

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrating 175 years



Parish Newsletter

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday Masses Cycle A

Priests of the Parish: Fr Patrick M. Devitt Adm. 2857773
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Sacristan: Finbarr Madden 2859975 (8.30-10.30am)
Secretary: Cairíona Fogarty 2859418 (10.30-12.30pm)

Parish Pastoral Council: Elizabeth Hogan (Chairman), Margaret More O'Ferrall (Secretary), Gerardine Parkinson, Brendan Flood, Valerie Hand, Joseph Collins, Norman Dingle, Michael Lane, Amy Luttrell, Gerry O'Brien, Valerie O'Rourke, Fr. Paddy Devitt and Fr. Declan Gallagher,

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Sunday

Sat 6pm Vigil: Peter & Catherine Finlay (ann)

Thomas Irwin (ann)

Seamus Kerr (ann)

Dr Robert O'Dolan (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Nora Tyrell (ann)

Liam Cosgrave (ann)

10.00am: James Brindley (ann)

Thomas Reilly (ann)

11.15 am: John Mannion (ann)

12.30pm: Des Rooney (ann)

7.30pm: Jack Kennedy (Birth ann)

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

We are called to defend and safeguard human life, especially in the Mother's womb, in infancy, old Age and physical or mental disability. 17th October 2017

World Mission Sunday Collection (Sunday 22nd October)

This weekend is Mission Sunday. Donations are collected to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. WMI is the official charity for overseas missions. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Mass to mark the day will be televised on RTE 1 on Sunday 22nd October 11.00am. Mission Sunday materials & resources available on www.wmi.ie and <http://www.dublindiocese.ie/world-missions-ireland-events/>

Recently Deceased Muriel Cassidy

Our thoughts are with her family, relatives and friends.

Months Mind Donal Duggan and Leo Flood.

Anniversaries Des Rooney, Dr Robert O'Dolan, Paddy Dempsey, Seamus Kerr, Edward Sharkey, Paul Murphy, Deceased members of the class of 1956 Castleknock College.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Agnes Keaveney (RD)
John Charles Mc Carthy (RD)

Tues: 10am: Mr & Mrs O'Regan (ann)

Weds 10am: Breda Ryan (RD)

Thurs 10am Charlie Lawlor (ann)

Fri: 10am John McCarthy (RD)

Sat 10am: Margaret Dowd Snr(ann)
Luke and Elizabeth Gorman (ann)

Cuppa for the Missions

A short reminder that the Dalkey Parish Outreach coffee morning will take place next Sunday (29th) in Our Lady's Hall from 9.30am until 1.30pm. The funds raised by this event go a long way towards relieving the poverty that Sr Clare and her community in Kitui, Kenya must face. This month we will have a spooky twist, so come on down for a cuppa. Let's put the *fun* back into fundraising.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is when we come to church and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. You can come anytime during the Adoration period, and stay as long or as short as you wish and be in His Presence for as long as you wish. While you are there sitting quietly in the pew before God, you can pray, read spiritual books, meditate on a mystery of the faith, ponder God's will for us, etc. Remember when you are here, both pray and LISTEN! Listening is so important, so just say a few prayers then just bask in His presence and an answer will hopefully come to you'. Come along and experience the real presence of Christ, normally held every Monday from after 10am mass until 5pm. "When the bee has gathered the dew of heaven and the earth's sweetest nectar from the flowers, it turns it into honey, then hastens to its hive. In the same way, the priest, having taken from the altar the Son of God (who is as the dew from heaven, and true son of Mary, flower of our humanity), gives him to you as delicious food." - St. Francis de Sales

Baptism Meeting please note!

Another reminder that the Parish Baptism preparation for November Christenings will take place this **Monday 23th October** at 8pm in Our Lady's Hall and not on Mon 30th (bank holiday). All parents whose children will be christened in October are invited to attend.

Medjugorje Prayer group

A Mass for healing and peace in honour of Our Lady Queen of peace will take place on Thurs 26th October at 8pm in the Chapel of the Divine Master, Newtown Park. After Mass the Peace Chaplet will be recited, followed by a short period of reflection and Eucharistic Adoration. All most welcome.

Reverence in Church

'But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him' Hab 2.20. Please respect this sacred place.

