

# Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Parish Newsletter



17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sunday

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Priests of the Parish: Fr Patrick M. Devitt Adm. 2857773  
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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 Stephen Dalton

Our thoughts are with his family, relatives and friends.

Months Mind Vera Kellely

Anniversaries Dermot Smyth, Sally O'Loughlin,  
Pat O'Loughlin. Bill Daly, Mary Daly.

### 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 Kellely ( 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.

### Compline

The Compline evening prayer meeting will resume on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in the church at 6.30 p.m.

### Pope Francis on Twitter

Even if there were no one there to remember us, Jesus would always be there at our side.

### @pontifex

15<sup>th</sup> December

### Parish Ministries

Those who responded to the recent appeal to serve in the various Parish Ministries and kindly volunteered their services are requested to return their vetting forms to the Parish Office.

### Christmas Cards

Divine Word Mission Christmas Cards are available in the Parish Office. All proceeds to DVM, - €5 for a pack of 12.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our communal rite of reconciliation will take place tomorrow Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Also in St Michaels Church Dun Laoghaire on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am, Sallynoggin parish on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Glasthule parish on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Individual rite of confession will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 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

Christmas dues envelopes are available in the porches. Please take one and return it with your donation.

### 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 this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. Refreshments later in the Glendalough Hotel.

### Meditation Group

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 clutter ....a 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/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs/)

**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/](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/)

Hymns to be sung at 11.15 Mass
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### **Entrance 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.

### **Offertory Hymn**

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
And all people will see  
The Salvation of our God. X 3

### **Communion Hymn**

I am the Bread of Life;  
He who comes to me shall not hunger;  
He who believes in me shall not thirst:  
No one can come to me, unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up and I will raise him up,  
I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I shall give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world;  
And he who eats of this bread,  
He shall live forever, he shall live forever.

Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
And drink of His blood,  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

### **Recessional Hymn**

God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart,  
This is what I have to do,  
What I have to do:

*He sent me to give the good news to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free,  
And go tell everyone  
The news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone  
The news that God's Kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent Me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.

Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.

### **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.