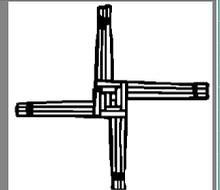




# St. Brigid's Parish, Killester

## Parish Newsletter

### November 2014



Dear Friends,

How quickly the year seems to pass. November already, and the Church's Year ending at the close of this month. It is customary to remember in a special way the Holy Souls in Purgatory at this time and we will celebrate a special Mass for them and in particular for all who were buried from St. Brigid's Parish in the past year on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of November at 12.00. It entails a lovely remembrance service with family members bringing candles to the altar as they thank God for the lives of their parents, relatives and friends, and our Choir will enhance the mood and setting magnificently.

The "Do this in Memory" programme for next year's 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants got underway with their enrolment Mass on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Our sincere thanks to the parents who attended the initial meeting and the many volunteers who will assist in preparing the monthly Masses. Together, we can all ensure that the Home, the Parish and the Schools play their parts in preparing the "little ones" for the second important stage in their Christian life journey. Baptism, Communion and Confirmation are the three Sacraments that, together, complete our entry into Christ's Church, and equip us from there on to begin witnessing to others the values and beliefs of Jesus Christ and of His Church for the rest of our lives.

On the international front, Pope Francis presided for two weeks over the an Extraordinary Synod on "Marriage and the Family" in Rome. It was a preparatory stage for the Synod due to be held in October 2015, and it offered discussion on various complex questions such as the pastoral care of the divorced and re-married, as well as homosexual issues. The Church will be giving much thought and attention to these in the coming months as the groundwork is being laid for possible new approaches. As one who assisted the late Archbishop Ryan and Cardinal O'Fiach at the Synod on the Family in Rome in 1980, I always recall an Indian Bishop Paddiacchi saying to me that it would take another thirty years or so for its findings to enter into the bloodstream of the Church. How right he was !!

*Fr. Alex*

### Eucharistic Adoration

The **Parish Adoration Team** have decided on a number of themes for our Thursday nights' Hour of Adoration commencing in November, 2014 as follows:

**November Thursdays** - For those grieving the death of a family member and/or are suffering the pain of a broken marriage.

**December Thursdays** - Joy and Thanksgiving.

**January Thursdays** - For those suffering from cancer.

Parishioners who would like to come and pray for relatives and friends who have been affected by any of the above, or any other special intentions, would be very welcome. Also, if you have an idea of a theme for the future please let us know.

Adoration takes place each **Monday and Wednesday** after the 10.00 am Mass until 3.00pm and on **Thursday nights** between 7 and 8 pm.

*We have also introduced Adoration on each First Friday after 10.00 am Mass until 12.00 Noon commencing Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014.*

### The Recent "Head Count"

Each year we are requested by the Diocese to submit a "head count" for attendance at our Sunday Masses in order to assist with future planning. The recent count in October was as follows:

<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>225</b>

The overall figure was 685 Last year. It was 673 and in 2012, 760 (when it was possible to have an additional Mass at 9.00 am).

## November Dates for your Diary

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints 10.00 am St. Brigid's Church
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</b> 6.30 Vigil, 10.30, and 12.00
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints of Ireland
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>"Do this in Memory" Meeting</b> for designated parents preparing liturgy for 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Laurence O'Toole, Patron of Dublin
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 6.30 Vigil, 10.30, <b>12.00 Mass for Deceased Parishioners</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christ, King of the Universe 6.30 Vigil, <b>10.30 "Do this in Memory" Mass,</b> 12.00.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

## November – The Holy Souls

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of November at 12.00, Mass will be celebrated for the Parishioners who have died in the past year. We have already written to all families who suffered loss and have indicated to them to join us in what hopefully, will be a very healing and moving liturgy.



### Purgatory?

Those who die in the state of grace and friendship with God but who are not fully purified are assured of their eternal salvation. They must undergo a purification to attain the holiness needed to enter heaven. This process is called *Purgatory*. We pray for those in Purgatory, that they may soon be with God in heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to the final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The only fire in Purgatory is the fire of God's love which purifies souls and brings them to the Kingdom of Light, Life and Peace. (cf. Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults I.E.C, Veritas 2014)

***"I am not dying. I am entering eternal Life."* – St. Therese of Lisieux**

### Indulgences?

Every sin has consequences. It disrupts our communion with God and the Church, weakens our ability to resist temptation and hurts others. The necessity of healing these consequences, once the sin itself has been forgiven, is called temporal punishment. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and other works of charity can take away entirely or diminish this temporal punishment. Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ, the Church attaches to certain prayers and actions an *indulgence* or pardon, that is, the full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin when an individual uses such a prayer or engages in such an action. (Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults, pp 271-2)

### Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of all Souls

1. From twelve o'clock noon on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November until midnight on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions can gain one plenary indulgence by visiting a church or oratory, and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls of the departed. Confession may be made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1<sup>st</sup> November. Holy Communion may be received on any day from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 8 November

2. The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence applicable only to the Holy Souls on the usual conditions once per day from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

Recently Deceased - please pray for the soul of:

Joseph Casey – Brookwood Avenue



**Baptisms—We are happy to welcome into our Catholic Community:**

Darragh Flanagan – Moatfield Park  
Tommy Harry – Killester Avenue



Hugh Lavin – Maryville Road

### Resource Centre News

The Resource Centre holds its **Annual Christmas Arts and Craft Fair** this year on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of November. The Fair has a wonderful variety of stalls with something for every one of every age. The Stallholders pride themselves for their high quality of craft items so you won't be disappointed. The Coffee Dock will be open until 3.30 on both days with a beautiful lunch special, so with free admission and car parking it truly is an event to be at.

### Bereavement Counselling

The Centre is now offering a free Bereavement Counselling service for parishioners. This Service has been kindly Offered by Ruslana Verkhola (H.Dip in Counselling and Psychotherapy ).

Ruslana also offers low cost Counselling and Psychotherapy. To find out more you can visit the website [www.ruslanaverkhola.ie](http://www.ruslanaverkhola.ie) or you can contact Ruslana in confidence on 086/8434979 or by email: [rverhola@yahoo.com](mailto:rverhola@yahoo.com)

### Coffee Dock News

Our wonderful Coffee Dock is as busy as ever. Sharon and Yvonne have some delicious treats and specials on offer so why not drop in for a cuppa and a chat , All welcome!

### After-Funeral Hospitality

St. Brigid's Resource Centre now offers a catering service after funeral Masses in the Resource Centre Coffee Dock. Evening Funeral bereavements can also be catered for at short notice.

Call Sharon on 087-6576494

*Karol*

### 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 Brian 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 shop go to Parish funds.*

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