

St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5
Parish Newsletter
January 2018

FROM LONELINESS TO A NEW COMMUNITY

As in other years our Christmas Masses saw large attendances especially at the Christmas Eve Mass for children with standing room only and again at the night Mass which was preceded with the singing of carols by the Parish Choir.

Yes, it was a blessing to have been able to distribute the beautifully printed icons of the Holy Family icon for the World Meeting of Families. The number of these we received was just sufficient to cover all needs at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. When the last Mass was over I had just one person ask me for an icon and I referred him to those who had distributed 600 of them. I didn't hear back so, perhaps, he got the last of them.

Long before he ever became Pope Benedict XVI, **Joseph Ratzinger** spoke with great insight of a Church that would face difficulties: *"From the crisis of today the Church of tomorrow will emerge – a Church that has lost much. She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning... But in all of the changes at which one might guess, the Church will find her essence afresh and with full conviction...*

*"The Church will be a more spiritual Church... It will be hard going for the Church ...all of this will take time. The process will be long and wearisome. **Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty.** Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.*

"And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun... but it will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as one's home, where one will find life and hope beyond death."

So let us not think of the big numbers that appear perhaps only at Christmas or at times of tragedy. In this new year 2018 may we continue in faith to believe, to hope and to serve and not be afraid of what lies ahead.

Fr. Liam

2018 Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

Monday 1 st	Mary Mother of God, Day of Prayer for Peace.
Saturday 6 th	Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.
Sunday 7 th	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
Monday 8 th	Parish Schools re-open.
Thursday 11 th	7.30 p.m. - Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council.
Sunday 14 th	10.30 a.m. "Do This In Memory" Mass.
Thursday 18-Thursday 25 th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>"That all may be Free"</i> (Exodus 15)

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1 st	Feast of St. Brigid
Friday 2 nd	Presentation of The Lord

THE POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

While many of you may have never heard of this Network others may be familiar with its title "The Apostleship of Prayer". The Apostleship of Prayer was set up in 1844 by a group of Jesuit seminarians at Vals, France. Because they knew missionary work lay before them, they were frustrated and impatient to join the missions in India and America, yet they failed to see how their dull study routines would make them better missionaries.

In response, their spiritual director, Father Gautrelet, S.J., addressed them. He emphasized that saving souls was a goal beyond human ability, yet it could be achieved through supernatural means. He told the young men, "Be apostles now, apostles of prayer! Offer everything you are doing each day in union with the Heart of our Lord for what he wishes: the spread of the Kingdom for the salvation of souls."

Gautrelet taught these seminarians to offer each day to God. Thus, their prayer, study, work, recreation, headaches would advance the work of the missions as much as their direct work in the field. They took this idea to heart and got others to join with their daily Offering. This soon was formalized into what is now known as the Morning Offering.

The Apostleship of Prayer always operated under the auspices of the Jesuits, the Society of Jesus. The morning offering and prayers are the basic membership requirements, and in many countries the apostleship has no registration, no groups, no fees, and no special meetings.

By the 1880s Pope Leo XIII announced prayer intentions for every month to go with the Daily Offering. They would bring members closer to each other and closer to Christ. Pope Pius XI added a specific missionary intention for each month in 1929. These intentions are prayed specifically for those who make a commitment to spreading the Gospel around the world. Today, the Pope still announces two monthly intentions.

By the year 2000 the Apostleship of Prayer worldwide had over 40 million members, 50 different Messengers of the Sacred Heart, and 40 other periodicals.

The mission of **The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network** (the Apostleship of Prayer) is to pray for the mission of the Church and to awaken the missionary capacities of Catholics, by means of a personal and deep relationship with the Heart of Jesus. It is a way of prayer connected with the world, a prayer which leads to serving this world and is more than ever necessary for the mission of the Church.

The world has changed. The structures and means that were used since the 19th century, by which the Apostleship of Prayer (AP) developed, no longer work today. Today other means are needed to continue this mission. So now one can get a **click to pray app** for your mobile phone linked to the Pope's missionary intention outlining challenges for humanity and the mission of the Church.

GO ON LINE OR GET THE APP!

You can go to clicktopray.org website or get the "click to pray" app on your smart phone.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS

January 2018: *For Religious Minorities in Asia*

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

February 2018 *Say "No" to Corruption*

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

School Enrolments – for September 2018

Applications for September 2018 for both **St. Brigid Boys' National School** and **St. Brigid Girls' National School** will be accepted between 8th and 31st January 2018.

