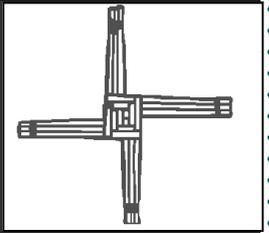




St. Brigid's Parish, Killester

Parish Newsletter

November 2013



Dear Friends,

I have tried to keep you updated on all recent developments in regard to the Priest personnel ministering in our Parish. However, I have now been informed that Fr. Joseph's involvement and commitment to the Neo Catechumenate Apostolate has made it impossible for him to assume curacy responsibilities in Artane or St. Brigid's. Accordingly, his appointment has been rescinded by the Archbishop. We continue to live in hope that some other priest may become available to assist both Fr. Michael and me in our Pastoral work.

What is becoming more and more evident, and thank God for it, is that you, the Parishioners, will inevitably share even more fully in *becoming* and *being* "Parish", thereby witnessing to Jesus by your way of life and Christ-like service of others. This is all our calling rooted in our Baptism and Confirmation when we were first chosen by Christ and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be His witness to others. Our privileged responsibility is way beyond our strength, something the Good Shepherd understood when he gave himself to us as our food in Holy Communion. It is especially at our Sunday Mass that we, the Body of Christ in Killester, are fed and nourished by "Word and Sacrament" and sent out to bring Christ to others. Whether we be grandparents, parents, young adults or children, married or single, we all have our part to play and it is my prayer that we all continue to respond generously to the Lord's call.

Fr. Alex.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration has now commenced in our Church. Adoration takes place Monday and Wednesday from 10.00 am until 3.00 pm each day and on Thursday night between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm. All are welcome.

Novena booklets and leaflets are available in the Church including "*The Power of an hour with Jesus*".



Dates For Your Diary

20 th October	29 th Sunday - Enrolment Sunday	"Do This In Memory" Mass
10 th November	32 nd Sunday of year at 10.30	"Do This In Memory" Mass
17 th November	Mass For Deceased at 12.00 noon	
24 th November	Feast of Christ the King at 10.30	"Do This In Memory" Mass
15 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent at 10.30	"Do This In Memory" Mass

Our November Mass for the Deceased

On Sunday the 17th of November at 12.00 both Fr. Michael and I will concelebrate Mass for those Parishioners who died in the past year. We have already written to all families who suffered loss and have invited them to join us in what hopefully will be a very healing and moving Liturgy.

At St. Brigid's we are so fortunate to have a really excellent Choir to enhance this celebration and I am sure I speak on all your behalf when I thank them for the invaluable contribution they make to our celebrations.

An Irish Saint in November – St. Columban (543-615)

St. Columban is regarded as the greatest Irish Missionary Saint. He was born on the border of Carlow and Wexford in 543 and joined a monastery in Bangor on the shores of Lough Erne in his teenage years. When he was in his forties, he felt the call to bring the Gospel to foreign lands, and so with a band of twelve companions he set off for Gaul (France). There he was to establish five monasteries, all of which became renowned for their strict discipline, the retention of Celtic practices as well as being centres of learning. These were at Luxeuil, Arregray and Fontaine initially. However Columban fell foul of an unjust King Theodoric II of Burgundy and was exiled. He travelled further and founded monasteries at St. Gallen on Lake Constance in Switzerland and another at S.Colombano al Lambro. After much wandering he arrived at Bobbio near Genoa in Northern Italy, where he established another famous monastery and seat of learning. Columban was a very strong character and “took on” Popes in his correspondence, some of which are extant regarding the time and date for Easter etc. He died there on the 23rd of November 615, aged 72.

Blessed Pope John XXIII, soon to be canonised next April 2014, wrote of Columban: “He was the zealous servant of the Papacy as well as the propagator of Monastic greatness. He gave us at the same time the example of submission to the Supreme Authority, and of courage in the struggle for the triumph of just causes”.

