

Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue , Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Mrs Anne Dollard

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Chair : Mr Pat O'Connor

We welcome items for publishing in the weekly newsletter. If you wish to submit an item please send it to us by **10.00am on Monday** for publication on the following Sunday. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let us know.

Thought for the day

We can easily see how Jesus should be the light of the world. Even though the words are familiar, we are perhaps unaccustomed to reflecting on ourselves as the light of the world and salt of the earth. This is an act of profound trust in us by God. Jesus has faith in us to be bearers of his Good News in our time. How are we to be that? Not first by our words or even by our deeds. We are the light and salt on account of who we are as disciples. As the Gospel text puts it, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. We cannot help being seen as his disciples, for that is who we are.

Prayer

Jesus, we believe that you are the light of the world and that you call us to bear your light to the world. Help us to be authentic disciples of yours, not drawing attention to ourselves, but to you, the source of our light and life.

5th February 2017 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading *1s 58:7-10*

Psalm *111:4-9, R v4*

2nd Reading *1 Cor 2:1-5*

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

Christians who have the Beatitudes as their rule of life become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We should recognise the dignity that is ours as we share in the work of Christ. Like him we are to lead all people to praise the wonderful deeds of God. The Spirit-filled community can bring about a new world. Christian love will make light rise in the darkness of our world.

World Day of The Sick 2017

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will celebrate Mass for World Day of the Sick on Sunday 12th February at 3pm in St Gabriel's Parish, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

Mass Times

Monday to Saturday 10.00am

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.15pm

Sunday 10.00am (Irish)

Sunday 11.30am (Family Mass)

Holy Days

Vigil Mass of the Holy Day 7.30pm with Masses on the day at 10.00am and 7.30pm

Confessions before and after Saturday Masses

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 see our website for more detailed information.

Wedding bookings are strictly by appointment with the Parish Administrator.

Child Protection Representatives may be contacted at childprotection@beechwoodparish.com or through the Parish Office.

First Friday Visits

Communion is brought to our ill or housebound parishioners on the First Friday of every month. If you, or someone you know, would like a First Friday visit, please let us know.

Ministers of the Eucharist 5th February

6.15pm F. Murphy

10.00am J. Foyle

11.30am C. Carew, Caoimhe O'Brien, G. Marry

Gascoigne Home Nora Palmer

Mass Intentions for coming week

Sunday 5th

10.00am Stephen Marry (A)

11.30am Noel Murphy (A)

Monday 6th

10.00am Johanna Matthew (A)

Tuesday 7th

10.00am Ellen & Peter Tynan (A)

Wednesday 8th

10.00am Special Intention

Thursday 9th

10.00am Patrick & Noreen Byrne (A)

Friday 10th

10.00am Val Godkin (A)

Saturday 11th

10.00am Una Gray (2nd A)

6.15pm Timothy & Mary Fallon (A)

Sunday 12th

10.00am Madeleine Knight (A)

11.30am Betsan Bradley (Month's Mind)

10.00am Mass on Thursday 16th February

The 10.00am Mass on Thursday 16th February will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of the late Una Callaghan. Una had many friends here in the parish and she is very much missed by all of us. There will be refreshments in the parish office after the Mass and all are very welcome.

Collections 29th January 2017

1st Collection € 668

2nd Collection € 542

Shrines/books/family offering € 240

The 1st Collection every week is remitted in full to the Dublin Archdiocese. It is used to pay the salaries of priests who are in active ministry in the Diocese and to support priests who are ill or retired.

The 2nd collection every week is also remitted in full to the Diocese and is used to support parishes in the Diocese who require financial assistance.

St. Brigid's Cross

Cros Bride / Crosog Bride or Bogha Bride, is a small cross usually woven from rushes. The cross is associated with Brigid of Kildare, one of the Patron Saints of Ireland, her feast celebrated on the 1st February, for which the cross was traditionally made. This was formerly celebrated as a pagan festival - Imbolc - marking the beginning of Spring.

Traditionally they were set over doorways and windows to protect the home from any kind of harm and particularly from fire.

St Brigid and her cross are linked by a story about her weaving the cross at the death bed of either her father or a pagan lord, who, upon hearing what the cross meant, asked to be baptised. (for more see Wikipedia)

Here at Beechwood, Carmel Shanahan, of Liturgy Team, began her plans for making St Brigid's crosses early in the week. Rushes were provided specially by her brother from the family farm in Co Louth.

Lesson began after Mass and soon well crafted crosses were being tied and cut to size.

The enjoyment was palpable as crosses were compared and commented on by the participants.

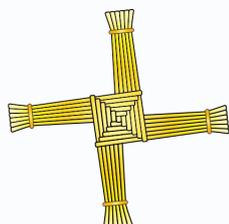
We must mention, in particular, a young lady from Romania who made her first St Brigid's cross and enjoyed the experience so much that she went on to make crosses for all housebound parishioners due to be visited with Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month.

Angela also added a stylish touch to many of our crosses and gifted one to each of our priests.

We have, of course, invited Angela to join us next year.!

Thank you Carmel

What a lovely experience!

**Volunteer Sunday!!**

Today is our parish Volunteer Sunday. If you would like to assist in any way in the parish we would be delighted to hear from you.

- ◇ Altar Society (flowers)
- ◇ Church Cleaning Group
- ◇ Eucharistic Ministers
- ◇ Collectors at weekend Masses
- ◇ Ministers of the Word
- ◇ Legion of Mary
- ◇ St Joseph's Young Priests Society
- ◇ Parish Pastoral Council
- ◇ Parish Finance Committee
- ◇ Parish Centre Committee
- ◇ Beechwood Eco Awareness Group

If you would like to become a parish volunteer, please take one of the forms at the back of the church and return to us when complete.

Please note that Garda Vetting is mandatory for all parish volunteers.

There are Céilí dancing classes for adults in Beechwood Community Centre every Thursday 8:30-9:30 p.m. The cost is only €5 per week. Newcomers especially welcome and no experience is necessary.

Organised by the Ranelagh branch of Cairde Rince Céilí na hÉireann.

Further information from 087-2770873 or www.ceilidancing.com

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Monday 13th of February from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Glashaugh Hotel, Belgard Square West, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Friday 10th February or call 01 4045378.