

# Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Parish Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

Fourth 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: Cairíona 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: Charles, Annie and Kevin Graydon (ann)

Rose & Joseph Walsh (ann)

Sun 8.45am: John Lynam (ann)

10.00am: Kitty Rogan (MM)

Walter and Gertrude McGuire (ann)

Patrick Connell (ann)

11.15 am: Maura McCann (ann)

Thomas Reilly (ann)

Michael Newbanks (MM)

12.30pm: Doris Doyle (ann)

Fr Thomas Hughes (ann)

Seamus Butler (ann)

David and Pauline Jennings (ann)

Edna Russell Cruise (ann)

7.30pm:

**Recently Deceased** Pat Heneghan, Lena Brennan, Patricia Costello, Sheila Molloy

Our thoughts are with their families, relatives and friends.

**Months Mind** Jacqueline McKenna, Michael Newbanks.

**Anniversaries** Walter and Gertrude McGuire,

May & Robert Williams, Lucy O'Heocha, Thomas Reilly,

Dolores Kinsella, Patrick Connell, Seamus Butler,

Edna Russell Cruise, Michael Hayde, Jimmy & Chrissie Kinsella,

Annie and Johnnie Archbold, Maura Doyle, Martin Butler,

Sylvester Doyle.

**Remembered at Masses this week**

Mon: 10am. For the family of Joan O'Donnell (RD)

Tues: 10am: Maureen Gaughran (1<sup>st</sup> ann)

Wed: 10am: Bridie, Bill, Rose and Liam Mulcahy (ann)

Jean and Ernest Crean (ann)

Maureen Connolly (ann)

Thurs 10am: Vincent Blake (ann)

Fri: 10am: First Friday

Sat 10am: Alice Dowd (ann)

### Mass Cards and Paperwork

Mass cards, Baptismal certs, Garda Vetting forms etc are now available in the meeting room ( opposite the sacristy door) rather than the Parish Office, **every** morning after 10am Mass until 11am. If you would like to help out please let us know!

### St Vincent de Paul Clothing Appeal

The annual St V De P clothing appeal will take place next weekend on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Bags are being distributed at all Masses this weekend.

**Harold Boys' N.S. Open Evening:** On this Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Harold Boys' N.S. will be holding an Open Evening. Prospective & past pupils most welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

### Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

There is no such thing as harmless disinformation; trusting in falsehood can have dire consequences.

24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

### Feast of St Brigid

Saint Brigid of Kildare is Ireland's most important female saint, and we celebrate her feast day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, which also marks the beginning of springtime!

#### Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace

cover those who are troubled and anxious,

and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater

wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

### Candlemas Day

2<sup>nd</sup> February is Candlemas Day, the day of the year when we bless all of the candles which will be used in the Church in the coming year, to remind us of Jesus' message that he is with us always to help and comfort us - a guiding light in the darkness. Candles will be available for sale in the Church porches on Friday.

### Blessing of the Throats

3<sup>rd</sup> February is the Feast of St Blaise and Blessing of the Throats will take place after 10am Mass. St Blaise was a 3<sup>rd</sup> century physician who became Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia and his protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy who was brought to him with a fishbone stuck in his throat, was healed by Saint Blaise. All are most welcome to the Mass and blessing.

### New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan

Richard Rohr, an American Franciscan, is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism. He teaches that religious conversion involves radical transformation - an experiential knowing of God; that our real selves are who we are in God and who God is in us - when when we seek happiness outside our real selves, we are doomed to failure; and that true spiritual knowledge is not cognition, but recognition. Listen to one of his challenging and moving lectures on [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

### Eucharistic Adoration

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, 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."

### ICS free transport

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, and then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at [www.irishcancer.ie](http://www.irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

### Upcoming events at Luisne retreat centre Kilcoole

Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> : Extended Meditation Practice & St Brigid's Festival, 10.30- 1pm free. Saturday, February 17th: Enlarged Horizons of an Emerging Spirituality with Diarmuid O'Murchu; 2 - 5pm with optional Eucharist at 5pm; Cost: €20. All most welcome. Contact: 086 051 7575. [www.luisne.ie](http://www.luisne.ie)

**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!

### Compline

Compline continues in the church each Wednesday at 6.30 p.m.

### World Day of the Sick

The 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of **World Day of the Sick** will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018** with a Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick in St Agnes Church in Crumlin at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome.

## Hymns for 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

Lord, accept the gifts we offer  
At this Eucharistic feast.  
Bread and wine to be transformed now,  
Through the action of Thy priest.  
Take us too Lord, and transform us,  
Be Thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless  
As this host of wheat so fine.  
May all stain of sin be crushed out,  
Like the grape that forms the wine,  
As we, too, become partakers  
In this Sacrifice Divine.

### 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

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.

### ACCORD

The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 17th & 18th Feb. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools. Please give generously on 17th & 18th Feb

**World Meeting of Families** is seeking to hire for the following roles: Design and Marketing Officer, Exhibition Sales Coordinator, Event Services and Logistics Coordinator - more on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/jobs) also The National Council of the Vincentian Family Group wishes to appoint an Administrative Officer on a part-time, fixed term basis. More info at [www.activelink.ie/content/vacancies/community/34697](http://www.activelink.ie/content/vacancies/community/34697)

### Assisi Retreat Easter 2018

You are invited into a world of reflection, where silent walks, meditation, chanting and prayer will provide you with an opportunity to be present and gently inquire into your own existence. Following in the footsteps of St Francis, we will learn of his journey and dreams, while exploring and spending time at sites most sacred to him, such as the beautifully simple 10<sup>th</sup> Century churches of San Damiano, San Stefano and his mountain refuge on Mount Subasio. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Cost €485 per person sharing: includes flights, accommodation, with light breakfast and coach to and from the airport. [assisifrmretreat@gmail.com](mailto:assisifrmretreat@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.

### 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.

### Rail sale

Call into a rail sale and Bric a Brac stall in Ailt an Oir, Glenageary Rd Upr on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 10 -12 noon. All donations of good quality ladies clothes can be dropped in on weds 14<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 4pm. In aid of Dublin Mission Homeless Ministry.

### Lenten cards

**Lenten Calendar Cards** You might remember the Lenten (Scratch Out) Cards we promoted 3 years ago. There is a

scripture quotation or suggested task for each day. You simply scratch off the date to find out what it is (booking form attached). If you think this will help your community during the season of Lent, contact Grainne in the liturgy office for an order form. Price includes delivery to individual destinations: 100 @ €65, 200 @ €120, 500 @ €275, 1000 @ €495. Minimum order is 100 cards

### Eucharistic Adoration

Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the **same** adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ. At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the priest removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the Monstrance on the Altar for Adoration. "Monstrance" is the vessel used in the Church to display the consecrated Eucharistic Host, during Eucharistic adoration or benediction. The word monstrance comes from the Latin word *monstrare*, meaning "to expose". It is known in Latin as an *Ostensorium*. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition. When the Monstrance contains the Sacred Host, the priest does not touch it with his bare hands, but instead, holds it with a *humeral veil*, a wide band of cloth that covers his shoulders (humera) and has pleats on the inside in which he places his hands. At all other times, the reserved Sacrament is kept locked in the Tabernacle, so that we may pray in the presence of the Sacrament. St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us". The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating the Eucharist, but also by praying before It outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellsprings of Grace ..." Adoration is on every Monday from after 10am Mass until 5pm.