

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

12th November 2017

Thirty Second 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: Elizabeth and Patrick O'Brien (ann)

Sheila O'Dolan (2nd ann)

Sun 8.45am: Bill Lewis (ann)

10.00am: Margaret Darcy (RD)

11.15 am: Gerry Doran (ann)

Kevin Jackson (ann)

Mary Keegan (ann)

Enda Flannelly (ann)

12.30pm: Marie and Pat Flavin (ann)

Fenton McCarthy (ann)

Michael, Vicky and Paul Buckley (ann)

7.30pm: Fr Martin Murnaghan (ann)

Brendan O'Regan (ann)

Months Mind Dr Melanie Gallagher, Murial Cassidy

Anniversaries Tom Conlon, Patricia Brennan, Patrick Byrne, Barbara Moore, Ted Lashbrook, Brendan O'Regan, Michael, Paul & Vicky Buckley, Anne O'Brien, Lettie Douris, Patrick Egan

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Lorraine Farrell (ann)
Fenton McCarthy (ann)

Tues: 10am: Marie Cully (RD)

Wed: 10am: Eithne Murphy (ann)

Thurs 10am Marie Geraghty (RD)

Fri: 10am John Boushel (ann)
Aonghus O'Donnell (7th ann)

Sat 10am: William and Margaret Glynn (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.

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

When we pray, we need to have the courage of faith.

Have trust that the Lord hears us!

8th Nov 2017

Election Date

As the nomination date draws near we once again ask you to consider joining the new Parish pastoral council in 2018. We are seeking individuals with vision and ideas to come forward to help shape the future of our parish as we enter a new period as Church. The requirement as a member of the PPC is to attend a monthly meeting and a willingness to take part in challenging and open discussions about how we see Dalkey parish develop in the next 10 years. We also have a very important year coming up next year with the first World Meeting of Families gathering in Ireland and the visit of Pope Francis. This is an opportunity to be part of the conversation for change. If you would like to be involved or would like to discuss this further please contact the parish office and priests. . Nomination forms are available in the porches and completed forms should be returned to the office or sacristy by next Sunday 19th November and the election will take place on 2/3 December.

Baptism Meeting for December & January

Please note, the next Baptism meeting, which will be on 27th November, will be for parents of babies to be baptized in both December and January as there will be no meeting at the end of December. Spread the word!

Child Protection Training

All church volunteers and workers are invited to attend a special evening training session in our church on Thursday 29th November at 7.30pm. Gary Kehoe, child protection officer with the Dublin diocese has kindly offered to facilitate this training session for the parish and it is a requirement of the new child protection legislation that all volunteers must be fully trained. If you are a volunteer in the parish and cannot attend please let us know. office@dalkeyparish.ie

Bereavement Mass

A special Mass in remembrance of our parishioners who have died in the last year will be celebrated on this coming **Tuesday 21st Nov 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 donations will be collected this weekend.

Feast of St Begnet

Come along to our ecumenical service to celebrate the Feast of St Begnet this Sunday, 12th November at 1.15pm in St Begnets Graveyard at Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre. Celebrate her life with a beautiful prayer service and enjoy a warm cuppa afterwards in the Heritage Centre. Many thanks to Margaret and her wonderful team for their hospitality. All most welcome.

Rosary on the Coast

Over the past few months Polish and Italian faithful have travelled to their borders to pray for the preservation of faith in their countries. Inspired by this 'Rosary at the Borders' a campaign has been established to encourage all of the faithful to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea to pray for the preservation of the faith and the protection of life at all stages. The 'Rosary on the Coasts' for life and Faith will be held on Sun 26th Nov, the Feast of Christ the King. Ireland was the first country in the world to be consecrated to Christ the King. This feast is very important. Acknowledging Christ as King has great relevance for the spiritual life of Ireland and also for its social, cultural and political life. Here in Dalkey we will gather at Coliemore Harbour at 2.30 pm on 26th to say the Rosary followed at 3pm with the Mercy Chaplet and prayers of consecration to Christ the King and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, concluding with a blessing to Ireland. All are most welcome to attend. Our service will be led by Fr Declan.

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.

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.

Learn about Computers at Holy Child Killiney

Log On, Learn is a programme where a participating Transition Year student 'buddy's up' with a person from the local community to share their computer skills. Lessons take place in the school on Fridays from 11 to 1pm. Holy Child Killiney are now taking names for the next Log-on-Learn course, which will begin on Friday 24th Nov. Contact 01 2823120 for more details.

Seniors Alert Scheme

The Department of Rural and Community Development has launched a scheme to provide personal alarm equipment for senior citizens free of charge. The first year's monitoring charge is also free, €62 p.a. thereafter. Further details are on notices in the church porches.

To register, call Margaret on 01 2897213

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. Full details available at www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/

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

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 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.

Liturgical Reception for Papal Nuncio

A Liturgical Reception will be held in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral on Sunday next (November 12th) at 11am to welcome His Excellency Archbishop, [Jude Thaddeus Okolo](#) Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. All welcome.

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.