

Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue , Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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Parish Pastoral Council

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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

Today we are greatly helped by the wonderful Gospel of the Woman at the Well. On the third attempt, Jesus finally gets through to her but after that there is no stopping her. As Augustine teaches, she represents us: what do I thirst for? What is the most important thing in my life? Where do I now find God? By relentless challenge and resolute honesty, we too can be led to that encounter with Jesus, which changes everything, "giving life a new horizon and a decisive direction." May we come to believe because we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.

Prayer

In the midst of the ordinary things, loving God, you call us to the deeper realities: your thirst for us and our thirst for you. Never let us be satisfied, until we come to the springs of living water, welling up for eternal life.

19th March 2017 Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading Ex 17:3-7

Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R v 8

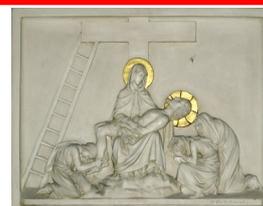
2nd Reading Rm 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

The catechumens and the baptised Christians are together on this Lenten pilgrimage. Christ offers the water of life to all those who thirst. Today occurs the first scrutiny or exorcism for the catechumens. By it they are prepared to accept the Spirit. Though that Spirit the gift of love is poured into our hearts, a gift brought for us by the love of Christ. The prayer that they grow in wisdom and love echoes the readings and must still be the prayer of all Christians.

The first scrutiny is celebrated today.

A meditation on the Stations of the Cross will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Fridays during Lent.



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 19th March

6.15pm Joe McFadden

10.00am Pauline Knight, Matt McHugh

11.30am David K'Eogh, Mary Burke

Gascoigne Home Siobhan Clarke, Mary Stokes

Mass Intentions for coming week

Sunday 19th

10.00am

11.30am Doreen & Dominic Keaveny (A)

Monday 20th

10.00am

Tuesday 21st

10.00am

Wednesday 22nd

10.00am

Thursday 23rd

10.00am

Friday 24th

10.00am

Saturday 25th

10.00am

6.15pm Patrick & Margaret Slattery (A)

Sunday 26th

10.00am

11.30am

We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

We pray also for all of those who are ill and for those who care for them.

Collections 12th March

1st Collection € 1061

2nd Collection € 653

Shrines/books/family offering € 511

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.

Easter and Christmas Dues are also remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services takes place at all Masses this weekend and replaces the Share Collection.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has written to us.

“For children who are fortunate to be part of a loving and stable home, getting through adolescence can still be a very challenging process. For the children Crosscare work with, the challenges are huge. They are dealing with poor housing (and homelessness), domestic violence, prejudice and racism, drug and alcohol abuse and increasing levels of criminality and violence in their communities.

The services Crosscare are providing at their very core are about living out the example and teachings of Jesus. They are targeted at those children who are most in need. They include drop in centres, youth cafes, outdoor learning (adventure sports), counselling, developmental programs, leadership training and a range of projects delivered through the medium of sports, art, drama and music. Fundamentally, they are about building positive relationships that will help support and guide young people to fulfil their individual God given potential”.

We ask for your generous support this weekend.

A Lenten Bible Study Series on the theme of refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced people worldwide will take place on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.

The remaining dates are March 23rd, March 30th and April 6th.

All are most welcome and there is no admission charge. Refreshments will be served. Donations welcome.

Sunday April 9th at 8pm

Culwick Choral Society, with conductor Bernie Sherlock, performs Mendelssohn's Elijah at the National Concert Hall

See www.nch.ie or phone 01 417 0000

World Meeting of Families 2018

A message from Bishop Francis Duffy, Chairman of National Finance Committee for 9th World Meeting of Families.

“On behalf of the National Finance Committee I write to thank you for your generous response to last year's first national collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Almost €800,000 has been contributed by parishioners from around the island. A fantastic achievement.

Pope Francis personally chose Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 22nd to 26th August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. A dedicated office and support team has been established and later this year a nationwide programme of talking about the family will begin, with an emphasis on Pope Francis' teaching and reflections. The World Meeting of Families promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life.

As you know, hosting this national and international event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard, the second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1st/2nd April 2017”.

“The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love”.

Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, April 2016).