

St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5



Newsletter

January 2017



A WORD FROM FR. LIAM

My Dear Parishioners,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. Since our last Newsletter we have had the parish presentation evening for Fr. Alex, our Advent afternoon of reflection, joyful Christmas celebrations and an outing to Dublin's Moving Crib in Parnell Square.

A special word of thanks to Harrie McManus, Breda Dunlea, and Mary Kennedy for the beautiful Christmas Crib that had a position of prominence in the church this year. People have told me it was the most beautiful crib that they remember in the church. Thanks to Paul Boylan who build the base for the crib and to all involved in the décor of the church for Christmas.

Thanks too to the parish choir under the direction of Eileen Dwyer for all their contributions over the Christmas season, and to all who gave of their time and talents.

Five years ago, Fr. Michael Simpson wrote in the January 2012 newsletter: "Our Church Building is showing its age and particularly our heating system requires upgrading/replacement to make it comfortable for people. This is of major concern to us". Now, please God we can act this year to address this issue.

Fr. Michael also highlighted the need for more volunteers. I could repeat his words too. In this new year, I pray for a new commitment on all our parts to thank God for our gifts we have received and to ask him for the gifts we need to serve God with trust that God wishes to use us and that he will give us the grace and strength we need to do whatever he asks of us. Let's not speak of 'volunteers' but rather of 'committed disciples'. God – not Fr. Liam - is the one we serve.

Fr. Liam

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 off 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 have after all the Masses beginning Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th January, and also on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd January, and finally on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th January. Many, many thanks.

Instead of New Year's Resolutions

Jennifer Hubbard lost her daughter, Catherine Violet, a victim of the Sandy Hook School Shooting in Connecticut in 2012. Up to that time she would start a new year by making a list of things to do believing that if she completed the project her soul would settle and life could begin.

After her child died a new year began but the page where the list would have been sat blank. She would whisper the words of the Bible *I know the plans I have in mind for you – it is the Lord who speaks – plans for peace, not disaster, reserving a future full of hope for you.* (Jeremiah 29:11)

She writes “Days have turned into years, and the page where the list would reside remains blank. I can now see that it is in setting aside my will that I am better able to see His ...it is fulfilling His will for the right now that breathes life anew and settles my soul”. (*Magnificat* January 2017)

The Mass “pro populo” is for all!

The *Missa Pro Populo* (Mass for the People) is a Mass I will offer **each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation** for *you*, my people, the people of the Parish. This is one of the duties of a priest who has charge of a parish as I have as your priest here in Killester. This Mass is offered for you, parishioners, not for the dead – but for those who are alive and well and who may need it more than they do! Besides, it is not just offered for those among us who attend church, but for all of us whether good or bad, saints or sinners. It is for all in the parish. This is a duty we carry out because Jesus died for all not simply for the “just”. Indeed, Christ's sacrifice offered to God through the Eucharistic Celebration can touch those in greatest need. It is odd that we, who may, rightly or wrongly, regard ourselves as good and faithful Catholics, offer Mass for those who may be neither good nor faithful! However, we are not celebrating “*our*” sacrifice. It is Jesus' sacrifice. The Mass gets its meaning from Jesus Christ who died for all without exception.

God is guiding us. So, when we may have thoughts, worries, suffering, sorrows, problems, desires, dreams and plans etc. let us remember that this Mass is especially for us. Know that we are all being prayed for in this special way.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from January 18–25th

This year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation. The theme: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20) has been chosen and materials prepared in Germany, the land of Martin Luther. The week of prayer will reflect on the concerns behind the Reformation and secondly recognise the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the unity of the Church.

The theme finds its origins in Pope Francis' 2013 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"). Selecting this theme, it is seen as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation.

Eucharistic 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 until late Spring 2017.

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 the Pope's intentions, peace in Syria and respect for women and their contribution to be appreciated. *All Parishioners are welcome.*

Recently deceased—please pray for the souls of:

Dermot Considine, Ennafort Road

John Delany, Collins Avenue East

Anna “Nancy” Nolan, All Saints Road

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

Oisín Biagioni, Vernon Drive

Fleur Candebal, Abbeyfield

Thomas Murphy, Harold’s Cross

Zaya Smith, Lein Park

Sam Baneham, Clanauley Drive

Wedding—our congratulations to:

Alex Purcell and Lindsay Byrne, Abbeycourt

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



The Centre is back in full swing after the Christmas break and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our volunteers and clients a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Coffee Dock: The Coffee Dock is open 9.30 – 1.30 daily. We are always looking for help, and volunteering is great way to get out and meet new people. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful team of volunteers here in the Centre who keep our ship afloat on a daily basis. If you have 2 hours to spare we would love to hear from you. You can contact Ruth or Karol on 01-853 4030.

Local Artists : The Coffee Dock still has some spaces available for local artists to display their work; if you wish to exhibit your paintings please contact Karol on 01-853 4030 for further details.

Prayer /Reflection Room : We are very pleased to see more people avail of our Prayer /Reflection Room here in the Centre. The room is available to any pastoral groups who wish to use it, and to anyone in the Parish who might need somewhere quiet to sit and be at peace. Adoration is currently taking place in the prayer room Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10.30 am – 3.00 pm.

Community Employment :

Are you eligible for Community employment? If so St. Monica’s Youth Centre has employment vacancies:-

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St. Brigid's Parish Shop

There is now in stock a large selection of religious items including Mass cards, Mass bouquets, 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.

Some attractive CD’s are also available including “Good Old days of Music Hall” from Gerry Noonan and a recent CD issue “ Beautiful Dreamer” from David Kelly (tenor) with Eugene Dolan.

Signed Mass Cards are 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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