

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

Celebrating 100 years – 1914 to 2014

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Newsletter: 6th 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 6th, 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 6th April

Nora Palmer

Collections for last weekend

First collection € 584

Second collection € 475

Shrines/books/family offerings € 156

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 6th 10.00am Patrick &

Margaret Slattery(A)

11.30am pro populo

Monday 7th 10.00am John Kelly (deceased)

Tuesday 8th 10.00am special intention

Wednesday 9th 10.00am

Thursday 10th 10.00am Rosarie Kelly (RD)

Friday 11th 10.00am

Saturday 12th 6.15pm pro populo

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the late Dolly Fox (Merton Drive) and John Merryman (Lower Mount Pleasant Avenue) who died in the last week. We offer our sympathy to their grieving families. May they rest in peace. We pray too for all our parishioners who are ill and for those who care for them.

Message from Parish Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank the many well-wishers who sent cards to the hospital, to Dalkey Manor and to my residence. The progress regarding removal of cancered prostate is good and I return to the urologist in three weeks for examination. Following a pre-operative ECG, the hospital now are concerned about 'Bundle Branch Block' in the right Aortic ventricle. This needs attention and last week I attended the Cardiology Dept. at Vincent's for a further ECG so a decision can be made regarding treatment. Bundle Branch Block is a defect to the hearts electrical system.

I thank Fr. Joseph for his ongoing pastoral dedication, and Anne Dollard, Chair, PPC, Pat O'Connor, Chair BFC, and secretary and sacristans for keeping the show on the road. AMDG.

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Mass in Community Centre

Due to the ongoing works in the church, weekend Masses are taking place in the Parish Centre. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Centre Committee for their support and assistance at this time. We would also like to apologise to all our parishioners for the inconvenience that is being caused to you by the ongoing works!

Our Easter Liturgies will be celebrated in the Parish Centre in April.

First Holy Communions May 2014

This year, for the first time, First Holy Communion will be celebrated during our parish Sunday Masses. We continue to pray for all the children and their teachers and parents during their time of preparation for this milestone in their faith journey.

Easter Bulletin

The Easter bulletin is being delivered to all homes in the parish during this period. We thank all those who have volunteered to assist with delivering. If you are paying your Easter Dues by cheque we would ask that you make cheques payable to 'Church of the Holy Name'. All dues are remitted to the Dublin Archdiocese and are used to pay the salaries of priests active in ministry in the archdiocese and also to assist those priests who are retired or ill.

Synge Street CBS celebrating 150 years

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Kevin's, Harrington Street, SCR, Dublin 8 on Monday 5th May 2014 (Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice) at 11.30am. All are most welcome.

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

Meditation Week 5 for Lent.

The Story of Lazarus is familiar. It tells us something of the humanity of Christ. Think of the observation by the Jews watching, 'Jesus wept'. Here was a man in touch with His feelings, unafraid of his emotions, not given to stiff upper lip. So often 'big boys don't cry', a false instruction, damages the male psyche. Repressed emotions cause psychical damage and seek release, as the repressed will always return, in morality, economics, politics. It presumes gender specificity and design, and politicises sexuality, as male does not mean masculine nor female feminine. Notice too the statement 'come and see'. Jesus is interested in the specifics of our life and knows us lovingly. One of the theological negatives of our history was the idea of God as observing us, negatively, and waiting to chalk up our failures. This is not the description of the God that Jesus has revealed to us over the last few weeks. We can sometimes think that if we are good God loves us more. Most miracles of Jesus precede faith and prompt faith and are not a reward for good behaviour.

The next statement worthy of meditation is 'See how much he loved him'. The very essence of our spiritual lives is 'loving our neighbour as ourselves'. This loving is measured in our generosity of tongue and purse to those who are most in need. 'What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul'. Jesus once told the parable of the rich man who filled his barn and thought to himself he had it made. That night the Lord called him home.

Resurrection, and this story prefigures the power of God's love over death is about generosity and expansion of the soul in the light of God's love. Giving expands our horizons.

Generosity is the measure of letting go, and death is the ultimate letting go, with Resurrection as a personal event where what we are becomes what we are. Letting go of things, money, possessions, is the honours course in our spiritual progress. Attachments to things, views, opinions, are restrictions between ourselves and God. A good Book of the Bible to read during Lent is The Book of Job. Post death is the purposes and endpoint of our creation which is why the first Reading tells us 'I will raise you from your graves and put my Spirit within you'. We have seen what that Spirit is in the recent reading of the Samaritan Woman, the Man born Blind & Lazarus.

We become what we do and are what we become. Let it be letting go.