

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

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Newsletter: Sunday 16th March 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

6.15 pm Nora Palmer

10.00am Joe Foyle

11.30am Catherine Carew, Louis Eves,
Gabrielle Marry

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

Catherine Carew

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 16th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am Thelma Munro

(Months Mind)

Monday 17th 10.00am Patricia Donnelly (RD)

11.30am Malachy Keaveney (RD)

Tuesday 18th 10.00am Special Intention

Wednesday 19th 10.00am Fiona Byrne (A)

Thursday 20th 10.00am Special Intention

Friday 21st 10.00am Special Intention

Saturday 22nd 6.15pm pro populo

We pray for Msgr. John Moloney PE, former Parish Priest of Rathgar, who died earlier this week. May he rest in peace.

We pray for Fr. Paul Freeney, our own former Parish Priest who is ill at present and who is in The Blackrock Clinic.

Pope Francis Intentions for April: That the Risen Lord may fill the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

Masses for St Patrick's Day will be in the Parish Community Centre on Mountain View Road at 10.00am and at 11.30am.

Shamrock will be distributed at Masses.

We extend congratulations to Deirdre McCormack and Ultan Waldron who were married here in Beechwood on 28th February. We send them every good wish for a long and happy life together.

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Works update

The roofing works have now been completed and the attic spaces have been insulated. Painting work in the church itself is almost completed and the sacristy and flower rooms were painted this week. The floor will receive three coats of varnish over the coming days. The stained glass windows will be cleaned – very carefully – and will be very beautiful when restored to a pristine state! The Albany Road door has now full disability access and it, along with all the other doors, has been draught proofed. The Edenvale Road porch has been cleared out and we are planning that this entrance to the church will be used in the future. A brass railing is being added to the choir balcony in order that we are fully compliant with current building regulations.

A special Mass to mark the first anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Francis will be celebrated next Wednesday, March 19th at 5:45pm by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown, in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will preach the Homily.

On this special occasion, Our Lady's Choral Society, will sing the "*Misa Criolla*" by the famous Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez. The Mass, composed by Pope Francis' fellow countryman, will include solo singing from tenor Andrew Bushell and boy soprano, Andrew Jones.

"*Misa Criolla*" combines Spanish text with indigenous instruments and rhythms and in the Pro-Cathedral next week these will include the harpsichord, guitar and percussion.

ISPCC asks us to support Shield Ireland's Anti-bullying Campaign. The issue of bullying is become one of Ireland's most serious and urgent problems with negative effects especially on young people. We must all stand up against bullies and bullying.

Eco-Spirituality

We wish to thank Orla Hazra and group for last weekend's very successful afternoon on the *Eco Spiritual* theme. It is a blessing to the parish to have Orla, who is qualified in this area and who has worked with the Jesuit Fathers in America on this theme, to lead us towards more awareness in this area of environmental responsibility.

Pope Francis at his inauguration mass said "*Gods plan is inscribed in nature*", and is planning an Encyclical on these Eco issues, and other Popes have similarly spoken on these themes. Pope Emeritus Benedict in his world peace message (2010) said "*If you want to cultivate peace protect creation*". In 2000 Pope John Paul spoke "*Nature becomes a Gospel that speaks to us of God*". ((26/1/2000) and "*It is necessary to stimulate and sustain the Ecological conversation*" (General Audience 17 Jan. 2001). It is a very biblical theme from Genesis, where man/woman are placed as stewards of creation to St. Paul who says "*All creation waits with eager longing for the coming of the Son of Man*". Jesus too uses earth parables to explain the Kingdom of heaven.

The Saturday meeting was a follow up from a previous meeting with Orla and Sr. Catherine Brennan and a joint PPC of Rathgar and Beechwood. We ourselves need to develop our awareness of the spirituality of ecology and its role in our salvation. There are many website you will find under *Eco-Spirituality*, and The Dominican sisters in Wicklow have an ecology based programme available. Some books are: *Towards a Story of the Earth: Denis Carroll*, and *Why are we so deaf to the needs of the Earth?: Sean McDonagh*. Again we thank Orla Hazra, member of our PPC, for beginning this programme here and look forward to our next phase.