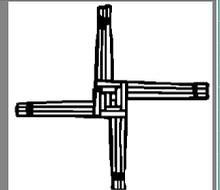




St. Brigid's Parish, Killester

Parish Newsletter

September 2014



Dear Friends,

I will remember the Summer of 2014 for quite some time!! I had in the June/July newsletter mentioned how the demands of the Parishes of Artane and Killester were keeping both Fr. Michael and myself fully occupied and the arrival of Fr. Jim on a temporary basis was providing some relief by facilitating our holidays, etc. We are all aware that Fr. Jim is intending to enter a monastery in the United States in the near future, but little did we expect Fr. Michael's decision to again pursue his monastic leanings by entering the Glenstal Community for at least one year! Needless to say we wish them both every blessing and good wish in the days ahead and I am sure you will keep them in your prayers.

While Fr. Jim will still be with us until the New Year, nevertheless changes and adjustments will have to be seriously considered not least because Archbishop Martin at present simply has no priests available to assist us. In consequence on Thursday 18th September at the Resource Centre a meeting has been arranged for all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and indeed all others who would wish to assist in these ministries to review our situations. It is hoped that after appropriate instruction we will be able to introduce a Communion Service on days when Mass will not be available. Such a Service is something quite different to the celebration of Mass, and could be available in the absence of a Priest celebrant.

As is customary the Parish Centre has been refurbished during the month of August and Room 2 has a beautiful new floor. The Communications Room which had a number of outdated computers and which were not being used in recent times has been totally revamped and is now a prayer room for quiet reflection. From the outset such a sacred space had been envisaged but the then designated room had become and remains an office for administration. Hopefully all who visit the Centre may avail of this new facility for peace and quiet contemplation. *Fr. Alex*

Funeral Ministry

Funeral Ministry is important in the life of the local church and as members of our Parish Community we are called to actively participate when one of our members dies.

A Funeral Ministry team has been formed in St. Brigid's Parish and I am privileged to be a member of that team. Although things are still in a developmental stage, it is envisaged that the Funeral Ministry team will not only participate in the funeral Mass (and removal to the Church), but also visit the deceased's home and help prepare the funeral liturgy. At times they will officiate at the graveyard/crematorium. The latter will of course only be done in consultation with the family.

Some people may regret the passing of priest-only led funerals and may regard these new parish developments as being perhaps second rate. But such is not the case. Scripture tells us that we have all been baptised in the same Spirit and we all share in Christ's threefold office as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Vatican II emphasised this point that all the baptised share in Christ's Priesthood albeit in different degrees. As someone who has participated in the funeral ministry, including the graveyard ceremony, I can say that it has been an enriching experience. Besides, given the shortage of priests, it will not be possible to have a priest available in the future for all or even many parts of the funeral liturgy. So a crisis has become an opportunity.

It would be very much appreciated if more of our parishioners would volunteer for service in this new, challenging Funeral Ministry. I have no doubt that you will find it as spiritually rewarding, as I have, and if interested please contact any of the funeral team members: Therese and Jim Cotter, Kathleen O'Regan, Donal O'Toole, Tom O'Brien, Helen Murphy or Fr. Alex. *John Gallagher*

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Monday and Wednesday from 11 to 3 pm and on Thursday night between 7 and 8 pm. If you are willing to 'watch for one hour' of adoration per week you will be most welcome. You are also very welcome to drop in "just for a minute".

Holy Communion and Receiving from the Chalice

For centuries Christians received both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine. But by the end of the thirteenth century, a change in liturgical practise occurred. Fear of spilling the contents of the cup, fear of contracting disease, the development of the doctrine that the whole Christ is received even under one form, all contributed to the loss of the lay chalice. Nevertheless, communion under both kinds continued to remain the normal practise in the East. Today, the Roman Church, while respecting an individual's freedom of choice, encourages communion under both kinds. According to the *General Instruction (240)*:

*"Holy communion has a more complete form as a **sign** when it is received under both kinds. For in this manner of reception a fuller light shines on the **sign** of the Eucharist banquet."*

