

St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5



Newsletter

June 2017



EASTER A TIME OF JOY AND HOPE

This past month has seen celebrations of First Communions and Confirmations for the Girls and Boys of St. Brigid's National Schools. Each of the occasions have been happy days of celebration not only for the children and young people but also for their families, parents and relations.

In mid-month we also had a special Graduation Mass and Awards for girls of St. Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School, as they complete their second-level education.

At this time, we congratulate them all and wish them the very best for the future. For those recently confirmed, it is the challenge of Secondary School, and teenage years of maturing, not without struggle. For those completing Second Level it may be the challenge of Third Level education and finding where God is leading.

May God continue to bless you and, no matter how great the challenge, may he fill you with his peace and great joy.

Fr. Liam

FINANCE AND HEATING UPDATE

Following a recent meeting of the parish Finance Committee, arrangements have been made for a Quantity Surveyor and a radiator specialist to visit the church to carry out surveys and take measurements. After this we will have a better idea of what type of heating system will best suit our needs here in St. Brigid's and be able to move on to stage 2 of the project.

Golf on a Sunday

There was this priest who just loved to play golf, but he had been very busy for many months and had not been able to get away to go golfing. Well, one Sunday morning he woke up and felt he just HAD to go golfing. The weather was just beautiful.

He called up the Bishop and claimed he had a really bad case of laryngitis and couldn't preach, so the Bishop told him to rest for several days. He then got out his clubs and headed off for the golf course long way from his parish.

He set up at the first hole, making sure no one was there to see him skipping his parish duties, and blasted the ball with his wood. It was a beautiful shot! It went straight and true. It bounced, and bounced (right up onto the green) and rolled its way closer... and closer... a hole-in-one! The priest jumped up and down in his excitement, praising the Lord and shouting hallelujahs!

He struts off to the green, collects his ball, and tees off at the second hole, repeating his performance on the first hole, much to his astounded delight.

All this time St. Peter and God have been watching him from the gates of heaven. St. Peter has finally seen enough to arouse his curiosity. "Lord," he says, "this priest seems to be a real trouble maker. He turned his back on his congregation and even lied to go golfing. Now you reward him with a hole-in-one! Why?"

God smiles, looks over at St. Peter, and says, "Well, he prayed for my help, but he's bringing punishment down on himself." St. Peter looks very confused and asks God for an explanation. God replies, "Well, after he finishes his game by himself, who can he boast to?"

JUNE EVENTS

Thursday 1st June	11.00 am Confirmation of Boys from St. Brigid's Boys NS 7.00 pm Annual Mass of the Holy Eucharist for Adoration Group
Sunday 4th	Pentecost Sunday
Thursday 8th	Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Sunday 11th	Trinity Sunday St. Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Appeal
Sunday 18th	Feast of Corpus Christi 10.30 am <i>Do This in Memory</i> celebration and procession St. Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Collection
Friday 23rd	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Wednesday 28th	St. Brigid's Boys and Girls 6 th Class Graduation ceremonies

PREPARING FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – DUBLIN 2018

The World Meeting of Families is a special congress event, like a Eucharistic Congress that takes place every three years. The World Meetings were started by St. John Paul II and have taken place 8 times to date:

1994 Rome, Italy	2006 Valencia, Spain
1997 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	2009 Mexico City, Mexico
2000 Rome, Italy	2012 Milan, Italy
2003 Manila, Philippines	2015 Philadelphia, United States

At the end of the Philadelphia meeting it was announced that Pope Francis had chosen Dublin to be the venue of the next meeting.

Families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin from 21-26 August 2018 to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*. The WMOF2018 Logo, launched in December 2016, reflects on this theme and our journey towards August 2018. The event will consist of a joyful and reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions for adults; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as faith and fun activities for children. WMOF2018 will include the daily celebration of Mass, a festival of families events, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances, events around the city, gestures of solidarity with those in need, and much more.

To fulfil this task, the Archdiocese of Dublin has appointed a team to work with the families, young people, women and men, clergy, religious and others from all over Ireland who will be involved in the planning of the event. Father Timothy Bartlett (Diocese of Down and Connor) has been appointed as Secretary General and Anne Griffin as General Manager for WMOF2018.

For more information visit: www.worldmeeting2018.ie

EUCCHARISTIC 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. Eucharistic Adoration will resume in the church on Tuesday 6th June.

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 peace in our own hearts, peace in the family, peace in our country, and peace in the world. *All Parishioners are welcome.*

Recently Deceased—Please Pray for the Soul of:

Maureen Sunderland - The Pines

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

Jack Lynch - Ashcroft, Raheny
Sarah Keane - Howth Road
Lexi Grennell - Clare Village, Malahide Road

Wedding—our congratulations to:

Gregory Savage and Sinead Fynes - Castleforbes Square, Dublin 1

Resource Centre News

Over the past month the boys and girls of St. Brigid's schools made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our Parish. We had the pleasure of having them and their families to our Centre for their celebration receptions. We would like to say thank to the parents and the schools who organised the events and for making them such a success.

BIENVENIDA

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our visiting Spanish students from the Trinity Language School in Valencia. They will join us in our Centre from June 28th for a month.

Have you got a talent to share and teach?

Why not talk to us about booking a room in our Centre. We are always interested in new ideas. Please contact Ruth on 01 853 4030.

Junior Cert. and Leaving Cert. Students

We have had many students visiting our Centre to study for their exams. We would like to wish them and everyone sitting exams every success.

Ruth

St. Brigid's Parish Shop

There is now in our shop a large selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards together with a wide range of rosary beads, rosettes, prayer books and other items associated with these sacraments on display together with Mass cards, Mass Bouquets and signed Mass cards.

So why not call into the shop and see this lovely display for yourselves before you go anywhere else. The shop is located at the car park side of our Church.

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.

All proceeds go to Parish funds.

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