Web Stats

Our parish website is now receiving over 3500 hits in 33 different countries every month, thanks in part to the new service provided by Church services TV. The majority of these views are from Dalkey people living abroad tuning into regular Mass services, funerals etc. If you have someone living abroad, why not give them a wave !! ☺

Meals on Wheels TV

Dalkey Meals on Wheels would like to acknowledge and thank the Church of the Assumption for their sponsorship of the Wheelbarrow Display for the Dalkey Creates event this weekend. We have been providing meals, for those in our community who require them, from our kitchen in Kilbegnet Close, since 1986. This service, in conjunction with the HSE, is manned by volunteer cooks and drivers and we currently provide more than 250 meals, over five days per week throughout the year. If you require this service or would like to learn more about volunteering, please ring 2857863.

Loreto Abbey Past Pupils 1966 - 1969

Past pupil Sheila Burns is returning to Ireland from the USA for 2 weeks and would dearly love to meet up with the girls who were in the school in years 1966 to 1969. If you can help pls text 087 8047540 or loretoabbeydalkey.pastpupils@gmail.com

Dalkey Creates

We welcome Dalkey Creates Festival to our Church with a wonderful display of wheel barrow gardens in the church grounds and the judging of the children's Dioramas (minigardens) on Sunday. An empty wheel barrow will be left on site for anyone to contribute homemade produce for distribution in the community so come along and enjoy this wonderful display of creativity and all the fun of the weekend.

November List of the Dead Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to list their loved ones who have died on the forms that are available in the church porches this weekend. Please return the envelopes with completed forms inside to the Sacristy or Presbytery No.2 by 1st November and the deceased will be prayed for throughout November and on First Fridays during the year.

Parish Group Support

The Parish Meditation group meets each Thursday evening from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2 (behind the Church) and Compline continues each Wednesday at 6.30 p.m. One to one Bereavement Counselling (non-denominational) with trained volunteer counsellors continues in Presbytery No.2 each Tuesday night from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons, 2-5pm. Call 01 8391766 for an appointment on donation basis.

Mindfulness

8-week Mindfulness Stress Reduction Course, starting Thursday 19 October, 7.30-9.30 pm. To book a place contact Mary on 0868239502 or go to www.mindfulnesshub.ie

Hymns to be sung at 11.15 Mass

Entrance Hymn

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other,
Walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Offertory Hymn

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I ever have
I offer now to You.

All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make
I give to You today.

Take and sanctify these gifts
For Your honour Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve You
Is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I ever have
I offer now to You.

Communion Hymn

Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa, a Íosa.

Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Íosa.

Céad míle fáilte romhat, a Shlánaitheóir,

Céad míle míle fáilte romhat, Íosa, a Íosa.

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa, a Íosa.

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Íosa.

Glóir agus moladh duit, a Shlánaitheóir,

Glóir moladh agus buíochas duit, Íosa, a Íosa.

Recessional Hymn

Hail Redeemer, King Divine,
Priest and Lamb, the throne is Thine.
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of Everlasting Peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing:
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King,
Lord of life, earth sky and sea,
King of Love on Calvary.*

King whose name creation fills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
'Til in peace each nation rings
With Thy praises, King of Kings.

Lourdes

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust are seeking applications for young people to travel to Lourdes with us next Easter. We welcome applications from young people with: A physical disability or illness (aged 11-30), · A learning disability (aged 11-30), · A serious illness up to the age of 11 accompanied by a parent or guardian. More info www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie or on 091 796 622. There is no cost for guests to travel with the Trust. All volunteer carers pay their own fare and fundraise throughout the year to cover the cost of the guests.

Mindful prayer

In a growing secular world it seems much more cool to do mindfulness as opposed to pray. My Sense is that mindfulness empties our minds of cluttera process of deleting what's blocking us from entering into an inner silence of peace and presence. Essentially prayer similarly brings us to a sacred place of peace and serenity. Prayer is a gift. The spirit prayers within us. Like any relationship it needs to be communicated regularly in order for the experience to become wholesome and part of our day to day lives. Prayer is never magic, it's much bigger than just our feelings, prayer points us in the direction of hopefulness and well being. Prayer is simple and doesn't need to be complicated by too much words or noise. The best way to pray is with our heart. "Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

- Fr Paddy Byrne

Wisdom

Gandhi in his spiritual wisdom brings us to the heart of prayer. In the same way St. Therese of Lisieux beautifully said " I have not the courage to force myself to seek beautiful prayers in books; not knowing which to choose I act as children do who cannot read; I say quite simply to the good God what I want to tell Him, and He always understands me."

I love the simplicity of the following story....

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed.

The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me," he said. "No, who are you?" said the father.

"I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"

Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man.

"But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day, about four years ago, my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus.

Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair.

It's not spooky because He promised, "I'll be with you always." Then, just speak to Him in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

So, I tried it, and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though.

If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

Moved

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey.

Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church. Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o' clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.