



# Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue , Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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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 Tuesday** for publication on the following Sunday. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please let us know.

## THE DEEP END: Rejoice!

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?

And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent?

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**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 Mass on the day at 10.00am

**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

If you would like to arrange baptism for your child please contact the parish office at 01 4967449

**Wedding** bookings are strictly by appointment with one of the Priests of the Parish.

**The parish Child Safeguarding and Protection Representatives** may be contacted through the parish office or by email [childprotection@beechwoodparish.com](mailto:childprotection@beechwoodparish.com)

**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 11th March**

6.15pm Joe McFadden

10.00am Pauline Knight, Matt McHugh

11.30am David K'Eogh, Mary Burke

Gascoigne Home F. Murphy

**Mass Intentions for coming week****Sunday 11th**

10.00am

11.30am David Casey (3rd A)

**Monday 12th**

10.00am

**Tuesday 13th**

10.00am

**Wednesday 14th**

10.00am Richard Breatnach (A)

**Thursday 15th**

10.00am

**Friday 16th**

10.00am

7.30pm Vigil Mass for St Patrick's Day

**Saturday 17th St Patrick's Day**

10.00am

**Sunday 18th**

10.00am Patrick and Margaret Slattery (A)

11.30am Olive Creegan (1st A)

**Collections 11th March**

*The collection figures for last Sunday 4th March were not available at time of going to print.*

*We will include them next week.*

*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.*

*We are very grateful for your continued generous support of the parish and of the diocese.*

**St Patrick's Day Masses****Friday 16th March at****7.30pm—Vigil Mass for St Patrick's Day****Saturday 17th March— Mass at 10.00am*****"God so loved the world"***

The readings of Lent for prayer and preaching in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral over the next 2 Wednesdays in Lent from 11.15am to 12.30pm

- ♦ Wednesday 14th March
- ♦ Wednesday 21st March

Presenter Kieran O'Mahony OSA

Mass will be available at 10.30am and 12.45pm

*Thank You* We would like to thank all of those who assisted during the recent red weather alert and Storm Emma. We are very grateful to all our volunteers!

**Patrician Meeting**

There will be a Patrician meeting on Monday 12th March in the Parish Office at 7.30pm

The topic is 'The Virtue of Charity'.

Tea will be served. All are welcome, please bring a friend!

**Rathmines, Rathgar, Milltown Bethany Bereavement Support Service**

There will be a group meeting of the Bethany Bereavement Service at the Parish Centre, 52 Grosvenor Road, Rathgar on Wednesday 14th March at 8pm and at Milltown Parish Centre on Wednesday 21st March at 8.00pm

If you are bereaved or experiencing loss of any kind and would appreciate talking to trained listeners in a supportive, confidential setting, you would be very welcome. This is a free service which is now being offered to the Beechwood and Ranelagh community.

For further information please phone

**085 2238032**

'A society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty.

Mothers often also transmit the deepest sense of religious practice ... It is a message that mothers who believe know how to transmit without much explanation; this arrives later, but the seed of faith is planted in those first precious moments.

Without mothers ... faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth.'

**Pope Francis (General audience, 7 January 2015)**

**The annual collection for Crosscare Youth Services takes place at all Masses next weekend 17th and 18th March.**

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin says the following

'The services Crosscare provide are, at their very core, about living out the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. They are targeted at those who are most in need. They include drop in centres, youth cafés, outdoor learning, counselling, developmental programmes, leadership training and a range of projects delivered through the medium of sport, art, drama and music. Fundamentally, they are about building positive relationships that will help support and guide young people to fulfil their individual potential'.

In 2017, parishioners in Beechwood Avenue donated €2,084 to Crosscare Youth Services. We appeal for your continued very generous support for the very important work done by Crosscare.