The **Enrolment Policy for St. Brigid's Boys' National School** was reviewed and updated on 15th November 2017 and is available to view on our school website www.stbrigidbns.ie.

Similarly, the Enrolment Policy for **St. Brigid's Girls' National School** can be viewed on www.stbrigidsgns.ie

St. Vincent De Paul's wish list—Unwanted Christmas presents for those most in need in our Parish.

The essence of this initiative is the fact that most of us receive much more than we need (on Christmas Day) *and just one unwanted gift donated to the local Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul will bring much happiness to the least fortunate amongst us.*

These presents/gifts which you received over the holiday period, which you may not need will be distributed to the less well of in our Parish by our friends in the St Vincent De Paul.

Gifts of new clothing including jeans, jumpers, shoes etc together with gift vouchers and toys, boxes of sweets and biscuits will be very much appreciated.

Phil Mc Bride at 085-145 7323 and **Louis Gillick at 087-242 8438** together with members of the local conference of the St. Vincent De Paul will collect any items you may have after all Masses on:

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th January and finally on

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st January.

Many, many thanks.

Recently Deceased—please pray for the souls of:

Monica Grainger - Killester Avenue Michael Donegan - Castle Grove Anthony Kearns - Woodbine Road
Mary Warren - Grange Park, Raheny Philip Burch—Rosevale Court Marie Dowdall—Kilbride Road
Paddy Wade – Bettystown Avenue

Baptisms—we are happy to welcome into our Catholic Community:

Conor Maher - Ennafort Road Penny Moran - Abbeyfield Vincent McGreal - Abbeyfield
Harriet Eden - Longfellow Drive - IL USA

Wedding—Our Congratulations to:

Jennifer Comiskey and Karol O'Reilly Clonshaugh D.17

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration on **Mondays and Tuesdays** from 10.30 am until 3.00 pm each day has moved into the Adoration Chapel on right hand side of Church near Saint Brigid's altar, for the winter months. Adoration on **Thursday** night will continue to take place in our Church from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm. If you are prepared to "watch for one hour" per week you will be very welcome. We also invite you to spend some time – even a few minutes- in prayer and reflection.

Each Thursday night for the coming months we will be praying for peace in the Middle East and for the Pope's intentions. *All Parishioners are welcome.*

Resource Centre News

Shake off the January blues!

The centre has a wide variety of classes running at present so why not make it your resolution to be more active , be it Art, Bridge, Dance, Pilates, we have something for everyone , so why not pop in for an up-to-date activities list.

S.B.S

The St. Brigid's Seniors Committee would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

2018 is going to be a busy year of activities, meetings and outings for S.B.S.

We look forward to welcoming all members-new and old –to our first meeting on Wednesday 7th February. Current members will receive a renewal of membership from early January which is to be returned by the end of the month.

See you all soon.

Coffee Dock

The coffee dock still has some availability for local Artists / Photographers to display their work .If you would like to exhibit your pictures for a month, contact Karol on 01-853 4030.

This year we are hoping to allocate a month to "Reeling in the Years". This is a project I am hoping everyone will get involved in. I am asking parishioners to submit a *copy* of a picture that they feel shows Killester through the years, be it of a family, a house, the old railway or whatever. You decide. We would hope to hold an exhibition showing off the wonder of Killester over the years.

For further information contact resourcekillester@gmail.com . Pictures can also be sent through this email. *Karol*

St. Brigid's Parish Shop, Howth Road, Killester

There is now in stock a large selection of religious items including signed sympathy Mass cards, Mass bouquets and get well Mass cards. There are pictures, angel pins, St Brigid's crosses, crucifixes, holy water fonts, candles and christening candles, medals, rosary beads, prayer leaflets and a lot more. There is also in stock birthday, retirement, good wishes and get well cards together with a new Chorals and Carols CD by the St Brigid's girl's school prize winning choir under the Musical Director – Laura Wickham.

A selection of Signed Mass Cards is also available.

Why not call into the shop and see for yourself the large array of goods available. The shop is open after all the masses at weekends and is located at the side of the Church nearest car park.

At back of Church there is now a large selection of Prayer and Reflection booklets including "The Power of an Hour with Jesus" which is especially appropriate for use during Eucharistic Adoration and CDs covering our Catholic faith, life and truth for all.

All proceeds go to Parish funds.

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