

# Church of the Holy Name Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh

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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 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 at

[childprotection@beechwoodparish.com](mailto:childprotection@beechwoodparish.com)

## THE DEEP END: Ephphatha

In today's gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and who had a speech impediment, unable to hear or speak God's word of truth. Jesus says ephphatha, which means 'be opened!' Immediately this man was healed.

During this Season of Creation we are all urged to listen to the cry of the earth. Scientists are now telling us that unless drastic action is taken we will lose the battle against the environmental destruction which this world is faced with. The worldwide heatwave and drought which we experienced this summer is one example of how our planet is under pressure. Yet change is possible. All it takes is one good person to restore hope. As followers of Christ we have a duty to lead the way in caring for God's beautiful creation.

What prevents us from hearing these messages? We can be cynical and say that the issue is too big, that it is up to governments to sort out. Ephphatha!

We start where we are and do what we can. This week can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? A very simple action is to reduce the use of plastic by buying a reusable water bottle or coffee cup which removes so much waste from landfills and sends a powerful message.

We begin with the small actions and encourage others to do the same. Ephphatha! Let us all be open to this call to care for our common home.

(You can find out more at [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org))

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## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist 9th September

**6.15pm Vigil Mass Nora Palmer**

**10.00am Mary Keane**

**11.30am Anne Dollard, Coleman Boylan, Rita Lovett**

**Gascoigne Home Catherine Carew**

There is a Patrician meeting on Monday 10th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Topic for discussion is 'The 7 Sorrows of Mary'.

All are welcome. Tea is served.

## Our Common Home

When I volunteered for World Meeting of Families in May, I could not have imagined the whirlwind of events that would follow. It is amazing the things that happen when we say 'yes' to the Lord. On the form I put down my love of drama and thought no more of it, but the Spirit had plans...

With about a month to go, I attended a meeting and spoke about my passion for saving our Mother earth, being a drama enthusiast and a teacher. Suddenly I was part of the Our Common Home element of the Congress in the RDS, charged with coming up with little educational pieces for the children, with Pope Francis' encyclical, *Ladato Si*, in mind. With just over two weeks to go, three of us got together and wrote little scripts centring on saving the bees, *'Don't Buzz Off'*, and the fight against plastic in our oceans, *'Ladato Sea'*. We just knew that becoming Bee and Fish for the week was going to be something special.

It was one of the most rewarding weeks of my life. In a matter of two days, before our eyes, a carpark was transformed into the Our Common Home garden, which was blessed by Cardinal Tagle from the Philippines (with Bee and Fish by his side). He challenged us all to go back to our parishes and 'make gardens out of carparks'. We performed our little pieces on the mainstage of the RDS arena, where Bee became sick from inhaling the fumes of pesticides being sprayed on fruit but was revived with the help of the Order of Malta cadets...phew!

One of the highlights was at the final mass of the Congress where we would take the Eco Candle from the RDS to Christ Church for an Interfaith evening run by Trocaire on how to answer the call to care for the planet. I honestly don't know who was more surprised. The Cardinals, Bishops and priests processing after us, or Bee and Fish at the very front in front of thousands of families wondering whether it was the right time to wave or not. We did. Sure, wasn't it Bee and Fish's moment too.

With all the meeting of cardinals, Archbishop Eamon Martin and performing it was crazy and wonderful at the same time. However, that wasn't what changed us, it wasn't what moved us to do more, to be more, to lead more. This happened when we walked around the RDS during the three days, meeting all the children and young people. Dressed up as Bee and Fish (who was out of water and caught in plastic God love him), we imparted in an informal way the message of our pieces. We were hugged, photographed and mobbed by children and let me tell you, they got it. They, better than adults, understand that we must take care of all of creation and do so now. We must act to care for our common home, act as Pope Francis challenges us to and act now, as I believe, God Himself calls each one of us to do.

Frances O'Brien

## Mass Intentions for coming week

### Sunday 9th

10.00am

11.30am Brendan Creegan (5th A)

### Monday 10th

10.00am Nora Grimes (A)

### Tuesday 11th

10.00am

### Wednesday 12th

10.00am

### Thursday 13th

10.00am

### Friday 14th

10.00am

### Saturday 15th

10.00am Michael Sweeney (A)

6.15pm Betty McCann (Month's Mind)

### Sunday 16th

10.00am

11.30am Laurence Mahon (A)

We ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick Brennan (Mornington Road) whose funeral took place this week.

We offer our sympathy to his daughter Ann, his sons Aidan, Fintan and Colm and to all his family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

We pray for all our deceased loved ones.

May they rest in peace.

## Collections 2nd September

1st Collection €711

2nd Collection €546

Shrines/books/family offering €348

We thank you all for your continued generous support of your parish and the diocesan clergy.

## Ranelagh Active Retirement Association

Weekly exercise classes resume in the Parish Pastoral and Community Centre, Moutain View Road, on Wednesday 12th September at 2pm. €5 per class.

Newcomers are very welcome