

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday Masses Cycle A

Priests of the Parish: Fr Patrick M. Devitt Adm. 2857773

Sacristan: Finbarr Madden 2859975 (8.30-10.30am)

Fr Declan Gallagher C.C. 2859212

Secretary: Caitríona 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: Breda and Frank Herron (ann)
Ann Murray (2nd ann)
Margaret Smith (ann)
Thomas and MaryAnn smith 9ann)
Nigel Balfe (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Tom Conlon (ann)

10.00am: Myles and Carmel Murray (ann)
Michael Creedon (ann)

11.15 am: Catherine Byrne (ann)
Nigel Balfe (ann)

12.30pm: Gerard Lee (ann)
Kitty Butler (ann)
Breda and Frank Herron (ann)
Seamus and Alice Delaney (ann)

7.30pm: Special Intention
Nora and Michael King (ann)
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Months Mind Muriel Cassidy

Anniversaries Margaret Smith, Thomas and Mary Ann Smith,
Clare Poulter, Mary McCann.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Trassa and Kevin Kenna (ann)

Tues: 10am: Madeline Connolly (1st ann)
7.30pm: Parish Bereavement Mass

Wed: 10am: Josephine Byrne (ann)

Thurs 10am Phyllis Gillan (ann)

Fri: 10am Bernadette O'Dwyer (ann)

Sat 10am: James O'neill 9ann)

Eucharistic Adoration

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."

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. Come along and experience the real presence of Christ, normally held every Monday from after 10am Mass until 5pm.

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

When we pray, we need to have the courage of faith.

Have trust that the Lord hears us!

8th Nov 2017

Baptism Meeting for December & January

Please note, the next Baptism meeting, which is on 27th November, will be for parents of babies to be baptized in both December and January as there will be no meeting at the end of December. Spread the word!

Child Protection Training

All church volunteers and workers are invited to attend a special evening training session in our church on Thursday 30th November at 7.45pm. Gary Kehoe, child protection officer with the Dublin diocese has kindly offered to facilitate this training session for the parish and it is a requirement of the new child protection legislation that all volunteers must be fully trained. If you are a volunteer in the parish and cannot attend please let us know. office@dalkeyparish.ie

Bereavement Mass

All are most welcome to attend our special Mass in remembrance of our parishioners who have died in the last year on this **Tuesday 21st November at 7.30 pm**. If you would like to place a candle in memory of your deceased relative or friend on a table in front of the altar **before Mass begins** please come a little early. Candles will be available at the back of the Church. Light refreshments will be served in the Church after Mass.

Rosary on the Coast

A rosary on the coasts around Ireland for life and faith, takes place next Sun 26th Nov at 2.30pm at over 140 locations around Ireland on the Feast of Christ the King. (Ireland was the 1st country in the world to be consecrated to Christ the King in the 1930s). A group from the parish will gather at Coliemore Harbour at 2.30pm to pray and everyone is most welcome to join. Full details of locations and prayers are available at the Rosary Website www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or by email at coastalrosaryireland@gmail.com or phone [+353 \(0\)87 278 6552](tel:+3530872786552).

Mary's Land

The highly acclaimed movie Mary's Land is on in IMC Dun Laoghaire 17th to 23rd Nov (at least) at 1.30, 4.05 & 6.30 pm daily. Mary's Land shows people's lives touched and transformed by God's love and gives powerful messages on wonder and sacredness of human life. More info: maryslandmovie.org; Mary's land Ireland Facebook; Irish Catholic 11th Nov.

Cuppa for the Missions

Greetings to all on this November morning. A quick reminder that next Sunday (26th) will bring our monthly coffee morning in aid of Sr Clare and her school in Kitui, Kenya. Everyone is welcome to join us for a hot cuppa tea or coffee from 9.30am to 1pm in Our Lady's Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

World Day of the Poor

This Sunday, 19th Nov. marks the first ever World Day of the Poor, announced by Pope Francis at the end of the Jubilee of Mercy. Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for a parish Food Appeal on Dec 2nd and 3rd for the Crosscare Foodbanks. Crosscare work with many individuals and Families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The foodbanks provide support with essential food and household items. Items most needed are Shampoo & Hygiene products, soups, tinned meats, seasonal biscuits and cleaning products. Items can be left in the Church over weekend of 2nd & 3rd Dec. for collection by the crosscare team.

CASA thank you

CASA would like to say a big Thank You to all who contributed to their very successful collection last weekend!

A Magical Christmas Experience:

The Three Tenors concert, supported by Newtownpark Gospel Choir and Rockford Manor School Choir will take place in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue on Thurs 30th Nov at 7.30pm. Tickets €20 available from the Good News Stand in the church and Texaco Filling Station on Newtownpark Avenue. Call 01-2832988 newtownparkparish@eircom.net

Dalkey Active Retirement Association DARA

The DARA Choir will perform its Annual Christmas Concert in the church on Friday 1st December at 8.p.m., supported by the Cadenza Strings. Enjoy your favourites from the shows, with a good helping of carols! Voluntary contributions at the doors go to Blackrock Hospice.

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.

Learn about Computers at Holy Child Killiney

Log On, Learn is a programme where a participating Transition Year student 'buddy's up' with a person from the local community to share their computer skills. Lessons take place in the school on Fridays from 11 to 1pm. Holy Child Killiney are now taking names for the next Log-on-Learn course, which will begin on Friday 24th Nov. Contact 01 2823120 for more details.

Entrance Hymn

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Offertory Hymn

Gifts of bread and wine,
Gifts we've offered,
Fruits of labour, fruits of love;
Taken, offered, sanctified,
Blessed and broken; words of One who died
'Take My body, take My saving blood'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.
Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
As He promised while on earth:
I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.

Communion Hymn

*Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
Broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured,
Let us be one in the Lord.*
I am the Bread of Life, broken for all,
Eat now and hunger no more.
You are My friends if you keep My commands,
No longer servants but friends.
As God has loved Me, so I have loved you,
Go, and live on in My love.

Recessional Hymn

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hand has made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art,
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art,*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art.

World Meeting of Families are seeking to hire for the following roles: Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Programme, Administrative Assistant to Speaker Programme, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Finance Assistant, Exhibition Sales Coordinator, Event Services and Logistics Coordinator - All job descriptions and information are available on our website: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/

Youth 2000

Youth 2000 invites all young adults 16- 35 to a catholic weekend retreat taking place from 8th - 10th Dec at Newbridge College Kildare . This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today! meals & beds will be provided for but Remember that it is essential that you bring your own pillow, sleeping bag/quilt! There are free buses available to the Christmas Retreat. The routes and contact information for booking a seat are available here!

Aware.

Aware is currently recruiting volunteers across its four support services - **Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online.** No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training as well as ongoing support and education is provided by the organisation. For more information, please visit aware.ie/volunteer or call 01 6617211.

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.

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 prays 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

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.