



Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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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: For as Yet they did not Understand

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection. 'It was still dark ...' when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning. We might recall those situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel.

Whatever our 'death' experiences may be, we revisit them, going to the tomb as usual. And then we realise that something has changed, the stone has rolled away. Let the stone and linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. However big that stone appears to be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tells us that this stone can be moved. Think of all the situations in our world which need transformation, the homelessness crisis, the violence on our streets, our own sorrow. The Easter gospel shows us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey. Once we experience the resurrection we are called to radical change and to share this transformative joy with others.

'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.'

Joyce Rupp

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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

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.

Next Friday 6th April is the First Friday of April.

Ministers of the Eucharist 1st April

6.15pm F. Murphy

10.00am Joe Foyle

11.30am Catherine Carew , Rita Lovett

Gascoigne Home Catherine Carew

Mass Intentions for coming week**Sunday 1st**

10.00am

11.30am

Monday 2nd

10.00am

Tuesday 3rd

10.00am

Wednesday 4th

10.00am Deceased members of the Stokes family

Thursday 5th

10.00am Edward McDonald (A)

Friday 6th

10.00am

Saturday 7th

10.00am Nicholas Keegan (15th A)
6.15pm

Sunday 8th

10.00am Mass (Irish)

11.30am Family Mass

Collections 11th March

1st Collection € 711

2nd Collection € 604

Collections 17th March

1st Collection €332

2nd Collection 289

Collections 18th March

1st Collection €420

2nd Collection €482 (Crosscare)

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.

Crosscare Annual Youth Services Church Collection

The Crosscare Annual Youth Services Church Collection took place at all Masses last weekend on Saturday / Sunday 17th & 18th March. Crosscare are extremely grateful for all who generously donated on the day. Given the bad weather over that weekend, many parishioners may not have been able to attend Mass. Should you wish to make a donation to Crosscare they have advised that they can accept donations over the phone on (01) 836 0011, or by post to Crosscare, 2ND floor, Clonliffe College, Drumcondra, Dublin 3.

Here in Beechwood Avenue the 2017 collection for Crosscare Youth Services was €2,084. This year the total was €482.

Easter Mailing Delivery/Easter Dues

Our Easter pack has now been delivered to all the homes in the parish. We thank all of those who volunteered to assist with the delivery. We are very grateful for your help!

Your Easter Dues are remitted in full to the Dublin Diocese and are used to support priests who are active in parishes and also ill and retired priests. Your continued generous support of your clergy is very much appreciated and we thank you.

Mass Cards

Signed Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office. You are very welcome to call in to the office if you need a Mass Card.

Fr. Paul Freeney's Diamond Jubilee!



Fr. Paul with his classmates Fr. Eugene and Fr. Liam

On Thursday March 22nd, Fr. Paul Freeney celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination in Rome in the Archbasilica of John Lateran, the mother Church of all the Churches in the world, March 22nd 1958 with Archbishop Luigi Tarshlai officiating.

Mass was celebrated in the presence of his family and friends at Oghill Nursing Home Monastervin, with a small party afterwards. The mass was Celebrated by Fr. Joseph Doran of Beechwood Avenue Parish where Fr. Paul is Pastor Emeritus, the co celebrants were Fr. Paul with fellow classmates Fr. Eugene Kennedy and Fr. Liam Murtagh.

Fr. Kennedy and Fr. Murtagh will celebrate their own Diamond Jubilees in June of this Year. The attendance included members of his family, some close friends, and parishioners from Beechwood Ave.

Fr Paul Freeney served in many parishes throughout the Dublin Diocese including St. Annes, in Kilmacud, Swords parish (now St Colmcille's) where he also served as Chaplin to the Airport, the centre city parish Seville Place, the parish of Leixlip and Confrey, the parishes of Wicklow and Rathnew, parish of Huntstown, and he also served in Ballbriggan. He retired in 2008 as Parish Priest of Beechwood Avenue where he still serves as Pastor Emeritus. He also served as Chaplin to many convents and organisations throughout his career.

Fr. Freeney said that he was very humbled and overwhelmed to have his anniversary celebrated in this way and cut the cake to start the party.

