

# Parish Newsletter

## Celebrating 175 Years

6<sup>th</sup> August 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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Weekday Masses Cycle A

Priests of the Parish: Fr Patrick M. Devitt Adm. 2857773  
Fr Declan Gallagher C.C. 2859212

Sacristan: Finbarr Madden 2859975 (8.30-10.30am)  
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 Catherine Hayde (ann)  
Conor Fogarty (ann)  
Kathleen murphy (ann)  
Paul Cosgrave (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Herbert and Mary Unger (ann)

10.00am: Pat Delaney (ann)  
Julian Harte (ann)

11.15 am: Tom Williams (ann)  
Rosary Morley (ann)  
Tony Coloma (MM)

12.30pm: Tony Saunders (ann)  
May Tallant (ann)

Month's Mind Helen Owens and David O'Neill.

Anniversaries Timothy O'Regan, Patrick Doyle, Julian Harte, Mary Coleman.

### Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Robert 'Pino' Harris (RD)  
Max Miller (RD)

Tues 10am: John Clifford (ann)

Wed 10am: Charlie Fell (ann)

Thurs 10am: Michael Quinn (RD)

Friday 10am: Special Intention

Sat 10am: Helen Owens (MM)

### Reverence in Church

*'But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him' Hab 2.20.* In response to requests from parishioners who wish to pray in silence in our Parish Church, the PPC have placed reminders in each of the Church porches requesting visitors to please respect this sacred place.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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### Parish Office

The parish office will be closed this week for annual leave. Mass cards will be available in the sacristy every day after 10am Mass or after all weekend masses.

### Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

We effectively do good when we do it without seeking reward and in the concrete situations of everyday life  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

May God Bless,

every step we take, every word we speak,  
every hand we shake, every truth we seek, every prayer we make.

May God bless this day and all days, our departing,  
our travelling and our returning. John Birch.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to all who are married this weekend - to Roisin Waters and Leopold O'Shea, Leah Coulson and Simon Acton and Killian Long and Gina Coyle. We wish them long life, good health and God's love to surround and protect them as they embark on their new lives together.

### Parish Day of Reflection

We are taking final bookings for the Parish Day of Reflection. If you wish to go and have not yet booked please contact Finbarr in the sacristy this week, or leave a message on 01 2859418 or at [office@dalkeyparish.ie](mailto:office@dalkeyparish.ie). The Day of Reflection will take place on **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug** at An Tairseach, Dominican Farm and Ecology Centre, Wicklow. A bus will leave the car park at 9.15 (sharp). Tea/coffee will be served on arrival. At 11.15, Sr. Colette, O.P. will give a talk on the work of the centre/Laudato Si. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon followed by lunch (your own packed lunch). From 1.45 pm to 4.00 pm there is time for reflection, a walk in the garden/farm, a guided tour and a visit to the farm shop. The bus will depart at 4.00pm. A suggested donation of €20 towards the cost of the day will be collected on the bus. All most welcome!

### Follow up to Series on Migration

We, together with St. Patrick's, are arranging for a family day out at Dublin Zoo on **Mon 21st Aug** for a group of 33 including children and their parents from Mosney. We have been able to agree a special deal with Dublin Zoo and the Catering Company which will allow us to provide entry fees and lunch at **€13** per child and **€21** per adult **for the visitors**. We do hope that families from Dalkey, especially those who were hosts for the visit on 3rd Jun will also come to Dublin Zoo on that day so that the visitors will meet some familiar faces. Very many thanks to all those who have already made donations or arranged fund raising events to cover the cost of the day. If we find that the funds donated exceed what is needed for the Zoo visit, please be assured that all extra money will be used for other activities

for the migrants - perhaps an event nearer Christmas, we will keep you informed. If you would like to sponsor a child or an adult for this Zoo visit, please leave a donation either in the Sacristy or in the Parish Office, marked 'Zoo visit'. If you wish to receive a receipt please also enclose your name and address or email address.

#### **Bridge Competition**

Valerie Hand will run a Bridge Competition on Tues 8th August in Our Lady's Hall to raise funds to cover visit to the Zoo. Bridge will start at 2pm and finish at 5pm. Her aim is to have 10 tables - 40 people who will pay €10 each. Tea and Valerie's delicious brack will be served! To book: call Susan 01 285 0661 or Valerie 01 285 9197 or 087 961 2919. Those who are not free to play may leave a donation.

#### **Dalkey Vintage Festival**

Come along to Dalkey Vintage festival this bank holiday Monday in the Church car park. Lots of fun for all with vintage and classic cars on display, Formula 1 simulator, street entertainment, vintage stalls and more. All most welcome!

