCH THIS YOUTUBE VIDEO ON THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EDMUND RICE.

- Create a display / design a social media post / inspired by the life and actions of Edmund Rice.



- Choose an episode from Edmund Rice's life and dramatise it / mime in a small group.
- Research Venerable Nano Nagle and compare and contrast their lives.

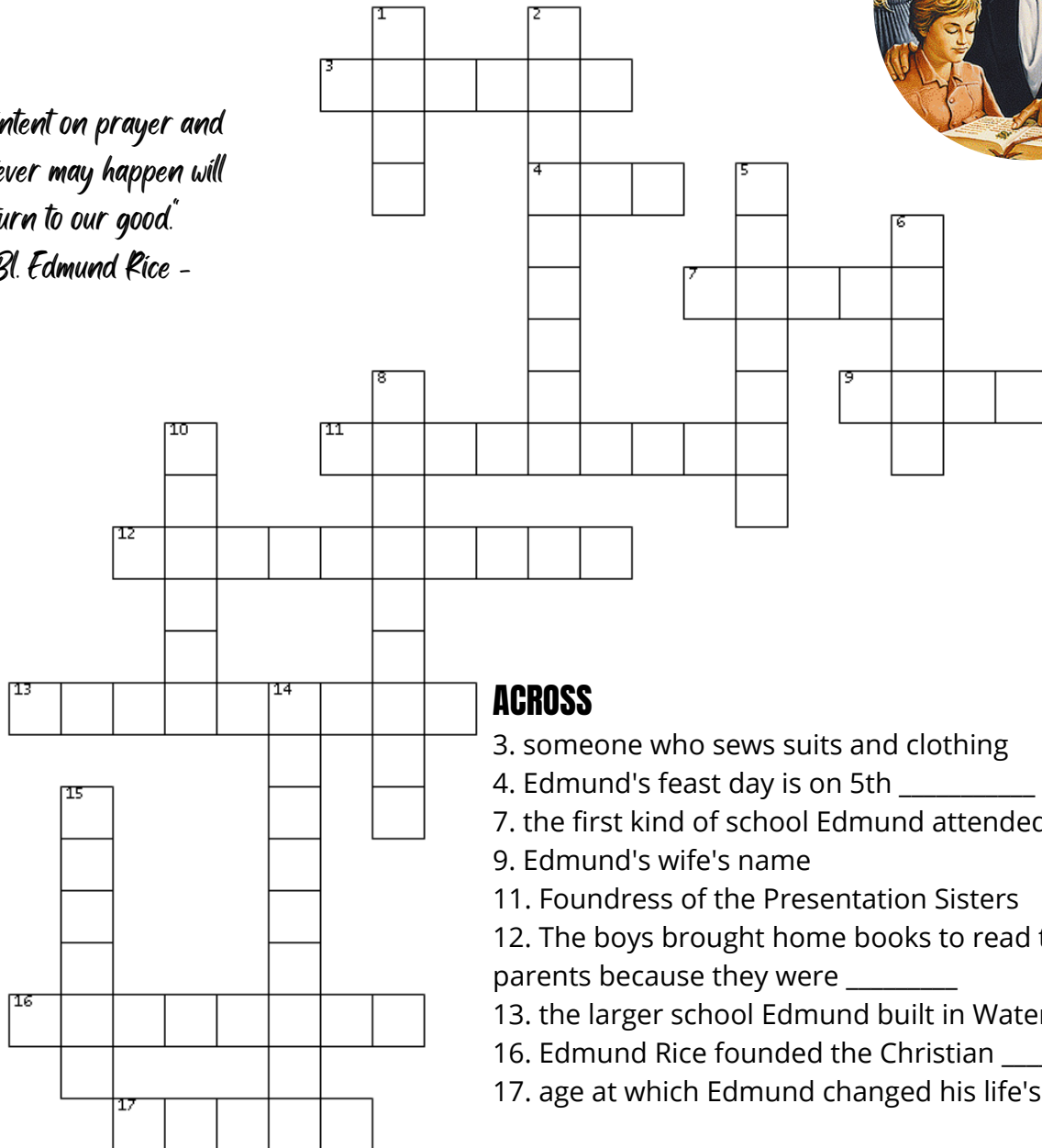




Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice



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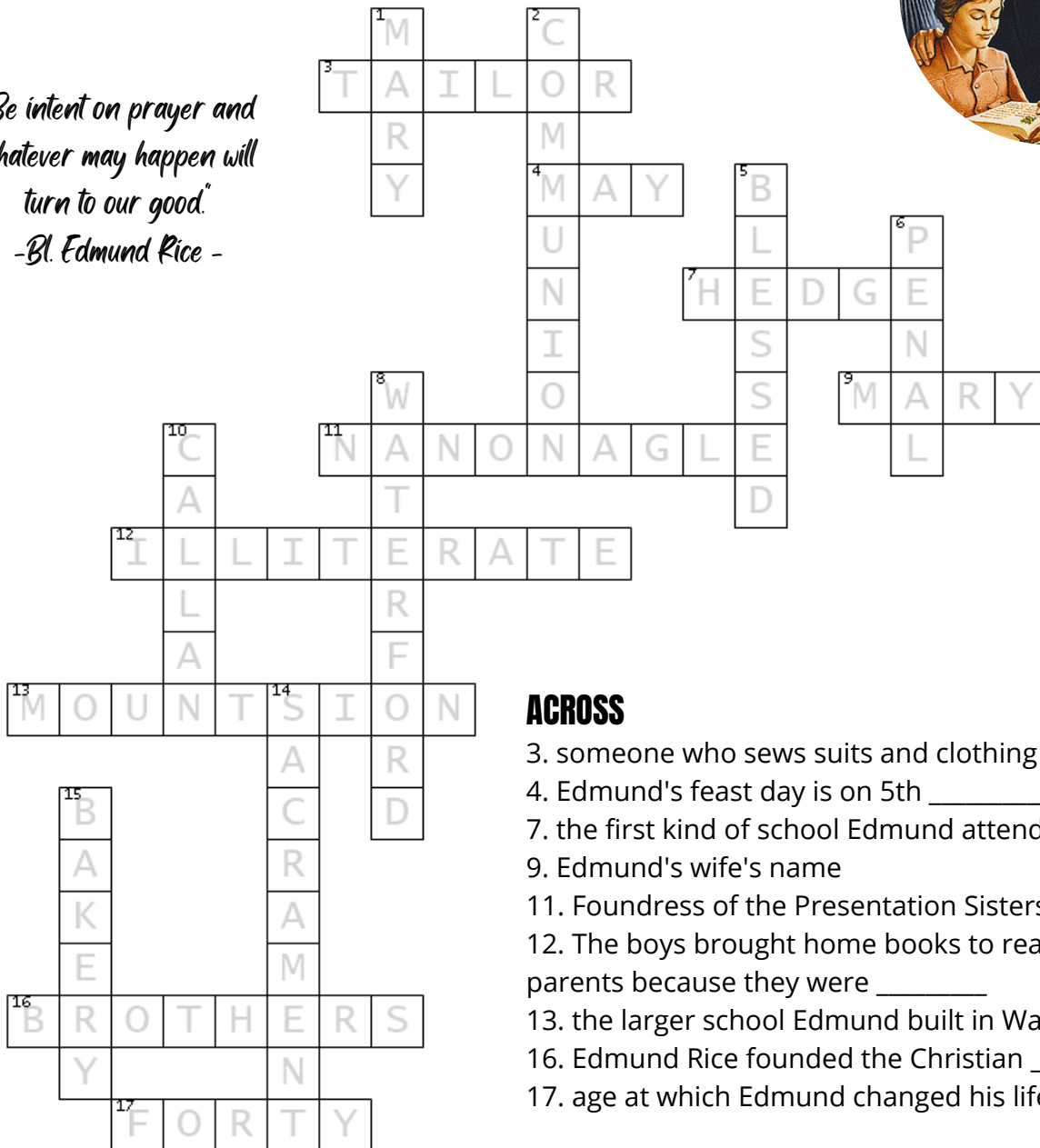
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