



St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5

Parish Newsletter

March 2018

LET'S TALK FAMILY! LET'S BE FAMILY! IN KILLESTER

Perhaps the busiest morning of the week at St. Brigid's Resource Centre is Wednesday when meetings of the SBS – St. Brigid's Seniors take place. Here, many people connect and share in a wide range of activities – outings to cultural events or places of historic interest, talks on many different matters, often on themes that we might not think of. Last Wednesday saw, for example, a captivating talk on beekeeping from Brogan Whittle. While the SBS is open to all, among its many members only three men attend regularly.

Next day, Thursday 22nd February saw the launch of **Killester Men's Shed** at a meeting in the Resource Centre. The meeting was led by Hugh Flanagan of Dublin City Council. The Men's Shed will meet each Thursday and all are welcome to join in.

A Men's Shed is a dedicated, friendly and welcoming meeting place where men come together and undertake a variety of mutually agreed activities. Men's Sheds are open to all men regardless of age, background or ability. It is a place where one can share his skills and knowledge with others, learn new skills and develop his old skills. Men's Sheds are attractive places for men to gather socially, regularly, voluntarily, happily, safely and do hands-on stuff together.

This year we are encouraged by the phrase "Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family!" in the run up to the World Meeting of Families in August. Killester Men's Shed can be a place where men can meet as brothers and where nobody need feel left on the margin.

Loneliness is a huge problem in today's world. In Britain nine million people say they are always or often lonely and in January the government of British Prime minister, Theresa May, appointed Tracey Crouch as the country's first Minister to tackle loneliness. What saves us from loneliness? Family! – says Pope Francis. We can help create family in many ways and break down walls of loneliness. I look forward to many new initiatives here in Killester in building a community, a faith community where our faith in God moves us to care more and more for each other.

Fr. Liam

ST. PATRICK INSPIRES US TO CONFRONT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Just two of St. Patrick's writings have come down to us: His *Confessio* "I am Patrick" that recounts his life and his calling from God and his *Epistola*, a letter to the soldiers of Coroticus which addresses a situation in the 5th century Ireland where warlords availed of a power vacuum to kill, pillage, and take as captives men and women among whom were those that Patrick had himself baptised. Our Patron Saint demanded the release of those enslaved and pointed out that those responsible had made themselves complete strangers to the Church and to Christ by their actions.

Slavery is not a thing of the past. Today we know of so many women enslaved and trafficked across our world. Recent disclosures of the treatment of women by those employed by aid agencies working in Haiti, Syria and in Africa reveal a shameful tale of horrendous abuse of women.

Pope Francis has written: "I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way... The issue involves everyone! (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 211).

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ST. BRIGID'S PARISH, KILLESTER
HOLY WEEK 2018

Palm Sunday 25th March

Masses at 6.30 pm (Saturday vigil) 10.30, and 12.00 noon

Reminder: Clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night.

Monday 26th Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th March

Morning Mass 10.00 am

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 29th March

7.30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Prayer at altar of repose ends with night prayer of the Church at 10.00 pm.

Good Friday 30th March (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

10.00 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Church*

12.00 Noon - Young People's Stations of the Cross

3.00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8.00 p.m. – Adults' Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 31st March

10.00 a.m. – Morning Prayer of the Church*

10.30 am – 11.30 am Confessions – Sacrament of Penance.

8.30 p.m. – Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 1st April

Mass of the Resurrection 10.30 and 12.00



Note: Sacrament of Penance available after ceremonies marked with the asterisk.

continued ST. PATRICK INSPIRES US TO CONFRONT HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Not long after penning those words on St. Patrick's Day 2014, a special initiative to end modern slavery and human trafficking was signed in the Vatican on behalf of Catholics and Anglicans with the grand imam of Al-Azhar University, Cairo.

Women Religious have been to the forefront in the battle against the trafficking of women and international prostitution. *Ruhama* is a Dublin-based NGO which works on a national level with women affected by prostitution and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation.

St. Patrick was not afraid to take on and banish the serpents of his day.

We are called to eradicate human trafficking and prostitution today.

CHOOSE LIFE!

The ***Choose Life 2018*** newsletter promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject.

You will find issues of the newsletter and much more of interest on the websites:

www.catholicbishops.ie or on www.dublindiocese.ie

Recently Deceased—please pray for the souls of:

May Kenny - Maryfield Crescent
Jacinta Moloney - Offenbach, Germany

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

Hazel Graham - Furry Park Road
Maebh McGrath - Randwick Australia
Chloe Kelly - Howth Road
Jack Eviston Blake - Ribh Avenue

Cillian Doyle - Howth Road
Patrick Bolger - Danieli Road
Robyn Cassidy - Brookwood Glen

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.*

Parish Resource Centre News

Killester Men's Shed

We had a great response to our Men's Shed here in the Resource Centre. The Men's Shed is a dedicated, friendly and welcoming meeting place where men come together and undertake a variety of mutually agreed activities. The Men's Shed meets every Thursday morning @ 10 o'clock. All are Welcome.

S.B.S.

St. Brigid's Seniors had a very successful first meeting of the year. Plans have been made for talks, outings, lunches, trips to the theatre and a 3 night Spring Break in April. Many new members were welcomed and a new Waiting List will be put in place. All events are detailed on the S.B.S. Notice board in the foyer of the Resource Centre.

Easter Opening Hours

The Resource Centre will close on Holy Thursday 29th March at 1.00 pm and reopen on Tuesday 3rd April .
Karol

St. Brigid's Parish Shop

There is now in the Parish shop a large range of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptism cards together with a wide range of rosary beads, prayer books, rosettes, medals and other items associated with these sacraments together with St. Patrick's Day cards, Easter Mass bouquets, Easter cards and signed Mass cards.

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.

So why don't you call into the shop and see for yourself the items for sale before you go anywhere else. The shop is located at the car park side of the Church.

All proceeds go to Parish funds

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