

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

Celebrating 100 years – 1914 to 2014

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Newsletter: 1st June 2014

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

Psalm Ps 4:2-3, 6-9 R/ v6

2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope.

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 1st June

6.15 pm F. Murphy

10.00am M. Keane

11.30am Anne Dollard, Colman Boylan,
David K'Eogh

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

Mary McCormack

Collections for last weekend

First collection € 793

Second collection € 1,652

Shrines/books/family offerings € 382

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 1st 10.00am pro populo

11.30am Jane Deasy (A)

Monday 2nd 10.00am

Tuesday 3rd 10.00am

Wednesday 4th 10.00am

Thursday 5th 10.00am

Friday 6th 10.00am Frankie Masterson (1st A)

Saturday 7th 6.15pm Vincent Murphy (A)

Crosscare Collection

The annual Crosscare collection took place last weekend and raised € 1,652.

We wish to extend our thanks to Olivia Joyce who spoke on behalf of Crosscare. Crosscare have asked us to thank you most sincerely for your continued support for their important work in the Dublin Archdiocese.

Centenary Restoration Fundraising Appeal

We are in the final stages of delivering the letters about our Centenary Restoration Fundraising Appeal to all homes in the parish. We wish to thank all of those who have been involved in the delivery of the envelopes.

The total raised to date amounts to €28,000. We are extremely grateful to all those who have given a donation. We would ask that all parishioners consider giving a donation. Every donation, no matter what its size, will play its part in helping to ensure that our parish church will stand for another 100 years!!

We would ask that cheques be made payable to 'Church of the Holy Name'. All donations will be acknowledged in due course.

Junior and Leaving Certificate exams begin this week. We pray for all those who are sitting these exams, and for their families and teachers and we wish them well.

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The Parish Pastoral Council is tentatively planning events to celebrate our Centenary year (1914-2014). This will begin with Concelebrated Mass in July, and some Episcopal visits throughout the year, including Blessing & Installation of Holy Name Ikon (viewable under gallery on website). Parishioners are invited to submit ideas for celebrating centenary to the Parish Council. As with all correspondence received these are discussed at the following PPC meeting and responded to afterwards. Correspondence must be received a few days ahead of meeting to be put on agenda.

Festival of The Peoples

Since 2005 the Festival of the Peoples has been an annual celebration of the gifts of those who have come to live in Ireland from many different countries. This year's Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on Pentecost Sunday June 8th in the Pro-Cathedral at 6.30 p.m.

Please spread the word in your community and come along yourself. It is always an enjoyable festival rich in music, costume and ritual.

The Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops is holding its second Annual Conference on Saturday, 14th June in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin 3. This year's theme will explore "Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish". The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) along with drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

For further information and booking please contact Ms Trish Conway (m) 087 6220349 or by Email cmfconference@iecon.ie

Cemetery Sundays

Confey Cemetery: Mass and Blessing of the graves in Confey Cemetery, Leixlip, will take place on Sunday 8th June at 3.00pm.

Join Palmerstown parish in celebrating Mass in Palmerstown Cemetery at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 15th June.

Spiritual reflection: Resurrection and Ascension:

'Ascension usually evokes the image of Jesus being lifted up to heaven on a cloud after 40 days. 40 is a symbolic number not to be taken literally. In Luke & John, Ascension is implied on Easter Sunday.

The notion of ascending is figurative language, for heaven is not to be really thought of as above the earth'. Theologically it means the conclusion of the post resurrection appearances. (Jerome Biblical Commentary 795). It implies the glorification of Jesus at God's right hand. John chapter 20.17ff spells out the connection between resurrection and ascension. Jesus and the Father act by the same power. So we ask was he raised, or is he risen? Understanding Jesus and the father as one answers that seeming contradiction. The bible has a lot of poetic and figurative language attempting to explain within the confines of human discourse an experience beyond or uncontained within our human experience. A literal reading of some parts of the bible or fundamentalist reading damages the message and locates it within a past understanding or philosophy. Leaving aside the theological understanding we have to apply the seeds of Resurrection by our attitude and behaviour towards others. To apply the idea to our present day we might ask as to how I, as a follower of Christ lift people up with *generosity, encouragement, affirmation, forgiveness*. How do I trust God as working in my life? Am I set in my ways, always right and infallible, or do I appreciate the way that God is working in the one who challenges, or differs from, my opinion or methodology. Such thoughts are about another way, differences, surprise and resurrection.