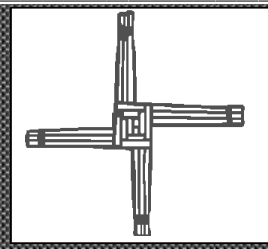




*St. Brigid's Parish, Killester*  
*Parish Newsletter*  
*January 2014*



Dear Friends,

We have celebrated another Christmas season and thanks be to God and to your good selves for the extremely large attendances at both the children's and the midnight Mass. The Church itself was the subject of many compliments and it looked extremely well. Great credit for this must go to Breda Dunlea, Louis Gillick, Mary Kennedy and Harrie McManus in particular, for the 'Bethlehem Project', and the re-locating of the Crib in an unused Church Porch. The Crib itself was built by Paul Boylan, a most talented craftsman who, apart from assisting us in the Resource Centre throughout the year, also replaced the old Confession boxes with beautiful new Shrines. We are deeply indebted to him and to Stephen for the great concern they have ensuring that our Church looks well.

Our Sacristans Paddy and Larry rose to the occasion as did the Parish Choir under Eileen Dywer's guidance. Their contribution with beautiful music and sacred songs really enhanced the liturgies. The Church was spotless and the nameplates on seats positively glistened, thanks again to the ever present care of Kati, Carmel and Phyl.

Finally, a word of welcome to Fr. Jim Caffery, former Parish Priest of Iona Road, who joins us on the 16th of January. His availability in the weeks ahead will be a great asset to both Fr. Michael and me. In the meantime, every blessing and good wish for the coming year. *Fr. Alex.*

**Our New Year**

When the Roman calendar was organised in 46 B.C., Gaius Julius Caesar shifted the beginning of the New Year from March 1st to January 1st. In Ireland however this was not the case. It was only in 1757 that the 1<sup>st</sup> of January became the beginning of our New Year. Up to then, the Irish followed a calendar whereby the legal New Year began on 25th March. And at the same time the country people here still considered their working year as beginning on the 1st day of Spring, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

The Epiphany or Little Christmas was known as Nollaig na mBan or Women's Christmas, and this explained by the assertion that Christmas day was marked by beef and whiskey (men's fare) while on Little Christmas Day, the food preferred by women - cake, tea, wine were more in evidence.

**Dates for your January Diary**

- Wednesday 1st      Mary Mother of God
- Monday 6th        Epiphany - Schools re-open
- Sunday 12th        Baptism of our Lord - Community welcomes back Babies born in 2013 at 12.00 Mass
- Saturday 18 - 25th   Church Unity Octave.
- Sunday 26th        "Do This In Memory" Mass 10.30 am
- Saturday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>     St. Brigid
- Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>     Presentation of The Lord (Presentation of Bene Merente Medal to Tom O'Brien at 12.00 Mass by his Excellency Charles Browne, Papal Nuncio)



## Prayer for the Intercession of Saint Charles

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Eternal Father, you called Saint Charles of Mount Argus to bring good news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted; you opened his eyes to see the presence of Christ Crucified in those who suffer. Through his intercession, may we come to know your compassionate love for us, by experiencing the blessing of your healing power, through Christ our Lord Amen.

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration has now commenced in our Church. Adoration takes place Monday and Wednesday from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm each day and on Thursday night between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm. All are welcome. Novena booklets and leaflets are available in the Church including *"The Power of an hour with Jesus"*. In the event of a Funeral Mass, Adoration will not commence until 12.00 noon.



## At the Gate of the Year

And I said to the man  
who stood at the gate of the year;  
"Give me a light  
that I may tread safely  
into the unknown"

And he replied  
"Go out into the darkness and  
put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That will be to you better than light,  
And safer than a known way".

So, I went forth,  
and finding the hand of God,  
trod gladly into the light,  
and he led me toward the hills  
and the breaking of the day  
in the East.

So heart be still !  
What need our life to know  
If God hath comprehension ?  
In all the dizzy strife of things  
both high and low  
God hideth his intention

*Louise Haskins*

## Behold I Stand

And when Christmas is over  
And the Television is silent  
For the first time in two days  
And who sent which card to whom  
Is forgotten till next year,  
Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

And when the nation has finished celebrat-  
ing  
Christmas without Christ  
A birthday  
Without a birth  
The coming of a kingdom  
Without a King  
And when I am  
Forgotten,  
Despised,  
Rejected,  
Crucified,  
Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

*Gerard Kelly*

*It was the annual celebration at the Cathedral for those married twenty-five or fifty years. The Bishop had singled out a Golden Jubilarian, Luigi, asking him to take a few minutes to come up to the microphone and share some insight into how he managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Luigi said to the congregation, "Well I've a tried to treat her well, spend the money on her, but da best is dat I took her to Italy for the twentieth anniversary ". The Bishop immediately commented, "Luigi, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here. Please tell the people what you are planning for your wife for your fiftieth anniversary"?*

*Luigi proudly replied, "I'm gonna go and collect her".*



**Recently deceased - please pray for the souls of:**

Winnie Whelan, Maryville Road  
Philomena Fennelly, Gracefield Avenue  
Nuala Hegarty, Brookwood Avenue  
Susan Murphy, Earnons Wood, Co. Dublin  
Richard Thompson, Venetian Hall  
Patrick Hegarty, Brookwood



Ann Fitzpatrick, Ennafort Road  
Margaret Murphy, Ennafort Park  
Pauline Farrell, The Demense  
Patrick McCarthy, Howth Road, D5  
Pearse McKiernan, Vernon Rise  
Robert Hopley, Furry Park Road

**Baptisms—We are happy to welcome into our Christian Community:**

Rachel Julia O'Leary, Furry Park Road



Alexandra Patrice Flynn, Furry Park Road

**RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

**A Happy New Year to all!**

New Year and new beginnings, and here at the Centre that is exactly what's on offer with a range of new classes for the coming term, ranging from Art classes to conversational Irish and French. We have something for everyone, and not to forget our ongoing classes that we are delighted to see still thriving.

The New Year also brings *resolutions*, so with classes like Boot Camp and Yoga we have everything you will need to burn that turkey off! Drop in for an up to date list of activities.

The Centre reopens on the 6th of January, and we could not do this without the support of our wonderful Volunteers — so thank you to all of you who give up your spare time to help out !!

Karol.

**St. Brigid's Parish Shop, Killester**

There is now in stock a large selection of religious items including Mass cards, mass bouquets, pictures, angel pins, crucifixes, holy water fonts, candles and christening candles, medals, rosary beads, prayer leaflets and a lot more. There are also in stock Birthday, Retirement, Good Wishes and Get Well cards together with *the new CD from St. Brigid's GNS School Choir, Tinsel & Tunes, which featured on the Late Late Toy Show recently.*

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 the car park.

At back of the 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.

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Resource Centre email: [resourcekillester@gmail.com](mailto:resourcekillester@gmail.com)



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