The recent “Headcount”

Every year we are requested by the Diocese to submit a figure for attendance at our Sunday Masses in order to assist with future planning. The count took place on the weekend of 12th and 13th October and the figures returned were as follows:

6.30 pm Vigil Mass: 163

10.30 am Mass: 236

12.00 Mass: 274

The overall total was **673**. While this figure was down on last year’s total of 760, it must be remembered that we had to cancel the 9 a.m. Mass due to adjustment and a shortage of priests. I am aware that a number of you were understandably upset at the loss of this Mass but we had little option. The “Do this in Memory” First Communion Programme which is now underway, takes place on a monthly basis at 10.30 a.m. – a time which parents of both schools find very manageable, and the large regular attendance at the 12.00 Mass speaks for itself.

I do appreciate your understanding in accepting this difficult situation.

Fr. Alex

Indulgences for the Holy Souls

From 12 noon on Friday 1st of November (All Saints) until midnight on Saturday 2nd November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope’s intentions, can gain one plenary (full) indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls by visiting a Church and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostles’ Creed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following the 1st of November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1st of November to the 8th of November. If you visit a Cemetery at this time and there pray for the dead, you may also gain a plenary indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls on the conditions mentioned above.

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen”.

Recently deceased - please pray for the souls of:

Maureen Gray, Killester Park
Lily Whelan, Furry Park Road
Oliver Harford Brookwood Park



Pauline O'Shea, Ennafort Park
Catherine (Kitty) McGonigle, Ennafort Grove

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

William Collins, Brookwood Glen
Kaiden McGillion Kidd, Woodbine Park
Cian O'Reilly, Navan Road



Teegan McGillion Kidd, Woodbine Park
Lauren Warner, Cambridge, U.K.

Weddings — our congratulations to:



Sharon Burke and Bryant Smith, U.S.A.
Hillary Gilligan and Michael Healy, Killester Avenue
Claire Crimmons and Emmett Vaughan, Brookwood Avenue
Elaine Kelly and David Campion, Brookwood Crescent

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

THE ART AND CRAFT FAIR

This event will take place on 9th and 10th of November in the Resource Centre. As usual there will be an amazing array of stalls with a great variety of Crafts, with super gifts for Christmas. The Coffee Dock will be open both days with our usual fare and light lunches. Come along meet your friends and have a relaxing day. Admission and car park is free. Looking forward to seeing you there!

S.B.S. News

All the tickets are sold out for the Halloween Party, which should be a great event with prizes for the best costumes. Everyone will enjoy and enter into the "spirit" of the day. There are great things planned - a trip to a Chocolate factory, a Fashion show, and a trip to an outlet for Christmas shopping. Then of course the Christmas Party on the 18th December. What a line up - what a club! And then we have the Christmas holidays.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

The total amount raised at the COFFEE MORNING run by Ita Kernon was €2,939 in total. Well done to all who supported this very worthy cause.

St. Brigid's Parish Shop, Killester

There is now in stock a large selection of Christmas cards from the Divine Word Missionaries together with a special card depicting St. Brigid's Church and its history. Also in stock are many other items that would make lovely Christmas gifts and include miniature nativity sets, resin nativity globes, cribs, Christmas candles, medals, holy pictures, angel pins, crucifixes, holy water fonts, rosary beads and lots more.

We also have "Down Through The Ages" - a history of St. Brigid's Church and Parish from 1926 to 2006 which would make a lovely read over the Christmas period together with a CD from Bryan Hoey called "Just for Today and Always" and includes *Una Furtiva Lagrima*, *M'appari* and *Caro Mio Ben* to name but a few. Newly arrived also is a CD from Gerry Noonan/Dara MacMahon with Pauline Cooper on Piano called "Good Old Days of Music Hall"

So why not call into the shop which is located at the side of the church (Car Park side) and see the array of goods available.

It may save you an unnecessary trip into town. All proceeds from the shop go to Parish funds.

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