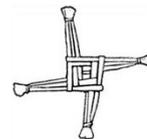


St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5



Parish Newsletter September 2018



Archbishop calls on parish communities to reflect on the road ahead

Archbishop Martin has thanked the priests of the diocese and the religious working in the diocese for the manner in which they animated the memorable days of the World Meeting of Families and said that it was inspiring to see how Parishes united around their priests. He was especially struck by the presence of so many families with their children at the events.

He highlighted the gathering in the Pro-Cathedral of young couples preparing for or who had recently celebrated the sacrament of matrimony as a unique vision of a Church for the future, as these young couples reflected on the Pope's vision of lifelong commitment and on the beauty of passing on faith in Jesus Christ to the next generation.

The question now arises, states Archbishop Martin, where do we go forward in the challenge of renewing the faith we carry in our own hearts and renewing the life of the Church?

He suggests that every parish or community might find concrete ways of reflecting on this challenge. He is asking parishes to do this in the weeks around the Feast of Saint Laurence O'Toole, Principal Patron of the Diocese, on the 14th November. It is not to be a political style consultation, but a call to each believer and faith community radically to interiorise what the challenge of faith in Jesus entails.

Each parish and parish community can find its own path of reflection, he says, with the help of the Parish Pastoral Council. The aim is not to provide instant answers but at least to begin to set out a realistic agenda for renewal of the Church in the years to come.

He prefers that rather than give a detailed outline of what he expects, to let each parish come up with its own vision.

For him the questions that should be addressed are the deeper questions about faith in Jesus Christ. Why are we no longer captivating so many of our young people for the message of Jesus Christ? Which models of pastoral activity and reflection are most likely to win the hearts of young people for the message of Jesus? How do we teach young people about prayer? How can our parishes respond to these challenges? Which aspects of our dominant culture make it harder for people to understand the message of Jesus?

In response I hope to work with the Parish Pastoral Council to organise some form of parish assembly to discuss the future. We will then forward a short report of our findings to the Archbishop directly. Once the reports have been analysed he will look at what processes we can adopt to move forward.

Fr. Liam

A call to Prayer

These past weeks the media have carried news of growing scandal in our Church. This is most painful for all of us and calls us all to prayer. As your priest I would ask each one of you to join me in praying one Hail Mary last thing each night for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the Church for so many victims of abuse.

**POPE FRANCIS' PENITENTIAL RITE IN THE PHOENIX PARK
(Written after his meeting with victims of abuse)**

We ask forgiveness for the cases of abuse in Ireland, the abuse of power, the abuse of conscience and sexual abuse on the part of representatives of the Church. In a special way, we ask forgiveness for all those abuses that took place in different kinds of institutions directed by men and women, religious and other members of the Church.

We also ask forgiveness for cases in which many minors were exploited for their labour.

We ask forgiveness for all those times when, as a Church, we did not offer to the survivors of any type of abuse compassion and the pursuit of justice and truth by concrete actions. We ask forgiveness.

We ask forgiveness for some members of the hierarchy who took no responsibility for these painful situations and kept silent. We ask forgiveness.

We ask forgiveness for those children who were taken away from their mothers and for all those times when so many single mothers who tried to find their children that had been taken away, or those children who tried to find their mothers, were told that this was a mortal sin. It is not a mortal sin; it is the fourth commandment! We ask forgiveness.

May the Lord preserve and increase this sense of shame and repentance, and grant us the strength to ensure that it never happens again and that justice is done. Amen.

Pope Francis on Family issues

On his flight back to Rome, Javier Romero, of *Rome Reports* referring to the words of Leo Varadkar, asked Pope Francis what he would say to a father whose son says he is homosexual, that he would like to go live with his companion. Secondly, he asked the Pope about abortion, in the light of legal changes in Ireland and elsewhere.

The Pope replied: "I'll begin with the second, but there are two points... On abortion, you know what the Church thinks. The issue of abortion is not a *religious* issue: we are not opposed to abortion for religious reasons. No. It is a human issue and has to be addressed as such. To consider abortion starting from religion is to override thought. The abortion question has to be studied from an anthropological standpoint. There is always the anthropological question of how ethical it is to eliminate a living being in order to resolve a problem. This is the real issue. I would only emphasize this: I never allow the issue of abortion to be discussed starting with religion. No. It is an anthropological problem, a human problem. This is my thinking.

