

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

3rd December 2017

First Sunday in Advent

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Weekday Masses Cycle B

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: Seamus Sheeran (ann)
George and Anne Borny (ann)
Ellen Kieran (ann)
- Sun 8.45am: Des Beirne (B ann)
- 10.00am: Niall Meghen (ann)
Fergus Kelly (ann)
Joe Cole and David Nivin (ann)
- 11.15 am: Doran Family Deceased
Ray McCabe (ann)
Enda Flannelly (ann)
- 12.30pm: Jim Horan (ann)
Bella Glynn (ann)
Marie Geraghty (ann)
- 7.30pm: Patrick Byrne (ann)
Mary and Micheal McMahon (ann)

Months Mind Marie Geraghty

Anniversaries Deirdre Mountjoy, Gerry Sedgwick,
Ellen Kieran, Anne O'Toole, Peg Weymes

Remembered at Masses this week

- Mon: 10am: Ada Byrden (ann)
Johanna & Alice Slattery (ann)
- Tues: 10am: Carmel McGuirk (ann)
- Wed: 10am: The Burke Family special Intention
- Thurs 10am Joe Jennings (RD)
- 7.30pm:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- Fri: 7.30am Stephen Cullen (RD)
- 10am: Charlie Lawlor (ann)
David Hamilton (1st ann)
- Sat 10am: Michael & Rose Moran

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

The most holy name of God can never be invoked to justify hatred and violence against other human beings
30th Nov 2017

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

Christmas is not the same for everyone. The annual St V de P appeal will take place at all Masses next weekend 9th & 10th December. St Vincent de Paul helps people in need in the Dalkey area with food, fuel, urgent expenditure and education. Things that a lot of us take for granted are beyond the means of some of our families. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Parish Ministries need your help!

As a number of ministries within the parish need additional volunteers, we have prepared a leaflet which will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. The leaflet describes ministries where your help is needed and what the commitment would be. Please take it home and read it and if you can help please fill out the back page and leave it into the Parish Office.

Crosscare Food Bank Appeal

This weekend we also appeal for food and household items for the annual Crosscare foodbank appeal. Crosscare works with many individuals and Families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. Items most needed are shampoo & hygiene products, soups, tinned meats, seasonal biscuits and cleaning products and can be left in the Church over this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated!

Santa is coming to town!

This Sunday Santa will come to Dalkey! Come along and enjoy the fun this Sunday afternoon. We are also delighted to welcome 45 children and their parents from Mosney Direct Provision centre who will also join in the fun and carol service. The crib with live animals will open in Archbold's Castle at 3pm after which the annual children's carol service will kick off at 4pm featuring choirs from Rathdown school, Dalkey school project, our Family Mass group and the children's choir from Mosney. We are delighted to be joined by Simon Morgan and Lisa Lambe (Celtic Woman) who will open proceedings with some beautiful singing. Musical entertainment outside will feature Duk, Dalkey Ukelele group who along with the King of Dalkey will welcome Santa's arrival at 5pm. So come along and enjoy the fun, everyone is welcome!

Christmas cards

A range of Christmas cards from the Divine Word Missionaries is available for sale in the Parish Office. Great value for money at only €5 for a pack of 12

Nominations for the PPC

As the number of nominations received within the time frame for the Parish Pastoral Council match the number of vacancies on the council it is not necessary to have an election. All are deemed to be elected and will take up office in January 2018. We are very grateful to all those parishioners who have come forward to serve on the PPC.

Vision group

What is parish? What is the role of our parish in today's world? How do we best serve? If you would like to discuss these and other questions relating to parish please consider joining our parish vision group. You may also have ideas that you always wanted to share but were afraid to, because you didn't want to have to do it all yourself or thought no one would listen. This is a chance to explore those! All ideas are welcome and no idea is too big or too small. Email Jannis, facilitate@outlook.com or contact the office for more.

Cake sale

Pop along to next weekend's cake sale and raffle in OLH in aid of Zambia Immersion project. Sat 9th Dec from 10 - 2pm.

Monday at the Monastery

The 'Monday at the Monastery' series of talks returns to Presentation Brothers House in Glashule, Co Dublin for 3 sessions leading to Christmas. Patrick Kavanagh scholar Sr Una Agnew will begin the series on Mon 27th Nov, reflecting on Kavanagh's poem Advent and what it can tell us about waiting for Christ during Advent. On Mon 4th Dec, Dr Aoife McGrath will speak about encountering Christ in the family, while looking forward to the World Meeting of Families. Finally, on Mon 11th Dec, Spirit Radio's Dom Perrem will interview a group of young Catholic adults, who will speak about welcoming Christ into their lives. The talks are free to attend. Each talk begins at 7.30pm, and concludes with a cup of tea and chat.

Make your own decorations

Cintra Garden Centre, St John of God Community Services is holding a workshop on Christmas Decorations from the Garden on Saturday morning 16th December from 11-1pm. Joan Mallon, an award winning Horticulturist (Bloom Silver Medalist) will facilitate the workshop in the lovely gardens of the Cintra Campus. Tickets €10 including all decorations and tea/coffee. Please contact Bairbre.osullivan@sjog.ie or telephone 087 9204525.

Gospel choir

The Gospel Choir will sing at Mass on next Saturday 16th Dec.

Monastic City in Glendalough

Come and join St. Kevin's choir and the community of Glendalough for a Carol Service in the ancient Cathedral. Meeting at the steps of the monastic site at 7.15pm to walk to the Cathedral for 7.30pm start on Tuesday 19th of December 2017. Refreshments afterwards in the Glendalough Hotel.

Entrance Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel,
To free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
To you shall come Emmanuel.*

O royal branch of Jesse's tree,
Redeem us all from tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free,
And over death win victory.

Offertory Hymn

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see
The salvation of our God. X 3

Communion Hymn

I am the Bread of Life;
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
He who believes in me shall not thirst:
No one can come to me, unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up and I will raise him up,
I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I shall give
Is my flesh for the life of the world;
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live forever, he shall live forever.

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man,
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you.

Recessional Hymn

Come O Divine Messiah,
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flees away.

Sweet Saviour haste! Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace

O Thou whom nations sighed for
Whom priests and prophets long foretold,
Shall break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long lost fold.

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.

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!](#)

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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.

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.

Vacancy for the Position of Leader of Children's Choir: St. Patrick's Parish Monkstown is looking for a musician to take on the leadership of the Children's Choir. The ideal candidate will be able to play either a guitar or piano/keyboard. Full details available at www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/

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