

Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish Newsletter

11th February 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Priests of the Parish: Fr Patrick M. Devitt Adm. 2857773, Fr Declan Gallagher C.C. 2859212,

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Sunday

Sat 6pm Vigil: Fredrick Browne (1st ann)

Seán Thomas (ann)

Sun 8.45am: Patrick Kearns (RD)

Marie Kennedy (RD)

Joseph Bunney (RD)

10.00am: Nora Hart (MM)

Francis Tully (SI)

11.15 am: John O'Donnell (ann)

Catherine McManus-Dixon (ann)

Miriam Gallagher (RD)

12.30pm: Frank and Gisela O' Rourke (ann)

Margaret Byrne (ann)

Aylmer Walsh (2nd ann)

Don Moylan (ann)

7.30pm: Deceased members of Toomey and Moore

Families

Recently Deceased John Lacey, Anne McSweeney
Mary Prendiville, Ann Healy, Angela Maume.
Our thoughts are with their families, relative and friends.

Months Mind Nora Hart

Anniversaries John O'Donnell, Fredrick Browne, Sean
Thomas, Joseph Bunney, Molly Doyle,
Nora and Michael Moore, Florrie Linton.

Remembered at Masses this week

Mon: 10am. Angela Maume Requiem Mass

Patricia Mc Caffrey (ann)

Eugene and Catherine O'Shea (ann)

Tues: 10am: Janette Animobono (ann)

Barbara Wojcieszowski (1st ann)

Wed: 7 am:

10am: Miriam Gallagher (RD)

Thurs 10am: Maura Sinnott (ann)

John Kellely (ann)

Fri: 10am: Betty Goggin (ann)

Sat 10am: Finbarr Breathnach (RD)

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 every Monday from 10.30am - 5pm.

Pope Francis on Twitter

@pontifex

A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow.

2nd Feb 2018

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2018

'Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion". Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12). These words appear in Christ's preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord's passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many. Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need! A full copy is on www.romereports.com Support Trócaire's annual Lenten campaign by picking up a Trócaire Box from the church this weekend. **'Love, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'** (1Cor 13:4-7)

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February and ashes are distributed after 7.30am and 10am Masses. The Society of St Vincent de Paul invite you to a soup lunch by the combined parishes of Assumption and St Patrick's also on Ash Wednesday from 11am - 2pm in OLH. Everyone is very welcome.

Invitation to Give, Pray, Fast

As we approach Lent 2018 we invite you to participate in a daily challenge with the new Lenten calendar which will be available in the meeting room of the Church after Mass on Ash Wed 14th Feb 2018 or on Sun 17th after Mass in the sacristy.

World Meeting Host a Family: Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help? Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily Email hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or 01 567 6800.

Baptisms for March

Please note, the preparation meeting for parents of children being baptized in March will take place on Monday 26th Feb at 8pm in Our Lady's Hall. Forms must be returned by Monday morning latest for inclusion.

Amoris - Let's talk family, let's be Family!

A programme of 'Parish Conversations' in preparation for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018 will start on Tues 20th and 27th Feb and 6th, 13 and 20th March in Our Lady's Hall at 7.30pm each evening. The series has been prepared by the W.M.O.F office: www.amoris.ie. Come along to hear what Pope Francis has to say about families, everyone is most welcome!

Mass Cards and World Meeting of Families Materials

Mass cards, Mass bookings, Baptismal certs, Garda Vetting forms etc are now available in the meeting room (opposite the sacristy) rather than the Parish Office, **every** morning after 10am Mass until 11am. We have also received a small number of St Valentine's Day cards and gift tokens based on themes from the Joy of Love by Pope Francis and St Patrick's Days window and car bumper stickers available in the Church on Monday.

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.

Hymns for 11.15 Mass

Entrance Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art.
Be Thou my best thoughts in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word.
Be Thou ever with me, and I in Thee, Lord.
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son.
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness
E'en for His own Namesake.

Yea thou I walk in death's dark vale
No evil would I fear.

For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou has furnished
In presence of my foes.
My head Thou doth with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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.

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For further information please contact the Towards Peace office: 01 5053028, email: towardspeace@iecon.ie | website: www.towardspeace.ie | postal address: Columba Centre, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare.

Meditation Group

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

Thomas Moore Reawakened

Local resident and parishioner Simon Morgan has devised a new show, along with a host of others including Lisa Lambe, which will be performed in the National Concert Hall on Weds 21st Feb at 8pm. The show will celebrate the songs of the great Bard while always honouring his wonderful lyrics, and the beautiful old airs. You may also recognize Simon's voice from his wonderful singing at many of our parish funeral Masses. Tickets are available at www.nch.ie or from the NCH at 01 417000.