

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SUNDAY 13th JULY

8:00AM Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist
Contemporary (BAS) With Music, Choir & Sunday School
Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 16th JULY (Chapel)

10:30am Holy Eucharist
Traditional (BCP). Said service.



UPCOMING
EVENTS

TUE 15 th JULY	Tai Chi (Foundations)	9:00am
THU 17 th JULY	Core Lunch Ministry	9:00 - Noon
THU 17 th JULY	Migrant Worker Ministry	2:00-8:00pm
FRI 18 th JULY	Tai Chi (Foundations)	9:00am
FRI 18 th JULY	Migrant Worker Ministry	2:00-8:00pm
SUN 20 th JULY	Lunch Out After Church	12:15pm
SAT 26 th JULY	Book Sale	10:00am - 2:00pm

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& BASEMENTS

WE ARE SEEKING
DONATIONS OF
BOOKS

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SALE: SATURDAY 26th JULY
10:00am - 2:00pm

PARISH LUNCH TRIP TO



On **Sunday 20th July**, following the 10:30am service (approx. 12:15pm), we are having a parish lunch trip to the Gibbled Goose Pub in Waterford. If you would like to join us, and participate in this parish social event, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the parish hall or contact the parish office at your earliest convenience, so that we can make a group reservation. The Pub address is: 33 Main St N, Waterford. Thanks. **Fr. Paul**

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THEN BE THE LAST ONE
Or, The Narrow Road

Hi friends, I've been feeling increasingly out of step lately, more and more like a dinosaur or an anachronistic hold-over of a pilgrim on the narrow road. I've joked that I'm the last of my kind, but all the jokes don't make it less lonely. Some folks do treat me like I'm quaint or precious and so more easily dismissed: me, with my love of Jesus and the Bible, me with my prayers and my deep belief that goodness and words still matter, me with my insistence on the unequivocal welcome of God's love for everyone. Those side-eyes are earned, I suppose: earnestness is my base-code setting and our world is more comfortable with cynicism and snark these days. But I do feel at times like the last one standing. Joan Didion famously said, "I write entirely to find out what I'm thinking" and today's Field Notes definitely falls into that category.¹ I wish I could promise a tidy resolution today but alas, I'm still figuring out what I think on this matter. Why? Because I feel like I am on a very narrow road and quite alone at that. I'm also trying to understand how to move through this moment in time, **how to follow Jesus well**, perhaps even how to heal what is being broken around us, while being relentlessly honest about the demand of that. First, a sidebar: There is an old saying that when the student is ready, the teacher will appear. At this stage of my life, I do wonder how often I approached the ways of Jesus before I was truly ready for the teacher himself. Because when you do that - when you want the lesson without the embodied teacher - you end up with half-understood principles and cobbled together best-practices and take-aways for personal enrichment that can be easily corrupted rather than true transformation, let alone friendship with God. Perhaps I'm not alone in this: we do try on things even from the scriptures, like a child trying on clothes that are too big for her, and then parade around like we belong in the outfit, certain in our opinions and our proclamations and our decisions without any experience in lament and complexity, compassion and grace. **Some aspects of scripture are meant to be lived into, rather than forced to fit before their time.** The doors of understanding stay locked until love or grief or sometimes both have handed us the key for safe passage beyond. Or perhaps these teachings from Jesus are the multi-faceted prism that we understand, one shaft of light at a time, until the whole of our understanding is illuminated. **Either way, we require time and age and experience to refract the light of God's love into the once-dim corners in our understanding.** Basically, it turns out that I cannot really understand a thing until the Spirit decides that now is the time for the thing to be understood, if you will. And even then, my understanding will be limited. At some point, I will learn humility about this. I hope. But as I become more settled into this middle of my life - even properly middle-aged, if you will - I'm finding much more compassion, dignity, gentleness, and room in the ways of Jesus than I ever imagined possible. I'm finding more wisdom in the words and teachings of Jesus, more life, more possibility. Jesus is, as always, the way, the truth, and the life. So I wonder if there are some teachings from Jesus that we simply can't understand until we've lived a while longer. All of this is to say, I think I'm beginning to understand something old all over again. (In my experience, the Holy Spirit is gentle but relentless in this way.) An astonishingly efficient teaching from Jesus in the book of Matthew has been haunting me lately. The phrases from these particular verses are with me these days, waking and sleeping. I keep circling them, trying to understand something that feels important right now. You may remember these words, tucked inside of the Sermon on the Mount: *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."* - Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14 NIV)

I spent an astonishing amount of my life believing that this was a salvation message, and a highly personal salvation message at that. Fine, whatever, that worked for a time, I guess. And maybe that's right. Other times, I've interpreted this as a Moral vs. Immoral Behaviour caution. That interpretation was particularly popular when I was a teenager: your friends who drink beers



and listen to secular music and let boys slide their hands under their shirt? Wide road! Destruction! Beware! While those of us who listened to music that was both positive AND encouraging or went to youth group religiously or kissed dating good-bye, well, that was a narrow road of righteousness. Congratulations etc. etc. you have your reward. I've read a dozen takes on that passage myself in the past few months: one sees the narrow road as one of contemplation, another as an invitation to lament, one as a pathway of justice, another as updated purity culture virtues vs. vices, on and on. It turns out that there are as many ways of interpreting Jesus's words on what is the narrow road and what is the wide road as there are Christian TikTok influencers with ring lights. I suppose this is just another take...

Sarah Bessey (Canadian Author, Wife, Mum, Knitter)

INK

God, I was trying to write you a prayer
but the ink leaked onto my fingers,
the words all over my hands,
and I tried to wipe them off
but I got the words all over me
and then whole sentences got smudged
onto everything around me,
onto the world and wouldn't you know it,
there's no more ink left in my pen,
and I think I've lost the prayer entirely,
except I keep seeing it
on every tree and wall and person and head line,
and even the streets are smeared with it,
and even the clouds at times seem
prayerfully inky, and at night—
well, all I see is the ink of my prayers.
But my thoughts
have no more words
so
Amen

(Steve Garnaas-Holmes —Unfolding Light).
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Pulled-Pork Sandwich

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or Take-Out

SATURDAY JULY 12, 2025
5 – 7PM
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&

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