

# Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Parish Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sacristan: Finbarr Madden 2859975 (8.30-10.30am), Parish Secretary: Caitríona Fogarty 2859418 (10.30-12.30pm)

Parish Pastoral Council: Joseph Collins, Norman Dingle, Michael Lane, Gerry O'Brien, Valerie O'Rourke, Liz & Tony Holmes,

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### Sunday

Sat 6pm Vigil: Sean O'Bradaigh (ann)

Des Kelly (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Patrick and Bridget McCoy (ann)

10.00am: Harry Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> ann)

11.15 am: Kathleen Denham (ann)

Christopher Thomas (ann)

Stephen Dalton (MM)

12.30pm: Leo McCormack (ann)

Kevin Coghlan (ann)

Fr Thomas Hughes(ann)

7.30pm: Jim & Anne O'Toole (ann)

**Recently Deceased** Nora Harte and Elizabeth O'Hegarty,

Patty Horgan and Michael Burke.

Our thoughts are with their families, relatives and friends.

**Months Mind** Stephen D'Alton

**Anniversaries** Fiona O'Dwyer, Veronica Donoghue, Catherine McGovern, Jim O'Toole, Kevin Coghlan, Kitty McGrane, Johnny Moore, Eileen McCarron, Sally Boland.

Remembered at **Masses this week**

Mon: 10am. Fiona O'Dwyer (ann)

Tues: 10am: John and Annie Blake (ann)

Wed: 10am: Billy Hederman (ann)

Thurs 10am: Joan O'Donnell (ann)

Fri: 10am: Catherine Flynn (ann)

Sat 10am: Frank Flynn (ann)

Tom MacGinty (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. Adoration really helps you to be open to what God is trying to tell you! Going to Him in this way really means a lot to Him. 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, Adoration is on every Monday from after 10am Mass until 5pm, except bank holidays.

### Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

The more we are rooted in Christ, the more we rediscover interior peace, even in the midst of daily challenges.

10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

### Sign of Peace

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by flu in recent weeks, it is a good time to remind ourselves of sensible practices. It is good to remember that those with flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

Those who are confined to home when ill can pray along with the Mass broadcast on our parish Radio, or by webcam via our website or on [www.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.dublindiocese.ie), on Sunday Morning by RTE Radio on Long Wave 252 Khz. RTE1 television often broadcast Mass on Sunday mornings too. In times of flu alerts the HSE states: "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus." However if some parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands during flu season, at the Sign of Peace, they are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact (with a smile or a bow).

### Church Unity

This year we celebrate Church Unity Week with an ecumenical service in St Patricks Church Harbour Rd on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm. Guest speaker is Fr Bob Whiteside, who was until recently in charge of Pastoral Training at All Hallows and he will speak on the theme of the World Meeting of Families - 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World' as chosen by Pope Francis. All are most welcome.

### New Webcam

We have finally upgraded our webcam. The new digital camera will be always on, on our website [www.dalkeyparish.ie](http://www.dalkeyparish.ie) for Masses and all church ceremonies including the weekly rosary. We hope that this improvement will make it easier for parishioners both here and overseas will have better access and engagement with the parish, particularly for those who cannot make it to the church. Just switch on and feel the presence of God in your home.

### Mass Cards

From this week Mass Cards will only be available for sale in the church rather than the Parish Office, every morning after 10am Mass until 11am. We are actively seeking volunteers to help in this new role which we hope will be expanded to also include the booking of all anniversary Masses etc. Please contact Fr Declan or the Parish Office if you interested in volunteering for this new ministry.

### World Migrant Day

Today we celebrate the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants & Refugees and we come together to pray and remember our refugee brothers and sisters living in our diocese, parishes and especially those in direct provision centres around the country. We in Dalkey pray especially for all our friends in Mosney direct provision centre and hope that their status may be formalised so that they can live their lives with certainty and hope for the future in Ireland. Pope Francis reminds us 'when we heal the wounds of refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking, we are practising the commandment of love that Jesus has left us ..... Their flesh is that of Christ'. We are called by Christ to welcome one another, regardless of race, creed or religion.

### Church Gate Collection

This weekend's church gate collection is in aid of Habitat for Humanity. A group from Cuala GAA Club including TY student Laura Doherty will travel to Zambia this summer to build houses. Your support is appreciated.

### Calling all Silver Surfers!

Age Action together with open eir are making waves to find Ireland's top Silver Surfers. The awards celebrate and showcase older peoples' use of the internet and technology as well as the volunteers who teach these skills and closing date for nominations is February 21st. TV presenter, broadcaster & fashion designer Brendan Courtney, will present the awards at a ceremony on Tues 28 Mar and full details are available on [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie) or Anne-Marie Walsh on 01 4756989.

### Meditation Group

Our parish meditation group meets every Thursday evening, from 7.30 to 8.30pm, at Presbytery No. 2. All most welcome!

### St Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Collection

The annual St Vincent de Paul clothing collection will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Bags for collection will be distributed on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> takes place on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. Bags will be distributed on the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> and will be collected at all Masses the following weekend.

### Save the Date

The Archdiocese of Dublin's Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Theme: "We are Pilgrims - Knock invites us to Healing and Peace". Full programme soon.

Hymns for 11.15 Mass

### Entrance Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear My light to them, whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night.*

*I will go Lord, if You lead me,*

*I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak My word to them, whom shall I send?

### 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

I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice,  
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night I will be your light,  
Come and rest in Me.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.*

*I have called you each by name.*

*Come and follow Me, I will bring you home;*

*I love you and you are Mine.*

I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
And all will know My name.

I'm the word that leads all to freedom,  
I'm the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,  
Stand up, now walk and live.

### Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done  
In Whom the world rejoices,  
Who from our mothers arms  
Hath blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our lives be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

**Bereavement Counselling in Dalkey Parish** The bereavement counselling service,(non-denominational), offers confidential counselling on a one to one basis by trained volunteer counsellors in Presbytery No.2 each Tuesday night from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons, 2-5pm. Please call 01 8391766 for an appointment on donation basis.

**Icon Course**

Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co Wicklow. Beginners welcome  
Tutor: Mihai Cucu for 1 week -February 26th - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018  
Details: email [mihaicucu78@gmail.com](mailto:mihaicucu78@gmail.com)

**Thank You!**

St Vincent de Paul Dalkey would like to thank all of our parishioners for your extraordinary generosity in the recent collection which raised a tremendous €20,914.29.

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**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.

**With gratitude!**

As we rejoice in the great feast of Christmas, we thank all who do so much to enhance our celebration: those who have cleaned and decorated the church, the flower arranging group, Cathal and family who built the crib, the collectors, the choirs, organists and instrumentalists in the music ministry, altar servers, ministers of the Word (readers) and ministers of the Eucharist, those who exercise a ministry of welcome, Finbarr our sacristan and Caitriona in the office-as well as those who serve us all on the Parish Pastoral Council and its sub-committees, and on the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Maintenance Committee and on the Board of Harold Boys', our parish school; all who organised and participated in the wonderful carol services which we have enjoyed over the past week, and especially our friends and neighbours in St Patrick's Church. To all our numerous volunteers who are the beating heart of our vibrant community - too numerous to mention! Thank You!! Finally, Dalkey Community Council has once again this year, donated a lovely Christmas Tree to the church. We thank the Council for this very generous gift.