

St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5



Newsletter

May 2017



EASTER A TIME OF JOY AND HOPE

This month is a special time for many in our parish and an opportunity for us all to celebrate the joy and hope of the Easter Season.

Pope Francis spoke recently of our faith beginning on Easter morning with the message that Christ is risen. Later, on the road to Damascus, St. Paul encounters Jesus whom he had been persecuting by attacking the Church. Meeting Jesus changes everything for Paul and for us all.

Pope Francis adds, "How beautiful it is to think that Christianity is essentially this! It is not so much our search for God — a search which in truth is tenuous —, but rather God's search for us. Jesus took us, grasped us, won us over, never more to leave us. Christianity is grace... encounter... To be Christian means not starting from death, but rather, from God's love for us which has defeated our most bitter enemy.

At this time, I am thinking of young boys and girls who in these weeks will have their first Holy Communion. I think too of their parents, grandparents and families. Then after them many more girls and boys will celebrate Confirmation, once more surrounded by families and friends. May they all encounter Jesus and know he is alive and he is here with us. Even though we are sinners, may we have in our hearts the great joy of knowing, that since Jesus is alive, death does not have the last word, because he has conquered our most bitter enemy.

Let us take up with renewed energy the challenges that face us as a parish community. Challenges not just to do with the fabric of our church building, but also the fabric of our little faith community, called to offer light joy and hope to a world where there is so much darkness, sadness, and defeatism.

Fr. Liam

MAY EVENTS

Saturday 6th	First Communion for Girls of St Brigid's Girls' School
Sunday 7th	World Day of Prayer for Vocations Special collection for students preparing for ordination to the Priesthood
Tuesday 9th	Meeting of Parish Financial Council (t.b.c.)
Thursday 11th	Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Saturday 13th	First Communion for Boys of St. Brigid's Boys' NS
Sunday 14th	St. Paul's College special church-gate collection for Ethiopia (Vincentian Lay Missionaries Youth Immersion Programme)
Thursday 18th	Confirmation of Girls from St Brigid's Girls' NS
Wednesday 24th	St Mary's Holy Faith, Killester, Graduation Mass
Sunday 28th	Mass to celebrate Baptisms of the Past Year at 12.00 noon.
Thursday 1st June	Confirmation of Boys from St Brigid's Boys' NS

Joke.....

The pope and Donald Trump are on the same stage in Yankee Stadium in front of a huge crowd!
The pope leans towards Trump and says "do you know that with one little wave of my hand I can make every person in the crowd go wild with joy?. This joy will not be a momentary display, but will go deep into their hearts and they'll forever speak of this day and rejoice!"
Trump replied "I seriously doubt that! With one little wave of your hand... show me!"
So the Pope slapped him and knocked him off the stage! AND THE CROWD ROARED AND CHEERED WILDLY and there was happiness throughout the land!

THE EVENTS OF FATIMA ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO ARE A LESSON FOR TODAY

May 13th will mark the centenary of the first apparition of Our Lady to the three shepherd children of Fatima, Lucía, Francisco and Jacinta. Pope Francis will travel to Portugal on pilgrimage for the occasion.

It will also be the day that boys from St. Brigid's, Killester, will receive Holy Communion for the first time. The events of a century ago have meaning a hundred years later for them and for us all. Ten years ago Pope Benedict said, "I like to think of Fatima as a school of faith.... the Virgin Mary... has come there to teach the little visionaries and through them the multitudes about the eternal truths of the faith, the art of praying, believing and loving."

What is the lesson that our Heavenly Mother gave the children and wishes us to know? When Our Lady appeared to the children she asked them if they were willing to offer themselves to God.

The year before, an angel appeared to them, told them he was the Angel of peace, and taught them to pray, saying the words, "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you. I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you."

On a second occasion the angel told them to make sacrifices, to make of everything a sacrifice and to offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and for the conversion of sinners. The angel told them this would bring peace upon their country.

The children took this message to heart and made many sacrifices. They did this freely to cooperate with the request that had come from heaven. When the angel appeared on another occasion as the children were praying, he taught them to adore and reverence the blessed sacrament, and gave the two youngest of the children Holy Communion that day.

In this way, we see how the children were prepared by prayer for what God would ask of them, not a prayer of mere words but of giving themselves to God. Because they were children of prayer, who were prepared to make loving sacrifices, they were ready to say 'Yes' to whatever our Lady would ask of them, and show that far from being weak and insipid, they were strong in faith, hope and love.

Jesus has taught us all in the Gospels, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18,3). In Fatima we have a wonderful example of this from the little shepherds.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Monday and Tuesday in our Prayer Room in the Pastoral Resource Centre after 10.00 am Mass until 3.00 pm each day. Eucharistic Adoration will resume in the church on Tuesday 6th June.

There will be an Annual Mass for Eucharistic adorers at 7 pm on June 1st followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Resource Centre.

Adoration on Thursday night will continue to be held in our Church from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm. If you are prepared to 'watch for one hour' of adoration per week you will be very welcome. We also invite everyone 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 our own hearts, peace in the family, peace in our country, and peace in the world.

All Parishioners are welcome.

Recently Deceased—Please Pray for the Souls of:

Louise Nestor, Maryville Road Maura Doyle, Howth Road Maureen Morris, Howth Road
Noel S. Young, Dunluce Road Margaret Bolger, Gracefield Road John Kealy, Clanmoyle Road
John Jackson, Ennafort Road James Naughton, Craigford Drive
Peter Atkins, formerly Ennafort Park (was residing in Dublin 2)

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

Israel Palau Sancho, Saggart, Co. Dublin Karol Jozef Weglowski, Co. Dublin

Resource Centre News

Our Peace Garden is looking lovely now thanks to the hard work of our garden volunteers. Why not drop in for a visit and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat on our garden patio or in our Coffee Dock and take in the view.

Centre Activities

Bowls

Would you like to play bowls? Our Bowling Club is at present welcoming new members. No experience necessary, so why not give it a go and make new friends along the way. The club meets each Tuesday and Friday 2 – 4 pm. Please contact Willie O'Donnell on 831 9080 if you are interested.

Invitation to the families of babies baptised last year

We would like to invite all parents/guardians to our 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday May 28th to celebrate all babies who were baptised in our parish over the past year. This will be followed by light refreshments in our Parish Resource Centre.

Adoration

On June 1st there will be a Mass of the Blessed Sacrament for the Adoration Group at 7 pm in St. Brigid's Church. This will be followed by light refreshments in our Parish Resource Centre. All are welcome.

Opening hours

*The Parish Resource Centre will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday May 1st .
We will also be closed on Saturday May 6th as St. Brigid's Girls' National School will be celebrating their First Holy Communion.*

Ruth

St. Brigid's Parish Shop

There is now in our shop a large selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards together with a wide range of rosary beads, rosettes, prayer books and other items associated with these sacraments on display together with Mass cards, Mass Bouquets and signed Mass cards.

So why not call into the shop and see this lovely display for yourselves before you go anywhere else. The shop is located at the car park side of our Church.

We have also put in place at our Shrines, Prayer and Novena booklets for the different devotional prayers and ceremonies taking place in the Church.

All proceeds go to Parish funds.

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