

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrating 175 years



Parish Newsletter

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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: Cairíona 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: Peggy Maloney (ann)
Declan O'Callaghan (RD)

Sun 8.45am: Brendan Harmon (ann)

10.00am: Joan Jennings (ann)

11.15 am: Elizabeth Coyle (ann)
James and Mary McKeirnan (ann)
Delia Byrne (ann)

12.30pm: Harry Hewson and Elizabeth Walsh (ann)

7.30pm: James Courtney (RD)

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

Be courageous witnesses to Christ in the places where you live and work. 27th October 2017

Recently Deceased Marie Geraghty
Our thoughts are with her family, relatives and friends.

Months Mind Roger O'Donnell, Paddy Byrne, Paddy Dunne

Anniversaries Harry Hewson, Louise Kennedy,
Elizabeth Walsh, Jerry and Annie Wallace,
James and Mary McKiernan,
James Kevin MacGoris.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Special Intention

Tues: 10am: Marie Geraghty Requiem Mass
Edward Kearns (ann)
Sean Burgess (ann)

7.30pm: Vigil Mass: Donors Intentions

Wed: Feast of All Saints:
7.30am: John Mangan (RD)

10am: Eileen and Sean O'Brien (ann)

Thurs 10am John O'Brien (ann)

Fri: 10am

Sat 10am: James Supple & Mary Elizabeth Supple (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. *Please note that Adoration will take place this Tuesday until 5pm due to the Bank Holiday Monday.*

Election to the Parish Pastoral Council

'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. Half of the members of the PPC are coming to the end of their term of office and elections will be held to fill the resulting vacancies. The PPC needs your gifts, your skills and your talents. Please consider 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 2017.

Bereavement Mass

A special Mass in remembrance of our parishioners who have died in the last year will be celebrated on **Tuesday 21st November 2017 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.

Cuppa for the Missions

This bank holiday weekend join us at the Dalkey Parish Outreach coffee morning in Our Lady's Hall from 9.30am until 1pm for tea, coffee, homemade scones - and even a special Halloween treat. In the wake of dubious elections in Kenya, the country is now in a time of political crisis and division. For Sr Clare and her school in Kitui, it is a difficult time to be focusing on exams. It is at times like these that the little we can give goes the furthest. So come on down for a cuppa and a chat, we have the kettle on!

November List of the Dead Envelopes

Parishioners are invited to list their loved ones who have died on the forms that are available in the church porches this weekend. Please return the envelopes with completed forms inside to the Sacristy or Presbytery No.2 by **1st November** and the deceased will be prayed for throughout November and on First Fridays during the year.

Cycling for Charity

Dalkey parishioner, Brendan Moore, spoke after Masses on July 23rd about his plan to cycle home to Dalkey from Cordoba in Spain, where he has been working as a secondary school teacher for the last 3 years. Brendan is raising funds for a number of charities, and also raising awareness of the plight of many Syrian children who are missing out on an education, and he thanks the people of Dalkey for their generous support to date, particularly at the Table Quiz on July 27th before he set off. The cycle of almost 5,000km across Europe is almost complete and, after 3 months on the road, Brendan is expected to arrive back in Dalkey on Saturday 4th November, at around 3pm and all are invited to join with family and friends in The Club to welcome him home. Those who wish to contribute to the charities he is supporting can buy a T-shirt in The Club or donate on-line at w.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11364163_flamencos-team. www.flamencosteam.com

Irish Hospice Foundation

The Irish Hospice Foundation will provide a free information evening about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people on Thursday 2nd November from 5.30pm until 8pm in Alexander Hotel (off Merrion Square), Dublin 2. There will also be an opportunity to chat to voluntary bereavement support services about the supports they provide. During the evening Laura Kennedy will address the gathering and speak on the theme 'Living with Loss'. Bookings are not necessary. Further information, please contact Tel: 01 6793188 / Email: iris.murray@hospicefoundation.ie / www.bereaved.ie

Quiz Night

A Quiz Night in aid of the National Rehab Hospital will take place on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm in Baker's Corner pub. €40 for a table of 4, great prizes & raffle. Please support!

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.

Hymns to be sung at 11.15 Mass

Entrance Hymn

Love is His word, Love is His way,
Feasting with men, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is His way

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
Better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is His way, love is His mark,
Sharing His last Passover feast,
Christ at His table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is His mark.

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

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now
In reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on Holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awful is the sight,
Our radiant King of Light,
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
Is shining all around.
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him,
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Recessional Hymn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto Your throne!

Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please
To please the Lord!

Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow,
The creatures You made to let Your life show,
The flowers and trees that help us to know
The heart of love.

CASA Clothing Collection

The Clothing Collection the weekend Nov 4th & 5th is in aid of CASA-Caring And Sharing Association. CASA is a volunteer led organisation whose goal is to develop friendships between helpers and adults and children with a disability. *'We do this through social activities, Lourdes Pilgrimages and Respite breaks in our Breakhouse. We will take ladies, men and children clothes, accessories and shoes. Clean bed linen(no duvets please), curtains, bric - a - brac and any unwanted gifts you may have. 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. We will return at all masses the following weekend November 11th & 12th to collect any bags that you may have. Please support our collection'*. Thank you.

Positions Vacant

A full list of positions are posted each week on www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies including: Finance and Administration Assistant, Parish Secretary in Marley Grange and Administrative Assistant to Pastoral Programme, Administrative Assistant to Speaker Programme, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, Finance Assistant, Exhibition Sales Coordinator and Event Services and Logistics Coordinator for World Meeting of Families (All job descriptions and info for WMoF is at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/)

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 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 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.