#### **Moyross work programme update**

We have great news from Leopardstown Race Course where two lads from Moyross are doing extremely well. Pat Keogh writes: "They are two great guys and are very hard workers. They are very popular with all the staff here and would be welcome back any time." One of them has been given an opportunity to work for Fitzers at Leopardstown; Fitzers are 'delighted' with him so he may well be set up for a career in catering in the future. Lee Quinn, a 'past-pupil' of the programme has gone on to RACE. the jockey school in the Curragh, and has won the trophy for the most improved beginner! Just shows what these young people can do when they are given a chance! We are privileged in Dalkey to be part of the process of giving them that chance. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support!

#### **Echoes - Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers**

Ireland is known internationally as home to many of the world's great writers. Echoes is a celebration of these writers, with a focus on world renowned author Maeve Binchy whose works have been translated into 37 different languages. Taking place at the Town Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, Echoes will trace her path from letter-writing and journalism right through to her internationally acclaimed status. On Sat 30<sup>th</sup>, writers Gordon Snell, Martina Devlin, Joseph O'Connor, Róisín Ingle and Bernard Farrell will speak between readings and recordings. Prof Margaret Kelleher, Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature UCD will open the day with Maeve Binchy, her lasting appeal. Actor Barry McGovern will explore the Beckett connection in When Beckett met Binchy. Playwright and personal friend to Maeve, Bernard Farrell will close the day on Maeve-A Legacy in Laughter. Early bird tickets at [www.echoes/booktickets](http://www.echoes/booktickets).

#### **Parish Group Support Meetings**

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.

#### **National Museum of Childhood**

As part of heritage Week 2017, The National Museum of Childhood in Dun Laoghaire have invited all of our parishioners to come along to their event Day on 19<sup>th</sup> August to get a taste of what the museum could offer. Events include workshops, games, exhibitions and performances for children and all are free.

#### **BA in Theology and Lifelong Education**

is a 4-5 year course offered by the School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music at Dublin City University. The degree is intended for people from a variety of backgrounds. This course suits mature students already involved in areas such as Ministry, Biblical Studies, Social Justice Groups, Ecumenical Projects, Dialogue with other faith communities, Parish Councils, School Boards, or Liturgy. The degree also serves as a qualification for those who wish to pursue postgraduate study or research in theology. To qualify, you must be aged 23 or over on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan in the year of application. The Programme follows a 5 year cycle with students entering the programme in any of the years of the cycle. Normally a student will study between 5 and 6 modules per year. [www.dcu.ie/DC300](http://www.dcu.ie/DC300)

#### **Spirituality Course**

2017-2019 programme is now open for our Adult Education Certificate. This is a two-year, part-time evening programme in Spirituality run in partnership with Lumen in the Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill, Blackrock. There are no exams and no prior learning is required - all in a relaxed and convivial environment. For more information or to book contact Anne Ryan on 086 - 8843652 or email: [anneryanflanagan@gmail.com](mailto:anneryanflanagan@gmail.com) - see [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie)

#### **Registration & Tickets for WMOF2018**

Registration for the World Meeting of families in 2018 is now open. Visit the Tickets Section on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available. Accommodation booking is also available online at time of registration through the same booking form on the website.

#### **National Novena at Knock**

From 14<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> August speakers, workshops, Mass and a Witness Walk at the National Novena. Among those taking part are Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. Seamus Enright, CSsR, Fr. Michael Cussack, CSsR, Marty Morrissey, Rev. Kevin O'Gorman, Bernadette McNeive, Darren Cawley, Rt Rev. Patrick Rooke, Prof. Salvador Ryan, Most Rev. Philip Boyce, Fr. Daniel O'Leary, Bishop Kevin Doran, as well as Dr. Aoife McGrath, Fr. Timothy Bartlett, Secretary General for the WMOF2018, Maria Steen and Cora Sherlock. Talks and workshops will be held every day. For more information email: [mariahunt@knockshrine.ie](mailto:mariahunt@knockshrine.ie) - see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

to tell you! Going to Him in this way really means a lot to Him. It is NOT like your average prayer session kneeling by your bed. It's a thousand times more!! Remember when you go: 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'.

We have received wonderful feedback on many peoples experience of this blessed time such as this note to the parish office - *'Honestly the few times I've been to adoration I received a profound resolution to something. As in one time, God gave me the courage to confess something I had done which I knew it was wrong but was so weak I needed extra help and encouragement to face up to.'*

Sometimes people question 'What is Adoration?' Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us". During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"!

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