

St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5



Parish Newsletter



November 2017

AN APPEAL FOR HELPERS

As we enter the months of Winter, I wish once more to update you on the heating project for our church. We have discussed at the Parish Finance Council the submissions received from a firm of engineers recommended to us by the Diocese. However, while we have excellent accountants on our Finance Council, none of us has expertise in the matter of installing heating in the church.

In this regard I am seeking persons with expertise as Architect, Heating Engineer or Quantity Surveyor etc., who may have experience of installing large heating systems to volunteer in assessing the best possible options for our new heating system in St Brigid's Church. If you are available, please contact me in the Parish Office.

As mentioned in the September newsletter the outline cost is very expensive and will mean fundraising. There is, however, the possibility that we may be able to get support from an independent foundation that helps parish projects.

Fr. Liam

NEW WINE, NEW WINESKINS

This time of year, we see the trees shed their leaves allowing for new life in the Spring. There is a dying but also a preparing for something new.

At the same time Fr. Pat Collins and members of the New Springtime Community are offering their course on the New Evangelisation each Tuesday night at our Pastoral Centre.

It is obvious that our traditional parish structures are no longer bearing fruit. Our Sunday congregations are made up by many elderly people who have weathered the storm but are still standing because their faith is built on rock. However, we have few young people in our churches. One very committed priest of the Diocese, Fr. Joe McDonald, has written a book, *Why the Irish Church Deserves to Die*.

It is very clear that there is a dying in the Irish Church. Many young people are afraid to openly state their beliefs and at times are unsure what to believe. In this regard our Church is perhaps like the Church of the first three centuries, with Christians being blamed for what is wrong but not of their doing, and facing daily suspicion and persecution.

However, this is the time for action and new boldness, not the time to hide or be afraid. When Jesus spoke of New Wine needing New Wineskins he also said, "the Old is good".

I am convinced that all, young and old, have a part to play in the renewal of our Church. Pope Francis is constantly urging us all, priests and people, to go out to the periphery and to share the Good News with all who have not heard it.

For this reason, I have been encouraged by the response to our request that people might come together under the aegis of the Legion of Mary to begin a new Praesidium in Killester. This is just one small step on the path we must all undertake. Nevertheless, the Chinese proverb says, "the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step". Avanti! Ar aghaidh linn! Let's go!

St. Vincent De Paul 2017 Annual Fund Raiser

The annual St Vincent De Paul fund-raiser will take place in our Pastoral Resource Centre on **Wednesday, 29th November, 2017**, commencing at 9.30 am and concluding at 2.00 pm.

Donations of clothes, books, bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts etc. would be very welcome. They can be left into the Pastoral Resource Centre or Parish Shop after all weekend Masses during the month of November.

Any queries regarding this fair please contact **Phil McBride** at **085-145 7323**

UPDATES!

1 CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

I invite all interested in following the **33 Days to Morning Glory** 'Do-It-Yourself', 33-day, retreat-styled consecration to Our Lady to meet at 9.30 am on Saturdays at St. Brigid's Parish Resource Centre beginning on Saturday 4th November.

Our aim is to begin the Consecration on Sunday 5th to be able to complete it on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December.

My thanks to Cathy Boyle who has made the book available to many parishioners and has brought much youthful enthusiasm to this venture in our parish.

2 HOSTING PILGRIMS FOR WMOF 2018

My thanks to those who have agreed to host pilgrims to next August's World Meeting of Families for 5 nights beginning on 23rd August before the pilgrims return to Brazil on 28th August.

Once again, I stress that the pilgrims will be happy with the simplest of accommodation for their stay and preferably will not have to be alone in houses here as many may not speak English or just have a few words.

The pilgrims are members of the Neocatechumenal Way, and live their faith with joy and commitment.

If you are willing to offer simply Bed & Breakfast to these visitors, who must save a lot of their money to afford to travel, you will receive a very special blessing. Simply fill in a form at our Parish office any Monday to Friday this month or contact Fr. Liam at the church.

3 RENEWAL OF MINISTRIES AND OF CHILD-SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

We have had life-giving meetings with Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We hope to have meetings three times a year. I am also grateful to the response of so many to ensure we are doing all that we must do in Child-Safeguarding.

I hope that other groups can similarly meet over the next couple of months in a similar manner.

NOVEMBER DIARY

Sunday 5th:	12.00 Annual Mass for the deceased of the Parish
Sunday 19th	12.00 Pioneer Pinning ceremony.
Tuesday 14th	Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole, Patron of the Diocese Ordination of John Daly and Bill O'Shaughnessy to priesthood at Dublin's Pro-Cathedral
Sunday 12th	Little Sisters of the Poor special appeal.
Sunday 26th	Feast of Christ the King 10.30 Do This in Memory celebration

Resource Centre News

A great start to the new term, all classes are back in full swing with the addition of some new activities. Drop in to the centre anytime for an up to date list of classes and courses.

Once again we need to appeal for volunteers in the coffee dock; we are looking for people to help out on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, so if you think you have an hour or two to spare we would love to hear from you.

Karol

Pioneer Total Abstinence

There will be a special presentation of Pioneer Pins to those marking 25, 50 or more years as members of The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association on **Sunday the 19th of November** at 12 O'Clock Mass.

*If you are entitled to a special Pin please contact **Beamie on 831 4962.***

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Monday and Tuesday in our Church after 10.00 am Mass until 3.00 pm each day, and from 7 to 8 pm on Thursday nights.

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 all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. **All Parishioners are welcome.**

Recently Deceased—please pray for the souls of:

Linda Mooney - Donnycarney
Willie Bedford - Abbeyfield

Flora Kelly - Killester Park
Carol Keogh - Killester Ave.

David Mc-Donald - Middle Third
Andrew Roddy - Craigford Drive

ETERNAL REST

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

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

Sofia Rose Grimes - McAuley Avenue

Wedding — our Congratulations to:

Alison Morris / Jody O'Neil, Ennafort, Raheny

A NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

In the rising of the sun and its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and are sick of heart,

We remember them.

When we have Joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us,

As we remember them.

Adapted from © Jewish Prayer Book/ Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

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

There is now in stock a large selection of Christmas cards from Divine Word Missionaries and St. Martin De Porres together with a special card depicting St. Brigid's Church and its history.

Also in stock are many other items that would make lovely Christmas gifts and include miniature nativity sets, resin nativity globes, cribs, Christmas candles, medals, holy pictures, angel pins, crucifixes, holy water fonts, rosary beads and lots more.

We also have "**Down Through The Ages**" a history of St Brigid's Church and Parish from 1926 to 2006 which would make a lovely read over the Christmas period together with a CD from Gerry Noonan/ Dara MacMahon with Pauline Cooper on Piano called "**Good Old Days of Music Hall**" together with other CDs which may be of interest.

So why not call into the shop which is located at the side of the church [Car Park side] and see the array of goods available. *It may save you an unnecessary trip into town.*

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