

Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue Upper, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

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Newsletter: 13th April 2014

Mass times

Daily Mass Monday to Friday at 10.00am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 6.15pm

Sunday 10.00 (Irish) and 11.30am (Family Mass)

Masses on Holy Days :Vigil Mass of the Holy Day at 7.30pm with Masses on the day at 10.00am and 7.30pm

Confessions before and after Saturday Mass.

Baptisms

The parish baptisms are held on the first Saturday and last Sunday of each month at 12.30pm. Prior booking with the Parish Administrator is essential. A copy of the child's civil birth certificate must be provided at the time the booking is made. Please note also that godparents must be at least 16 years of age and must be confirmed.

Wedding bookings strictly by appointment with the Parish Administrator.

Child Protection Representative contactable via childprotection@beechwoodparish.com or through the Parish Office.

Ministers of the Eucharist 13th, 20th April

6.15 pm D. McCarthy

10.00am Yvonne Cooney, S. Clarke

11.30am Mary McCormack,
Carmel Shanahan, M. Burke

Minister attending Gascoigne Home 13th April

Mary Keane

Collections for last weekend

First collection €

Second collection €

Shrines/books/family offerings €

Patrician Meeting Monday 14th April at 8pm in the Parish Office. Topic for discussion is 'Easter – Triumph of the Cross'. A priest will be in attendance.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 13th 10.00am Padraigin

& Seamus Maguidhir (A)

11.30am Olive Hickey (3rd A)

Monday 14th 10.00am

Tuesday 15th 10.00am

Wednesday 16th 10.00am

Easter Ceremonies

The Easter Ceremonies will be held in the Parish Centre.

Palm Sunday 13th April

– Mass at 10.00am and 11.30am

Monday 14th April Mass at 10.00am

Tuesday 15th April Mass at 10.00am

Wednesday 16th April Mass at 10.00am

Thursday 17th April No 10.00am Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

followed by Procession to Altar of Repose.

Silent prayer of Adoration until 10.00pm

Friday 19th April Good Friday

10.00am Ecumenical Walk from

Beechwood Avenue to Sandford Parish

Church

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's

Passion with Holy Communion

8pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 20th April Holy Saturday

9.00pm Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

with Lighting of the Paschal Candle and

Blessing of the Easter Candle

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday

Mass at 10.00am and 11.30am

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Service of Reconciliation

We very much regret that the scheduled Service of Reconciliation on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm will not go ahead. The Parish Centre is not available at this time. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and for the late notice of the cancellation.

Confessions will be continuously available in the Church of Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines on Saturday 19th April from 9.30am to 6pm.

Holy Week Recital Tuesday 15th April, 8.00pm in Sandford Parish Church with Donna Magee (Organ) and Anne-Marie O'Farrell (Harp) including works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Dupré and O'Farrell

All welcome! No Admission Charge

The core works on the church are nearing completion. The dry rot situation is still being evaluated and the solution is becoming more complex and time consuming. However, we are hoping to have a partial handover of the main body of the church soon. We are planning that a deep clean of the church (excluding the Albany Road section) will be completed in early May and that the church will be available to us shortly afterwards.

Lenten Meditation: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)

Pilate knew it was out of jealousy they handed Jesus over. *Jealousy* is a very destructive emotion and can cause great harm. The catechism lists what are called deadly sins: *pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth*. This is a good examination of conscience for each of us especially if we want to check our spiritual progress through life. Religion is not just about fulfilling obligations it is about each of us challenging that part of ourselves that is not yet healed. These 'deadly sins' are such that they reduce our growth and we stagnate. Jealousy and envy are cousins and I wonder if you can define each because they do differ? Pride leads us to believe we are better than the person beside us either by education, wealth,

position. It can be the spur of gossip whereby we damage other people's character to make ourselves seem important. Yet gossip is a sign of pride & weak character.

Snobbery, or looking down on another is a great sin. Covetousness, or acquiring things by wish/desire, shows how unsettled our soul really is and that we have a journey yet to make. Lust is an objectification of another for our own desire irrespective of reciprocity. It reduces another to an object of consumption rather *than a subject of equality*. People then become things to be exploited in many different ways even through markets based on acquiring customers regardless of ethics involved. That's why if we see another as our brother-sister the chances of deadly sins are reduced. Anger is another serious sin as it disturbs community and it usually betokens a disturbance in the psyche. This will need healing. Gluttony is near to self-satisfaction. Sloth, or not contributing to the community, doing an honest day's work, or taking advantage of others generosity, not only reduces the individual to laziness, but can reduce the potential of others. It is, like some of the other deadly sins a self-absorption. The world is not all about me, it is about others.

In the gospel jealousy leads to the death of Jesus, as they make fun of him, demand their pound of flesh and are themselves reduced to tribal urges. This is the power of sin to promote dissension and conflict rather than unity and peace. On the way to Calvary Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross and it prompts us to ask ourselves if we are able or willing to carry with another. In this story mob rule prevails and Jesus is spat at, jeered and mocked. Even the robbers taunt him. This story is a wonderful *pastiche* of human behaviour and carries elements of all of us and how manipulation, or spin, can change or bully a truth. It is like a novel, a story of humanity. Albert Camus wrote '*The plague*' and it too was descriptive of human behaviour in a similar way.

Notice finally the first reading: *The Lord has given us a disciples tongue*. This means that with our tongue we should bless & heal, confirm & support the community, our family and each other. *The Lord will bless us with abundance when we bless others. The Lord comes to our help*. Who will we bless today with our disciples tongue, upon whom will we pour unction of kindness. How generous will we be? Notice how we grow within when we do these things for others.

Christ Jesus, Son of God, our Father has walked the human road of life and next week we see how his Fathers love changes this pastiche to another story of hope & fulfilment.