

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

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Newsletter 25th October 2015 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Jer 31:7-9

Psalm 125, R/ v3

2nd Reading Heb 5:1-6

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

Mass times

Daily Mass Monday to Saturday 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.

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off or in silent mode.

We request that children be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times while in the church.

Ministers of the Eucharist 25th October

6.15 pm Joe McFadden

10.00am P. Knight, Matt McHugh

11.30am Anne Dollard, Colman Boylan

David K'Eogh

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

F. Murphy

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 25th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am Christopher Cahill (A)

Monday 26th 10.00am William & Margaret

Cooney (A)

Tuesday 27th 10.00am

Wednesday 28th 10.00am

Thursday 29th 10.00am

Friday 30th 10.00am

Saturday 31st 10.00am

6.15pm

We pray for the repose of the soul of Nora Lee (formerly of Woodstock) whose funeral was held here this week. We offer our sympathy to her bereaved family.

We pray for all of those in our parish who are ill and for those who care for them.

Collections for last weekend

1st Collection € 712

2nd Collection € 1429

Shrines/books/family offering € 494

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Our annual Mass for all our deceased parishioners will be celebrated on Sunday 8th November at 11.30am. We will remember in a special way all of those who died in the past year. We invite all our parishioners to join us on the day.

The Parish Centre carpark is now closed until the end of November to allow refurbishment works to take place.

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Meeting on Sunday 18th October to discuss our parish response to the refugee crisis.

The following is a summary of the discussion that took place last Sunday in the Parish Centre. These are suggestions and ideas that were put forward at the meeting.

Jane Wong and Sr Cora (Holy Rosary Sister) will attend meetings with Crosscare and the Red Cross and will be in touch with us during the coming months.

It was suggested that meaningful connections with refugees would be of huge benefit. We could welcome them into our communities through sport and music, which would also help with the language barriers. This might appeal to young people of the parish who in turn get an opportunity to be involved from a young age using sport and music as a medium to connect.

It was suggested that it would be of huge benefit to help the refugees learn the English language. Especially with the women as they are the ones that will be left in the home minding the young children. We can all help by meeting up and having conversation. Sister Cora has first hand experience of this being put into action while working in Africa.

It was suggested that our community centre could be used to host a welcome morning / mornings. Bringing people together and creating links. Perhaps even a bus could be organised to collect the refugees from their place of residence and bring them on day trips for example Glendalough for a picnic and a fun day.

A central meeting place could be organised for mothers to get together and chat with each other and also to establish services available to them etc, while in the same building arts and crafts could be offered for the children to participate in so that the mothers have an opportunity to be in adult company without being distracted.

Already a parishioner has offered a house for a refugee family to live in. This is an incredibly kind gesture.

It was suggested that a meals on wheels situation could be set up from a central location. This

would need to be considered carefully taking into account health and safety regulations etc.

A suggestion was made re fundraising. To come up with innovative ideas to raise money where the proceeds perhaps be donated to Crosscare. Cultural awareness. To share information about our country. To provide the refugees with a little flow of knowledge about our country. So that their experience isn't so frightening and that they have some understanding of the country they now reside in.

It was suggested a form of exercise to be offered in a community hall setting. Something like Tai Chi. It is good for the body and soul. This would be a way for the refugees to have an opportunity to reduce stress and pressure. Something that men women and children alike can partake in.

We were asked if there would be any advice given to us on how to care for refugees who are particularly affected by their situation and are suffering deep trauma. It was felt that we should be trained correctly in this area as it is very important to be sensitive.

It was suggested that we should be working with local people on the ground in countries of origin specifically the displaced persons camp in Lebanon and Jordan.

It was suggested we should read Tablet articles on experience of English groups visiting and working in Calais. To keep us fully informed as to what exactly is needed at all times.