



St. Brigid's Parish, Killester Parish Newsletter March 2013



OUR POPE RESIGNS!

Dear Friends,

I think we were all shocked and surprised at the news of Pope Benedict's resignation and so I thought it might be useful to provide you with a few thoughts on what happens now:

Historical Background:

It is almost 713 years since a Pope resigned voluntarily. In December 1294 after 5 months in office Pope Celestine V, a holy monk of great personal sanctity, but who lacked the qualities to exercise the office of Chief Pastor of the Church, did so. Later in 1415 Pope Gregory XII "resigned" but there are historical indications that his was forced. This was at the time of the Great Western Schism (1378-1417) when there were two or three claimants to the Papacy. The Council of Constance was convened in 1414 to resolve the crisis, and dismissed two false claimants while allowing the third Gregory to "resign". This cleared the way for the election of Pope Martin V in 1417 who became the Papal Superstar of the Renaissance and whose appointment actually ended the Great Schism.

The 1983, Revised Code of Canon Law: states: *"Should it happen that the Roman Pontiff resigns from his office, it is required for validity that the resignation be freely made and properly manifested, but it is not necessary that it be accepted by anyone"* (c.332 p2). It is clear from Pope Benedict's statement and manner of resignation that he complied with what was required. This helps us understand why Pope Benedict stated categorically when recognising his incapacity to adequately fulfil the Papal ministry that it was with full freedom that he renounced the ministry of Bishop of Rome and Successor of St. Peter entrusted to him by the Cardinals on April 19th 2005. Interestingly, there are no Canonical procedures for deposing an impaired, mentally deranged, senile, or comatose Pope; the Papacy is only vacated by his death or renunciation, no matter how extreme the circumstances and degree of incapacitation!

What happens now?

When Pope Benedict XVI's resignation takes effect at 8 p.m. on February 28th, 2013, the Cardinals are summoned to Rome by the Dean of the College of Cardinals. The government of the Church is then in the hands of the College of Cardinals. Those Cardinals who head the various departments of the Roman Curia cease from their offices as does the Cardinal Secretary of State. The rules regulating the Conclave were last updated by Pope Benedict in June 2007. This was the tenth time the Rules have been updated in the past 100 years! There is now an even greater emphasis on secrecy (mentioned 17 times), and any one who violates it incurs most serious Church penalties. Mobile phones, texting, internetting and bugging devices are prohibited absolutely from the Conclave.

Who may vote?

Cardinals who are over 80 when the Pope resigns may attend preliminary meetings with the other Cardinals before the Conclave, but they have no vote and do not enter the Conclave. It seems there will be 117 Cardinals voting this time. The Conclave opens around March 13th with the Cardinals celebrating a special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica asking the Holy Spirit to guide them in their deliberations. On that afternoon they will enter the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoes include the famous Creation ceiling by Michelangelo and his Last Judgement which is on the wall behind the Altar, and there take their places in seniority. They will make an oath to observe the strictest secrecy about all that occurs in the course of the Conclave. Before the first ballot, a specially chosen preacher will address them on the seriousness of their task and exhort them to have "their eyes fixed on God alone". All will then leave with the exception of the Cardinal Voters and the doors of the Sistine Chapel are locked "with a key" (cum clave = Conclave). They will then hold their first ballot that afternoon.

Whom may they elect?

In theory they are free to choose any male Christian Cleric or layman, who is not a heretic, or in schism, or notorious for simony, and has reached the age of reason!! It is over 600 years since someone other than a Cardinal was elected – and it helped trigger the Great Western Schism!

The Election Procedure:

Since June 2007 there is now only one way for a Pope to be elected i.e. **by secret ballot and by a majority of two-thirds plus one of the votes.** A simple majority vote even to break a deadlock is no





longer permitted. As each Cardinal writes his vote, he is urged to disguise his handwriting so it is not easily recognisable. In turn, each proceeds to the Altar, holding their vote aloft between finger and thumb. In a clear voice the Cardinal swears "I call as my witness Christ the Lord, who will be my judge, that my vote is given to the one whom, before God, I think should be elected". He places his vote on a paten and tips it into a large chalice. The votes are counted by three chosen Cardinal scrutineers, and if the number of votes does not tally with the number of

Cardinals present, the votes are scrapped and they begin again. Assuming that their first ballot is inconclusive they will on the following two days ballot twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon. If after **nine** ballots there is still no-one chosen, the Conclave pauses for not more than a day for prayer and reflection. After each inconclusive ballot the papers are burned along with a chemical to emit dense black smoke. This is done in a specially installed stove in the Sistine Chapel. The voting then continues for a further **seven** ballots and if without result a further break is taken. The voting then continues until **thirty four** ballots have been completed with no result. If no one is elected Pope after 13 days, the vote is narrowed to the two top candidates. However a two-thirds plus one majority is still required for election.

