

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

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Newsletter 10th January 2016

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.

Sunday 24th January 2016 at 3pm

An Ecumenical Service will be held in the Church of St Columbanus and Gall, Milltown as part of Church Unity Octave. We would encourage you all to attend alongside congregations from the Methodist Church Leeson Park and St Phillips, Temple Road and Sandford Parish Church.

Ministers of the Eucharist 10th January

6.15 pm Joe McFadden

10.00am P. Knight, Matt McHugh

11.30am Rita Lovett, Catherine O'Dwyer, Molly Corbett

Minister attending Gascoigne Home

Nora Palmer

Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 10th 10.00am pro populo

11.30am John Muldoon (A)

Monday 11th 10.00am

Tuesday 12th 10.00am Special Intention

Wednesday 13th 10.00am Donncha

O'Donnabhain (RD)

Thursday 14th 10.00am

Friday 15th 10.00am Special Intention

Saturday 16th 10.00am Brigid Grimes (A)

6.15pm Carmel Freeman (A)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the late Sheila Brady whose funeral took place here recently. May she rest in peace. We offer our sympathy to her bereaved family.

Collections for Christmas Day

1st collection €3860

2nd collection €2800

Collections for 27th December

1st collection €605

2nd collection €452

Shrines/books/family offering €380

Collections for last weekend

1st collection €605

2nd collection €496

Shrines/books/family offering €174

There will be a Patrician meeting on Monday 11th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. The topic for discussion is 'Our Lady of Knock'. A priest will be in attendance. All are welcome.

The annual clothing appeal for Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place later this month. Bags will be distributed in the church on 23rd/24th January and will be collected the following weekend. Clean, good quality clothes are welcome.

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After Christmas word of thanks
Fr. Bernard Kennedy.

Let us give thanks to the Lord now that we have celebrated God's presence in our History. *The Word became flesh in Jesus.* Incarnation and Resurrection and communion of saints are essentials of our faith. This we believe - that it does not end at death. *Christmas* and *Easter* are therefore important to us.

2015 saw the close of Centenary Celebrations and it was a wonderful year with many special moments. We cannot forget the generosity of our financial supporters who donated almost €250,000 towards the Centenary refurbishment programme. This has restored our Church and reminds us that *generosity is a sign of God in our life and closeness to Christ.* We will have a special Mass for all our benefactors in early 2016. To paraphrase - *ask not what your parish can do for you but what you can do for your parish.* In our society we can often ask - *what's in it for me-* but the follower of Jesus subverts that selfishness by asking '*what do I have that you need*'. Jesus and His word have to be centre of our life instead of making our wishes central. A further sign of the generosity of our parishioners was the collection of almost €15,000 this Christmas for *St. Vincent De Paul* & €3,000 to *Alice Leahy's Trust* at the Carol Concert. The Ranelagh singers, and leader Rosemary O' Brien, provided the music and singing.

Record numbers attended over Christmas and thanks goes to *Paddy Cole*, who provided music at 6.15pm Mass on Christmas Eve, and to *Rebecca Winckworth* and *David Creavin*, whose singing and music at 9pm Christmas Eve Mass was phenomenal and much praised - receiving two standing ovations. Christmas Day 10.00am Mass had *Julian Vignoles* with *Na Casaide*, and Irish Choir, and at 11.30am Madelene Grant Nelson provided a beautiful liturgy with Family Choir.

The beauty of the floral decoration and crib was much remarked upon- so professional and done with love of the Lord and His house. The flower society are a loyal and dedicated voluntary group who throughout the year care at all events

and at Christmas we saw their dedication so beautifully.. I also thank our Monday cleaners group, whose humble necessary work goes unseen but not unnoticed.

I thank Carmel Shanahan, Catherine Carew & Liturgy Group, Anne Dollard, Chair & Parish Pastoral Council, Pat O Connor, Chair & Finance Committee, John Stanton, Chair & Parish Centre Committee, and new group- *Refugee Welcome Group* and its chair Jane Wong. I also thank our sacristans, Margaret & David, curate Fr. Joseph, parish secretary Mary and our parish sister Teresa McAllister.

We are blessed in Beechwood with many fine singers and musicians and I thank all of them - Albert Llussa y Tora, whose Saturday choir *Scola Cantorum* are so professional, Julian and na Casaide and the Irish choir who enhance our 10.00am Irish Mass and Madelene and her choir who provide wonderful music and singing at our 11.30am Family Mass.

Thanks are also due to the *Jesuit Fathers, Brendan Duddy, Jimmy Kelly and Tom Hayden, who assist as required and are part of our community.* I extend my thanks also to Paula Slattery and her team of readers, Nora Palmer and all our Ministers of the Eucharist, Louis Eves and his team who count the collections each week, and all of those who take part in prayer groups and other voluntary groups within our parish; each and all build up and out to our parish.

I also wish to thank the parents from Scoil Bride, Lios na nOg & Sandford Parish National School who meet with the priests monthly to plan the *Do This in Memory Mass* for the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion. My own health, has now resumed normality and I thank God.

Let me conclude with a quote from Pope Francis - '*Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches*'. Remember Luke 7.7- there was no room for them in the inn. So make it a happy new year for others.