



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

Traditionally, we have found it easy to think of the cross as the measure of God's love for us. Because of the focus on the cross, we find it more difficult to think of the resurrection as also the love of God, perhaps "all the more so"! The originality of the Fourth Gospel says it all: the disciple Jesus loved, the head cloth recalling Lazarus (see how much he loved him) and, not least, the great figure of Mary Magdalene (Mary!). In summary, Jesus died and rose again for love of us. Let us be loved!

Prayer

Loving God, you love us more than we can imagine or take in. Help us to allow ourselves to be so loved by you, that your love may penetrate our hearts, our lives and our loves. We ask this through Jesus, who died and rose for love of us and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

16th April 2017 Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection

1st Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 r v 24

2nd Reading Col 3:104

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

'Christ is risen, Alleluia!'

This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all."Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of feasts'.

The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him." (CCC, 1169)

Setting the date for Easter!

At the Council of Nicaea in 325 , the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the Spring equinox. Sunday , 16th April 2017 is the feast of Easter. Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days from the Calendar and this discrepancy between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars results often in difference in the date for Easter in East and West, as they follow the two Calendars. This does not happen in 2017, when the date of Easter for Eastern Christians is also Sunday, 16th April.

(Source of information - Liturgical Calendar. Browse for more !)

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 16th April

6.15pm Nora Palmer

10.00am Mary Keane

11.30am Anne Dollard, Colman Boylan, Rita Lovett
Gascoigne Home Catherine Carew

Mass Intentions for coming week

Sunday 16th Easter Sunday

10.00am

11.30am

Monday 17th

10.00am Maureen & Thomas McNeill (A)

Tuesday 18th

10.00am Msgr Canon Michal Corley (RD)

Wednesday 19th

10.00am Ted Corcoran (RD)

Thursday 20th

10.00am Gerard Lanigan (29th A) and
Pieter Van Miert (50th A)

Friday 21st

10.00am Bridget Doyle (RD)

Saturday 22nd

10.00am

6.15pm Mary Leo (2nd A)

Sunday 23rd

10.00am

11.30am

Recent Collection**2nd April**

1st Collection € 571

2nd Collection € 780

Shrines, books, family offering €394

The 1st collection is remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese and is used for the support of the priests who are in active ministry in the Diocese and also for those who are ill or retired.

The Share collection is also remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese and is used to support parishes who are in need of financial assistance.

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

We thank all of those who have returned Easter Dues. Your support for the clergy is very much appreciated.

Alzheimer's Tea Day Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Ranelagh Active Retirement will host the Annual Tea Day on Wednesday 3rd May in Beechwood Parish Pastoral Centre, Mountain View Road from 3pm to 5pm.

Admission €5 (includes tea). There will be raffle tickets on sale.



Please come and support this worthy project. Bring your family and friends. All monies raised will go to support services in the local community.

ACCORD Dublin, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, is currently recruiting in the areas of: Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators who will give courses to couples preparing for Marriage and assist in the area of Marriage and Relationship counselling.

If you would like to be part of a dynamic team, can relate easily to people in a sensitive and genuine way, would like fulfilling and meaningful work by making a real difference to couples and individuals, you might consider one of these positions. Training will be provided for both roles through the Pontifical University in Maynooth. Information evening for Marriage Preparation Facilitators will take place on: 20th April 2016 at 7:30 pm in ACCORD Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 For further information please contact 01 4780866

Meditation on resurrection -

Bernard Kennedy.

Bible refers always to our 'inner being', 'inner self', or soul, namely the central reality of our self. The 'who we are' not the 'what we are'. This is what Spirituality is about- *may our inner self grow strong*. While the body fades the inner self is who we really are. We are – just as God said to Moses- I Am who I am- and Jesus says 'I Am', being itself. This is the self of the Resurrection- namely we are alive no longer restricted by the temporality of death. We are not our sins, we are not our achievements we are 'our self'. Jesus has given eternal life to that which we are and is eternal. This is how we understand The Resurrection- we are alive in Jesus. Read Luke's Gospel, Chapter 24, over Easter, as it gives the basis for our faith in this reality.

Notice the story of Emmaus- there is a time gap between seeing Jesus and recognizing him. His self is resurrected by the Father. Freedom from death, and death overcome.

Eternal things are already in our existence like love, forgiveness and memory recall which transcend temporality. The cycle of nature is inherent in the material world. The beauty of a flower illustrates how the seed of the plant is not all. A hymn reminds us that 'the seed of glory sown in us will flower when we see his face'. This is why we should take our inner life seriously - it is our school towards Resurrection into that new life. This is the substance of spirituality to help us achieve it. Mystics like *John of the Cross, Hildegard of Bingen, Meister Eckhart*, each gained access to this understanding and it is worth pursuing their writings to go that path. The Easter egg, a Christian symbol of the tomb is broken open by the power of God and death is no more. Our ecological understanding trains us to understand the presence of God in all created things, and the bible calls it 'pleroma', or fullness of the divine. Resurrection is then the final mutation of our humanity into divinity- what we shall be.