



Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue , Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

16th July 2017 to 22nd July 2017

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Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Mrs Anne Dollard

Parish Finance Committee

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.

16th July - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading *Is 55:10-11*

Psalm *64:10-14, R/ Lk 8:8*

2nd Reading *Rm 8:18-23*

Gospel *Mt 13:1-23*

We must have faith in the power of God's word. It is the instrument by which God effects his purpose. It does not work automatically; but grows in a soil of faith and prayer. We have to be concerned about teaching, preaching and praying the word and to work to ensure a receptive soil.

Pax Christi, the Irish Section of the International Catholic Peace Movement is based in the church grounds in Rathmines. It was born out of the ashes of World War 11 for the promotion of peace and justice in our world witnessing the peace of Christ.

The Pax Christi Church Gate Collection will take place after all masses this weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island will take place on Sunday 23rd July. The cost is €40 to include transport and a meal at the Arklow Bay Hotel. Pick Up at the Bleeding Horse.

Contact: Rita Russell (01) 4938965

Reminder that the Trocaire Collection for the relief of famine will take place at all masses next weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

There will be a meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society on Monday 17th July from 6.45pm—7.45pm in the Parish Office.

All are welcome.

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 July

6.15pm F. Murphy

10.00am Joe Foyle

11.30am Catherine Carew, Caoimhe O'Brien

Gascoigne Home M Keane

Mass Intentions for coming week

Sunday 16th

10.00am Pro Populo

11.30am

Monday 17th

10.00am

Tuesday 18th

10.00am Thomas Levins (A)

Wednesday 19th

10.00am

Thursday 20th

10.00am

Friday 21st

10.00am Richard & Phyllis Verner

Saturday 22nd

10.00am Pro Populo

6.15pm

Sunday 23rd

10.00am

11.30am Lily McGrath

We pray for all our deceased loved ones. May they rest in peace.

We also remember all those in our community who are ill or housebound and all those who care for them.

Recent Collections

9th July

1st Collection € 535

2nd Collection € 457

Shrines, books, family offering € 313

Thank you for your support

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.

Dear Parishioner,

As we enter summer time and enjoy the good weather I would like to share with you a number of reflections. We all like a summer reading list- allow me to add to it a new book *'In God's Hands- Spiritual writings of St John Paul'* – it consists of his spiritual reflections after retreats and spiritual talks throughout his life. His observations are deep and informative. Two stand out, so far; the importance of the Resurrection and also our fullness of being that comes from identifying with Christ. Our ontology is Christocentric. He also mentions the importance of Ministerial priesthood, Eucharist and Priesthood of Laity. I won't spoil your reading but I recommend it.

We have had a busy six months so far this year. We have had 26 baptisms, 20 Funerals, 2 weddings, 3 schools Confirmations (150 children), 3 Holy Communion ceremonies (200 children). These were prayerful moments in the life of our parish and were very much appreciated by the families concerned. Christ was made present through the sacraments.

Summer time allows parish committees to rest from their voluntary labours and I thank the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee and the Beechwood Parish Pastoral and Community Centre Committee for their endeavours during the past year.

In September the Beechwood Parish Pastoral and Community Centre AGM will be held and four new committee members will be elected from the floor along with four new Parish Pastoral Council nominees as present nominees have served their time. Along with the Clergy this Parish Centre Committee will begin its work then. We thank those who now stand down from their voluntary work.

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The constant comment about our church flower displays is very positive and I am grateful for the work of the Altar Society. I also thank the cleaning team who are here every Monday morning after 10.00am Mass and who take great care to keep our church looking so well.

Sr Teresa provides great service to us here at Beechwood and I thank her for all her work. Our secretaries Mary and Rosina add an extra competence to our parish work. Our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist help not only with the Masses but also bringing Holy Communion to the housebound and linking them with the Eucharistic sacrifice. Our readers proclaim Christ's Word. Our sacristans Margaret and David assist greatly in the necessary work. Madelene and her lovely choir bring great joy at the 11.30am Family Mass each Sunday and Albert and the Nomine Sanctus Choir greatly enhance the Saturday Vigil Mass liturgy. The Liturgy group provide much support to the priests of the parish and again I thank them.

I also wish to extend a special word of thanks to Fr. Brendan Duddy s.j. who is a regular celebrant here in Beechwood.

I also wish to thank all the parishioners who provide much needed financial support to the parish. A number of parishioners have increased their contributions by standing order for which I am grateful.

In September the Parish Centre AGM will be held and new committee members elected from the floor (4), along with New PPC nominees (4) as present nominees have served their time. Along with the Clergy this Parish Centre Committee (10) will begin its work then. We thank those who now stand down from their voluntary work.

In conclusion let us strive to imitate Christ, and His Beatitudes, which serve society as the yeast for living, knowing that our Resurrection is the goal of living and let us gather together in our Church to pray and receive Christ in the Eucharist.

Fr. Bernard Kennedy, ADM (16th July 2017)