

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

5th November 2017

Thirty First 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: Cairtriona 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: Tom and Nancy Malone (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Betty Ryan (ann)

10.00am: Betty Bright (ann)

Bernie Meehan (ann)

11.15 am: Agnes Keaveney (MM) and Bill Keaveney (ann)

Mary Carolan (ann)

Robert Derham (ann)

Thomas Harvey Graham (ann)

John and Jane Conway (ann)

Breda O'Hagan (ann)

12.30pm: Deceased members of class of 56 Castleknock

College

7.30pm: Helen Byrne (ann)

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

Learn from wonder; nurture astonishment. Live, love, believe. And, with the grace of God, never despair.

1st Nov 2017

Election Date

'If the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters'. Pope Francis, EG 28

The mission of the Parish Pastoral Council is: *To enable the people of our parish to engage with one another, to share their gifts and to live out the values of Christ in everyday living.* As half of the members of the PPC are coming to the end of their term of office, elections will be held in December to fill the resulting vacancies. The PPC needs your gifts, your skills and your talents. Have you considered going forward for election? Nomination forms are available in the porches and from the Parish Office. Completed forms should be returned to the office or the Sacristy by Sunday **19th November** and the election will take place on 2/3 December. The work of the PPC is very rewarding and critical to the further development of the Parish, please consider serving what is, after all, our wonderful community.

Bereavement Mass

A special Mass in remembrance of our parishioners who have died in the last year will be celebrated on **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 special 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.

CASA clothes collection

CASA clothing collection will take place this and next weekend. CASA is volunteer led organisation whose goal is to develop friendships between helpers and adults and children with a disability - this is achieved through social activities, Lourdes pilgrimages and respite breaks in their Breakhouse. Bags will be available in the church this weekend for donations of ladies, men and children's clothes, accessories and shoes: clean bed linen (no duvets) curtains, bric-a-brac and any unwanted gifts. The money raised from the sale of the collection will help in the funding of a much needed respite break to many adults and children with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities and their families. The bags will be collected next weekend.

Recently Deceased Marie Geraghty

Our thoughts are with her family, relatives and friends.

Months Mind Agnes Keaveney_Mary Mulcahy, Breda Ryan

Anniversaries Breda O'Hagan, Christopher Hogan, Betty Ryan, Bernie Meehan, John Redmond, Helen Byrne.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Killian McGuirk (ann)

Geraldine McDonnell (RD)

Tues: 10am: Kevin Rice (ann)

Wed: 10am: Helen Byrne (ann)

Thurs 10am James and Kathleen McCaffrey (ann)

Fri: 10am Rita Allan (RD)

Sat 10am: Violet O'Cleireachain (ann)

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.

Fr Willie Doyle SJ

'Man of the People' Carmel Ui Cheallaigh's book about the life of Fr Willie Doyle will be launched by Tim Pat Coogan, in Stillorgan Library 6pm Thurs Nov, 9th. rsvp carmelkel@gmail.com

Feast of St Begnet

We celebrate the Feast of St Begnet next Sunday, 12th November at 1.15 with an ecumenical service across the road in St Begnets Graveyard at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Begnet was an Irish princess who lived in the 7th century. According to legend, when she was a child, an Angel appeared to her and asked her to devote her life to the service of God. She did so, and the Angel gave her a bracelet, marked with the sign of the cross, as a symbol of her vocation. Two ruined churches in Dalkey are named for Begnet, one on Dalkey Island, and the other near the 15th-century stone townhouse now serving as Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. A holy well located near the Martello tower on the island is also associated with her. According to one source on the history of the church in Dalkey, Begnet's father was Colman, the son of Aedh in the parish of Cill Becnait. Like many other female virgin saints, she is described as beautiful and desirable, but she refused her numerous suitors in favour of religious devotion. Come along to celebrate her life and enjoy a warm cuppa afterwards in the Heritage Centre. All most welcome.

What does Ireland Need to Nurture Its Soul?

Mark Patrick Hederman OSB will give a public lecture followed by a response from Justin McAleese and Emma Farrell on youth issues on 22nd November at 7.30pm in Smock Alley. Adm €30 (book online www.sanctuary.ie & student discount available) The evening will then be opened up for dialogue with the audience, facilitated by Tony Bates.

Alzheimer Cafe - South County Dublin

Wednesday 8th of November at 7.00pm in Bloomfield Health Centre, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham. Topic: **Information & Services for individuals living with Dementia and how to access them.** Speaker: Samantha Taylor, Info Manager, Alzheimer Society of Ireland. www.bloomfield.ie/Alzheimercafe

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 13th of November from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

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.

Positions Vacant

A full list of positions are posted each week on www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies including: Finance and Administration Assistant's, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Finance Assistant, Exhibition Sales Coordinator and Event Services and Logistics Coordinator for WMoF. info for WMoF is at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/

Hymns to be sung at 11.15 Mass

Entrance Hymn

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light, Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light, shine in Your church
Gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us,
Make us Your living voice.

Offertory Hymn

Jesus, remember me
When you come into Your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
When you come into Your Kingdom. X 3

Communion Hymn

Be still my soul, the Lord is always near thee,
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to comfort and to cheer thee,
In every change, He faithful remains;
Be still my soul, thy heavenly Friend will steer thee
Through thorny ways to His own domains.

Be still my soul when dearest friends are taken,
And all is dark within the vale of tears;
Then shalt thou know He has not thee forsaken
But comes to soothe thy sorrows and fears.
Be still my soul, thy God will always repay
In His own time all He takes away.

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.

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 clutter ...a 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

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.

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.