



Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue , Ranelagh

Parish Newsletter

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Parish Pastoral Council

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

THE DEEP END: The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally laid down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, the gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told 'I know my own and my own know me'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then – especially – that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

'We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into his arms.'

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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

Mass Intentions for coming week**Sunday 22nd**

10.00am

11.30am Richard Doggett (24th A)

Monday 23rd

10.00am

Tuesday 24th

10.00am

Wednesday 25th

10.00am

Thursday 26th

10.00am

Friday 27th

10.00am

Saturday 28th

10.00am

6.15pm

Sunday 29th

10.00am Declan Crangle (3rd A)

11.30am Seán and Sinead O' Cleirigh (A)

We pray for all our departed relatives and friends. May they rest in peace.

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**22nd April 2018**

6.15pm Donal McCarthy

10.00am Yvonne Cooney

11.30am Mary McCormack, Carmel Shanahan

Gascoigne Home Mary Keane

The current rota is on the noticeboard in the front porch of the church.

Recent collections**15th April**

1st Collection € 859

2nd Collection € 650

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

We thank all who have returned Easter Dues.

Easter Dues are remitted in full to the Dublin Archdiocese and are used in the support of the clergy of the diocese.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 7th to 12th September 2018.

If you would like to participate in the pilgrimage please contact Fr Paddy Boyle P.P. at 086 1011415.

Bethany Bereavement Support Service

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 available to Beechwood and Ranelagh community.

For further information please phone: 085 2238032



Beechwood Avenue Children's/Youth Choir & Instrumental Group is seeking new members. All children are welcome to come along and join.

There are children of all ages who attend all the local schools in the area.

Please do not hesitate to come along and participate at the 11.30am family Mass.

For further information please contact choir director Madelene Grant Nelson on 086 8665129

**First Holy Communion ceremonies****Dates and times**

Children in Lios na nOg, Sandford Parish National School and Scoil Bhride are continuing their preparation to receive First Holy Communion here in our church in the next few weeks.

Sunday 29th April at 11.30am Lios na nOg

This Mass will be celebrated as Gaeilge. *The 10.00am Mass on Sunday 29th April will be in English*

Sunday 20th May at 11.30am Sandford Parish National School**Sunday 27th May at 11.30am Scoil Bhride**

This Mass will be celebrated as Gaeilge. *The 10.00am Mass on Sunday 27th May will be in English.*

We ask for your prayers for the children, their parents, families and teachers.



Wednesday 25th

April

3pm to 5pm!

Ranelagh Active Retirement will host an afternoon of social dancing on Wednesday 25th April 2018 in the Beechwood Parish Pastoral Centre on Mountain View Road from 3pm to 5pm.

Music and song by the very popular Tommy Carroll. Admission €5 (includes tea).

Non-members are very welcome.

Come and meet your friends for a very enjoyable afternoon!