

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

Celebrating 100 years – 1914 to 2014

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Newsletter: Sunday 30th March 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22 R/v 1; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

The experience of the man born blind helps our understanding of baptism.

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

Siobhan Clarke, Mary Stokes

Collections for last weekend

First collection € 732

Second collection € 606

Shrines/books/family offerings € 198

Yard collection €660

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 30th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am Fred Pope (9th A),

Karen Pope (A)

Also remembering

Paddy Mulholland (A)

Monday 31st 10.00am

Tuesday 1st 10.00am Kathleen Stokes (A)

Wednesday 2nd 10.00am

Thursday 3rd 10.00am

Friday 4th 10.00am Altar List

Saturday 5th 6.15pm Patrick Dockery (11th A)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the late Marie Cullen (Upper Beechwood Avenue) who died this week. May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to her grieving family. We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Mass arrangements

Due to the ongoing works in the church, weekend Masses are taking place in the Parish Centre.

The works in the church are progressing. A delay has been caused by the discovery of dry rot in a section of the roof and walls near Our Lady's Altar. Specialist advice has been sought on the best way to remove the rot and treat the area and this work is ongoing at present.

Saturday Vigil Mass Choir

The Saturday Evening Choir will resume its singing when the Mass returns to the church after all the works are completed. In the meantime, it continues to rehearse on Thursday evenings from 8pm to 9:15pm and is developing a new polyphonic repertoire and everybody is welcome to join in.

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Any parishioners, or visitors to our parish, who are coeliac are most welcome to receive from the chalice when it is being offered to Ministers of the Eucharist prior to distribution of Holy Communion.

Easter Mailing

We plan to deliver the Easter mailing to all homes in the parish over the next week or so. We would very much appreciate offers of assistance! If you could even deliver to your own road it would be of great help. Please contact the Parish Office.

First Friday Visits.

Next Friday is the 1st Friday of April. Communion visits will be made to those parishioners who are ill or housebound. Please let us know if you would like to receive a visit.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Lenten Reflection Week 4

Today in the Gospel Jesus stops to heal the blind man who calls out. The Pharisees are upset because they saw his healing as work and this was not allowed on the Sabbath. They justified their religion as obeying rules. Last week with the Samaritan woman Jesus points to compassion as the rule. In the story of the Good Samaritan the Priest & Levite, both religious people quickly pass by the injured man because they

could not touch unclean on route to religious service. Thus the title *Good Samaritan* as the unlikely individual was the one open to God. When the blind man tells the religious leaders, who question him, that Jesus healed him, on the Sabbath, they become enraged.

They felt that their way was the right way and God would act only through them. In the walk Jesus took he comes across the blind man and heals him. Sometimes the unexpected and chance encounters are where God presents himself. In Japanese porcelain a fault is covered with gold paint and it becomes special because it is seen as older and gifted with life. The Pharisees confused perfection with God and ritual with his way of working. They God it wrong in both cases.

On 24 March last the anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, was remembered. His murder was preceded by Fr. Rutilio Grande, sj, and afterwards the death of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter were assassinated. Their crime in each case was identifying the poor as people of God and challenging those in power to care for the poor. They were martyrs. Pope John Paul 2 began the cause for Romero's beatification. The Gospel is about this life as well as the next. Pope Francis brings that South American understanding of the bible as a book of living. This week he said *'the only way out of the global financial crisis is to put people- with their dignity and creativity- first'*.

God works according to his plan not ours as we cannot contain or design his

work. In the first reading too God travels the unexpected route. Jesse presents his seven sons to be in the selection line of leadership for Samuel. But Samuel looks for another, David, who had been despatched out of the way to mind the sheep. He was chosen.

The lesson is clear in both readings and for us to hear *'God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart'*. Like Romero, Grande, the Jesuit martyrs and housekeeper with her daughter in Salvador, we are not people of prestige and power and influence but followers of the Heart-The Sacred Heart.