What happens then?

After a valid election that has brought a result, the Cardinal Dean asks the newly elected "Do you accept your canonical election as Supreme Pontiff?" If the one chosen is a Bishop and says "I accept", he immediately becomes **Bishop of Rome and Pope**. He is then asked "By what name do you wish to be called?" No one since St. Peter has ever taken Peter's name! The ballot papers and records are burned with a different chemical and **white smoke** emerges from the tall metal chimney erected against the gable wall of the Sistine Chapel. The waiting world now knows that someone has been elected Pope. Meanwhile, the new Pope is vested in a white soutanne, a scarlet shoulder cape and a white skull cap. The Cardinal electors greet him individually. He is given the gold Fisherman's Ring and a Te Deum (prayers of thanksgiving) is sung. Shortly afterwards the new Pope is introduced to the waiting crowds from the centre balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and we all see the new Pope for the first time!

Habemus Papam! Alleluia! We have a Pope! Praise God!

But who the 264th Pope will be remains to be seen. Now is a time of prayer for all of us asking that the Cardinals be powerfully guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations. Fr. Alex

St. Brigid's Parish - Ceremonies for Holy Week 2013

PALM SUNDAY 24th March

Masses: 6.30 pm (Vigil) 09.00, 10.30, 12.00

Individual Confessions will be heard after all Masses. A number of visiting Priests will assist.

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 25th, 26th, 27th March

Masses: 09.15am and 10.00am

HOLY THURSDAY 28th March NO MORNING MASS – Confessions 10.30-11.00 am



The Sacred Triduum

7.30 pm **Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper** followed by **Holy Hour** of Watching & Praying

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March A Day of Fast & Abstinence

12.00 noon **Young People's Passion Ceremony**

3.00 pm **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

7.30 pm **Stations of the Cross followed by Prayer around the Cross (Taize)**

HOLY SATURDAY – The Tomb Day 30th March

10.00 am **Morning Prayer of the Church**

9.00 pm **Easter Vigil & Celebration of Resurrection**

EASTER SUNDAY – 31st March Masses: 09.00, 10.30, 12 noon (including infant Baptism)

EASTER WEEK

1st April MONDAY 10.00 am only

2nd – 5th inclusive TUESDAY – FRIDAY 09.15 am only

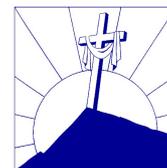
SUNDAY 7th April Masses as usual: 6.30 pm (Vigil), 09.00 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon.

CONFESSIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Individual Confessions will be heard after all Masses on Palm Sunday, 24th March.

A number of visiting priests will attend.

Holy Thursday 10.30am to 11.00 am - Good Friday after the 3 pm Ceremony - Holy Saturday: 11.30 – 12 noon.



Recently deceased - please pray for the souls of:

Des Timmons, The Orchard

Leo Sheils, Venetian Hall

Lil McDonagh, Howth Road



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

James William Doyle, Furry Park Court
Lily Rose Doherty, Ayrefield

Andrew Hal Drummond, Abbey Park
Cuan Murphy, Howth Road

Wedding—Our congratulations to:
Pamela Carroll & Alan Sheedy, Artane



Resource Centre News

PANCAKE TUESDAY

in the Coffee Dock went off with a great buzz, All thanks to Karol, Sarah and Sharon whose skill at flipping pancakes had to be seen.

Question is, what new treats can they come up with next??.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Would you like your young Child to play a musical instrument? There will be a demonstration of what can be done happening shortly in the Centre. If you are interested please let us know.

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All our other activities are going ahead as usual. Details at reception.

S.B.S. Club

is back in full swing and outings and trips are being planned.

We were delighted to welcome back all our members, and the trip to see "Lincoln" went very well. Next meeting is on 6th March

COMPUTER TRAINING FOR SENIORS

is in the planning stage and dates will be set shortly.

*The Priests of the Parish, Fr. Alex and Fr. Michael, and the Parish Staff
would like to wish all Parishioners
a Happy and Joyful Easter.*



St. Brigid's Parish Shop, Killester

There is now in the shop a large selection of St. Patrick's Day cards and Rosettes, Easter cards and Mass Bouquets.

There are also First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards together with a wide range of rosary beads, prayer books and other items associated with these sacraments on display.

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

So why don't you call into the shop and see this lovely display for yourself 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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