Then answering the first question the Pope stated, "There have always been homosexuals, people with homosexual tendencies. Always. Sociologists say, I don't know if it's true, that in times of epochal changes, some social, ethical phenomena increase; one of them would be this. This is an opinion of some sociologists. Your question is clear: what would I say to a father who sees that his son or daughter has that tendency? I would say first to pray, pray! Don't condemn. Dialogue, understand, make space for the son or daughter. Make space so they can express themselves.

Then, at what age does this restlessness of the child express itself? It's important. One thing is when it shows itself in a child. There are many things to do with psychiatry, to see how things are. Another thing is when it manifests itself after 20 years of age... But I'll never say that silence is a remedy. To ignore a son or daughter with homosexual tendencies is a lack of paternity and maternity. You are my son, you are my daughter as you are! I'm your father, mother. Let's talk! And if you, father and mother aren't up to it, ask for help, but always in dialogue, always in dialogue, because that son or that daughter has the right to a family and to that family there, don't put them out of the family. This is a serious challenge, but that makes paternity and maternity"

Pope Francis concluded the session by saying:

"I would like to say something for the Irish that are here. I found so much faith in Ireland. So much faith. It's true, the Irish people have suffered for the scandals. So much. But there is faith in Ireland. It's strong. And also the Irish people know how to distinguish. And I cite what today I heard from a prelate: the Irish people know how to distinguish well between the truth and half-truths. It is something that they have within. It's true that it's in a process of elaboration, of healing from these scandals. It's true that positions are being opened that seem to distance themselves from any faith. But the Irish people have a deep-rooted faith. I want to say it because it's what I've seen, what I've heard, of which in these two days I've been informed".

Recently Deceased—please pray for the soul of:

Thomas Vaughan – Ennafort Road Hannah Kelly – Ashcroft Anthony McAuliffe – Maywood
Eithne Reynolds – Sean Cromien – Ventian Hall
Maureen Meagher McHugh – Howth Road Philomena Kerin – Loughderg Road
Norman Lee – Ennafort Park Frank Hamill – Vernon Rise

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

Cian McCashin – BettyGlen James Coffey – Ennafort Par Fia Rose Coghlan – Kilbride Road
Meabh O’Neill – Middle Third William Collins – Co. Kildare Eve Flanagan – Mask Avenue
Katie Nolan – Clanmoyle Road Olivia O’Connor – The Pines George Pelly – Gracefield Avenue
Rory Bellew – Malahide Road Laoise Molloy – Brian Road
James McAtee – St. Brigid’s Lawn Alex McKenna – Gracefield Road
Úna Hagenbucher – Munich Germany

Wedding—Our Congratulations to:

Christopher Wisely & Karen Maguire - Clanawley Road Paul Lynch & Simone Wogan – Grace Park Court
Kieran Devine & Jane Briggs – Collins Avenue East Jason Murphy & Eileen Flynn – Ardlea Road

Church Gardens

A number of volunteer gardeners are required for our gardens and grounds surrounding our Church and Pastoral Resource Centre. If you have an hour or two to spare on Saturday mornings between 10.00 am and 12 Noon you would be very welcome. Some gardening experience would be an added bonus.
Please contact Karol at 01- 8534030 for further details.

Parish Resource Centre

Welcome back. The Centre reopened this week with all classes continuing and eager to get back down to business. There is now a full list of current activities running available from reception.
I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the Centre who worked during the summer break. Their hard work cleaning, painting and decorating and general maintenance keeps the Centre in such good shape and to the high standards we have all become accustomed.
St. Brigid’s Seniors (SBS) are back on Wednesday 12th September for a new season of events and outings. The Committee have planned an interesting and varied calendar. The Club will welcome guest speakers and present musical mornings. Trips to the theatre and days out for lunch will be included. Karol.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration now takes place on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** from 10.30am until 3.00pm each day in the Adoration Chapel on right hand side of Church near Saint Brigid’s altar. Adoration on **Thursday** night takes place in our Church from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. 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 our Church 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

St. Brigid's Parish Shop

There is now in our shop a wide range of rosary beads, rosettes, prayer books and other items associated with the sacraments on display together with Mass cards, Mass Bouquets and signed Mass cards.

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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.

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