The reason for sharing both the Eucharistic bread and wine, therefore, is to be found in the sign value of the sacrament. At the last Supper the command of Jesus was not only "Take and eat" but also "Take and drink". The Mass, being both sacrifice and meal, has a fuller sign value when the Assembly not only partakes of the Eucharistic bread but also shares in the Eucharistic cup. The most common and certainly the preferred method of sharing the Eucharistic wine is from a communion cup or chalice. Here the sign value of the action is apparent. Sharing from the cup may pose logistic problems in large assemblies, and yet solutions are usually found through the use of well prepared special ministers. There should always be a minister who presents the cup. Minister and communicant form in miniature what the community is all about, i.e. people serving other people and being served by other people.

THE BIBLE VERSES THE TV!

They lie on the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the T.V. Guide.
One is well worn and cherished with pride,
Not the Bible, but the T.V. Guide.
One is used daily to help folks decide,
No, not the Bible, but the T.V. Guide.
As the pages are turned, what shall they see.
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the T.V.
So they open the book in which they confide,
No, not the Bible, but the T.V. Guide.

The Word of God is seldom read,
Maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible, from watching T.V.
So then back to the table side by side,
Lie the Holy Bible and the T.V. Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on T.V.

(Reality Magazine, Summer 2014)

"The Bible in 50 words"

**God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split**

**Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses baulked**

**Pharoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided**

**Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned**

**Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified**

**Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.**



Dana Livesay

Recently Deceased - please pray for the souls of:

Rita Grimes – Brookwood Park
Florence Jesson – Sybill Hill Avenue
Vera Nolan – Howth Road
Mary Hoey – Venetian Hall



Collette Willis – Howth Road
Pauline Browne – Ennafort Road
Peter Corrigan – Dunluce Road
Sheila Harte — Howth Road

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

Sofia Medera Burocziova – Santry Cross
Emma O’Regan – Ardbeg Park
Sophia Scudder – Castle Avenue
Rebecca Scudder – Castle Avenue



Rose Egan – Donnycarney
Kate Kent – West Park, Artane
Thomas Scudder – Castle Avenue



Wedding—our congratulations to:

Rebecca Quinn and Conan Doyle, Grange Park, Raheny

Resource Centre News

Where did the Summer go ?

We hope all our volunteers enjoyed their well deserved break and we hope to see you all back at your posts! If you have an hour or two to spare why not think about volunteering as it is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

New Term

Once again our team here have been very busy during the Summer break. The Centre has been painted and freshened up and a new floor laid in Room 2. Our new Prayer/Reflection Room, approved by the Board is coming along nicely and we hope you will all avail of it. The Centre is back in full swing and with some new classes taking place, so why not drop in for an up to date Activity list.

S.B.S Club

re-opens on Wednesday 24th September, when we welcome back all our members.

Contemplative Spirituality and the Power of Prayer

A reminder that our weekend seminar by contemplative Writer and Speaker Carl McColman takes place in the Resource Centre Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of September. Bookings can be made through the Resource Centre.

A Date for your Diary

Our annual Arts and Craft fair takes place this year on Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th of November. This is a wonderful event with a large selection of Crafts on offer and as always with a high standard of quality.

Coffee Morning

Our annual Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice will take place on Wednesday 24th of September. Your continued support for this very worthy cause would be much appreciated. Tell your friends, and come along for a chat and meet everyone.

Karol

St. Brigid’s Parish Shop, Killester

There is now in stock a large selection of religious items including Mass cards, Mass bouquets, pictures, angel pins, crucifixes, holy water fonts, candles and christening candles, medals, rosary beads, prayer leaflets and a lot more. There is also in stock birthday, retirement, good wishes and get well cards.

Why not call into the shop and see for yourself the large array of goods available. The shop is open after all the Masses at weekends and is located at the side of the Church nearest car park.

At back of Church there is now a large selection of Prayer and Reflection booklets including “The Power of an Hour with Jesus” which is especially appropriate for use during Eucharistic Adoration, and CDs covering our Catholic faith, life and truth for all.

All proceeds go to Parish funds.



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