

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

Celebrating 100 years – 1914 to 2014

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Newsletter 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1st Reading Num 21:4-9

Psalms Ps 77:1-2, 34-38 R/ v 7

2nd Reading Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Jn 3:13-17

The discovery of the True Cross by St Helena is dated to 14 September 320. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

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 or on request after other Masses.

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 14th September

6.15 pm F. Murphy

10.00am J. Foyle

11.30am Catherine Carew, Louis Eves, Gabrielle Marry

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

S. Clarke, M. Stokes

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 14th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am John Markham

Monday 15th 10.00am Jack Moclair (RD)

Tuesday 16th 10.00am Clare O'Flaherty
(10th A)

Wednesday 17th 10.00am

Thursday 18th 10.00am

Friday 19th 10.00am

Saturday 20th 6.15pm Johnny Wade (A)

Collections for last weekend

First collection € 664

Second collection € 521

Shrines/books/family offerings € 205

Money Matters

Our Collections

The first collection at weekend Masses (blue bag) is taken up after the Homily and is known as the Common Fund. This is forwarded in full to the Archdiocese is used for the salaries of the priests of the diocese, the sick and retired clergy of the diocese, and those in special ministry. There are 200 parishes, and each priest's salary, health cover and retirement salary is covered by these parochial collections.

The Second Collection (red bag), taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful, is again forwarded in full to the Archdiocese. This covers the administration costs of Archbishop's House, and also provides financial assistance to parishes in the diocese whose costs cannot be met locally. The Share newsletter on the diocesan website explains all these contributions.

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Our weekend collection at Mass yield approximately €700 for the first collection and €500 for the second collection. Approximately 400 people attend at Beechwood for weekend Masses. Clergy have received two cuts in their salary over the last year.

Family Offering

Some parishioners donate regularly to this collection using the family offering envelope and others do so by standing order. This money is retained for use in the parish. Approximately 120 people are donating to the parish in this way. This money covers the salaries of the secretary and sacristans and the running costs of the parish including ongoing costs of heating, lighting, church and altar supplies, maintenance etc. There are 1800 homes in the family with attachment to the parish.

Baptism, wedding and funeral donations

People usually give an offering after these ceremonies. 25% of the offering goes to parish funds, 25% to the Dublin Archdiocese and the remaining 50% is given to the celebrant.

Bequests & Shrines

On occasion money is left to the parish and used solely for parish needs. The income from shrines and book sales is also retained for parish use.

Annual Tax Rebate

The parish is allowed to claim the tax back on donations received which are in excess of €250.

A financial statement will be issued soon by Finance Committee covering 2012/2013 & 2013/2014.

Church Restoration Appeal

The church restoration fund appeal now stands at €107,440 from 138 donations. We are very grateful to all of those who have donated to date. If you have not already made a donation we would ask you to consider doing so.

Annual Cross Care Collection takes place at all Masses next weekend. We ask for your support for this most important work.

Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

We ask you to remember in your prayers all the people of West Africa who are suffering so terribly during the current outbreak of the Ebola virus. We especially pray for the 14 Holy Rosary Sisters who are working in Sierra Leone and their 2 colleagues who are based in Liberia. One of these sisters is currently home on leave and so far has been unable to return. We pray for all those who are working so hard to alleviate the suffering of those affected and for those who are endeavouring to find a cure.

Annual Coffee Morning

The annual Coffee Morning in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harolds Cross will take place on Thursday 18th September 2014 at O'Hallorans, 6 Upper Beechwood Avenue from 10.00am to 2pm. All are most welcome.

Notice for parents/guardians

Children are most welcome to use the bathroom in the sacristy area during Mass and other liturgies. We would ask that a parent or guardian accompany children at such times. This is to comply with Child Protection guidelines. Thank you.