

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

10th December 2017

Second 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: Fred Austin (ann)

Ronan Maguire (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Joan Moane (ann)

10.00am: Edna Russell-Cruise (ann)

11.15 am: Diane, Ken & Cathryn Dixon (ann)

12.30pm: Kevin & Maureen O'Donovan (ann)

Marie Byrne (ann)

Martin & Sara O'Carroll (ann)

Thomas Reynolds & Brian McLoughlin (ann)

7.30pm: Rev Thomas Kyne (RD)

Recently Deceased Margaret Kenny

Our thoughts are with her family, relatives and friends.

Months Mind Vera Kelledy

Anniversaries Maureen Quinn, Elizabeth Carroll,
John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Carr,
Michael Collopy, Kay McCarthy,

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am: Brendan Kearney (ann)

Tues: 10am: Thomas Carr (ann)

Wed: 10am: Nora Baugh (RD)
Kay McCarthy (ann)

Thurs 10am Brian Grant (ann)

Fri: 10am: Donnachadh O'Corrain (RD)
Vera Kelledy (MM)

Sat 10am: Patrick & Eileen McCarthy (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

We all possess God-given talents. No one can claim to be so poor that they have nothing to offer others.

7th December

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 **this** next weekend. 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our communal rite of reconciliation will take place on Monday 18th Dec at 7.30pm. In St Michaels Church Dun Laoghaire on Sat 16th at 11.30am, Sallynoggin parish on Tuesday 19th at 7.30pm and Glasthule parish on Weds 20th at 7.30pm. Individual rite of confession will take place from 19th to 23rd Dec after 10am Mass each day.

Christmas Day Lunch

If you are alone on Christmas Day, Dun Laoghaire Christmas Day Lunch Association would like to invite you to attend a gala traditional Christmas Lunch in a warm friendly atmosphere with other guests and live music. Contact Claire 01 2804776.

Christmas Notices

A copy of the Christmas Mass schedule is available in the Church porches this weekend along with a pocket sized 2018 calendar which has all of the parish contact details. Please feel free to take one and maybe one for your neighbouring parishioners who may not be able to make it to Church. Christmas dues envelopes are also available this weekend.

Christmas cards

Due to huge demand we are sold out of the Divine Word Mission Christmas Cards. We are expecting a delivery on Monday along with a range of Christmas Mass Bouquets. All proceeds to DVM, - €5 for a pack of 12.

Gospel Choir

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

Monday at the Monastery

The 'Monday at the Monastery' series of talks concludes at Presentation Brothers House in Glasthule, Co Dublin on this Monday night, 11th December. At 7.30pm, Spirit Radio's Dom Perrem will interview a group of young Catholic adults, who will speak about welcoming Christ into their lives. The talk is free to attend and concludes with a cup of tea and chat.

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.

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.

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.

Meditation Group

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

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/

Hymns to be sung at 11.15 Mass

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

Wait for the Lord, His day is near.
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart! X 3

Communion Hymn

*Take and eat; take and eat:
This is My Body, given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
This is My Blood, given up for you.*

I am the Word that spoke, and light was made,
I am the Seed that died to be reborn;
I am the Bread that comes from heaven above;
I am the Vine that fills your cup with joy.

I am the Way that leads the exile home;
I am the Truth that sets the captive free;
I am the Life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace My gift to you.

Recessional Hymn

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

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!

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.

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.

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/