

St. Brigid's Parish, Killester, Dublin 5

Monthly Newsletter

September 2017



PREPARING AND COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS TO WMOF 2018

Just like little children telling me how many sleeps remain until somebody special comes at year's end, we are now counting down the days until the coming of Pope Francis and the celebration of the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) from 21st -26th August, next year.

Already we have seen a beautiful celebration led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on 21st of August at Knock to begin this countdown. Knock was thronged for the occasion with couples from across the whole of Ireland representing our 26 dioceses.

In 2016, Pope Francis wrote "**The Joy of Love**" (*Amoris Laetitia*), a document about love, marriage and family life. In asking Ireland to host the World Meeting of Families next year he has given us a special responsibility. For us, therefore, to prepare for that event we are offering families, parishes and groups a way of thinking about and sharing his message in **The Joy of Love**: that the Gospel of the Family continues to be Joy for the World.

The **Amoris: Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme** is a way we can do this and respond to Pope Francis' request. The programme aims to support families and parishes as we set out on the journey of preparation to the World Meeting of Families, and to continue that journey in the years ahead.

Everyone is welcome to follow the programme online or at their parish and other public events. Part of the **Amoris Programme** is *The Joy of Love*, a six-part programme that will be offered to parishes this Autumn, based on Pope Francis' "The Joy of Love". Using engaging short videos, animations and activities to encourage discussion, it will offer us in families, parishes and society an opportunity to think about our vision and hopes for family and marriage, and a chance to rediscover the gift that family is to the world.

The programme will also challenge us to reflect on how we can provide greater support for marriage and family in our local communities. In particular, Pope Francis has asked us to think about support for newly married couples and outreach to families in need.

You can go on line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie for more information. Keep you ears and eyes open for updates in the coming weeks!

Fr. Liam

RENEWAL OF MINISTRIES AND OF CHILD-SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

It is my intention to call meetings of different pastoral groups in the parish over the next few weeks. This will be an opportunity for us to review how we are going, and to address the need to recruit new volunteers for various ministries.

Together with this, we urgently need to update vetting of volunteers as part of our Child Safeguarding responsibilities. This is not simply something desirable or optional. We must do it in accordance with recent legislation in our country. We will try and work together in a concerted way on this, to make it easier for all.

FINANCE AND HEATING UPDATE

Following visits made by a firm of engineers to our church in early Summer to help identify the best heating options for St. Brigid's we received feedback in mid-July. This has identified under-seat heating as the best option for us, similar to what has served Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road and Yellow Walls Church, Malahide. This type of heating can be zoned and people in pews can feel it really works.

The outline cost for this, however, is not cheap. Other cheaper options exist each with defects. Costs involved are higher as the floor of the church has rotting timbers on concrete that will need to be replaced. The report has gone to the Diocese whom we are consulting. We will have to raise over €150,000 more to be able to get this done as we must have 90% of costs either on hand or pledged to get the 'go-ahead'. In Blackrock, Fr. Dermot Leycock has had to raise about ten times the total cost of our new heating system in order to build a new Resource Centre for the Guardian Angels Parish. While the outline costs were a shock to me, I have confidence that with the good-will of many we can meet the challenge. We will give you all further details over the next number of weeks.

Meditation

Please note that Meditation will resume on Monday September 18th after 10 o'clock Mass in the **Resource Centre**. *All are welcome.*

A SPRINGTIME OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are fortunate and blessed to be experiencing a springtime of Eucharistic Adoration in Ireland and beyond right now. All who commit to a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration are powerful witnesses in their parishes to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. I heartily recommend to Church Pastors and to all the people of God the practice of Eucharistic Adoration" - Pope Benedict XVI.

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration takes place on each Monday and Tuesday in our Church after 10.00 am Mass until 3.00 pm each day (during winter in the Resource Centre). Adoration also takes place in our church on Thursday night from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm. Each Thursday night for the coming months we will be praying for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. 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.

Our thanks to Ruth

As we welcome back Karol Stout, after her period of Maternity Leave, I wish to express our deepest gratitude to **Ruth Brennan Morris** who has undertaken the running of the Resource Centre in recent months.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can read Ruth's listing of the works done at the Parish Resource Centre over the past month. This followed painstaking preparation and planning over many months by Ruth, building on work begun by Karol. Ruth has brought great energy and imagination to all the work, ensuring that work to repair the roof was complemented by up-grading of lighting, phones, and décor as well as having the whole interior re-painted. All those who use the Centre will be able to appreciate the changes and hopefully thank Ruth in person after she has had a well-earned holiday.

Recently Deceased—please pray for the souls of:

Michael Freaney – Middle Third, Thomas McElhinney – Ennafort Road, Patrick Fahy – Abbeyfield,
Patricia Keane – Ennafort Road, Michael Lanigan – Ennafort Park, Kathleen Timmons – late of The Orchard,
Joseph McMahan – Killester Park, Anne Walshe – Binn Eadair, St. Michael’s House,
Margaret ‘Rita’ Browne – Donnycarney, Rosemary Courtney – Brookwood Park.

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

Leonidas Clarke – The Pines Mila Cullen – Venetian Hall Fionn Mills – The Demesne
Olivia Nolan – Burnell Court Charlotte Hogan – Rosemount Avenue Anna Williams – Abbeyfield
Annabelle O’Brien – Illinois, USA

Wedding—our congratulations to:

Ashleigh Burke and Stephen Lynch – Vernon Avenue

Resource Centre News

Welcome Back: A big welcome back to all our volunteers and staff, all our regular visitors and activity leaders. We here at the Centre are looking forward to meeting and chatting to all of you after the Summer break and welcoming new friends to our Centre and Coffee Dock in the coming months.

Refurbishment: The month of August has been very busy in the Centre. The refurbishment of the Centre began with the Conference Hall roof. To sort out the constant leaking when it rains it has been completely replaced inside and out. All lighting has been changed over to LED which is more economical and will require much less maintenance. Emergency signage and lighting has been brought up to date and the Centre has been painted throughout, bathrooms have been refurbished and tiles have been re-grouted.

A comprehensive cleaning has been carried out of all areas. All in all it has been a very productive month. I would like to extend our thanks to all those involved. A big thank you to our own maintenance team Michael Mc Kiernan, Paul Mc Neill, Brian Sweeney, Paul White and Tommy Byrne for all their hard work.

Volunteering: If you have a few hours to spare to help us out in the Coffee Dock on Saturday mornings. We would love to hear from you. The Resource Centre and Coffee Dock depend on our volunteers, both men and women, so if you would like to help please drop in to see us.

St. Francis Hospice coffee morning: A coffee morning in aid of the Hospice will be held in our Coffee Dock on Monday 25th September. There will be lots of lovely treats to enjoy with a cup of coffee or tea. Your support for our coffee morning is very much appreciated. We hope to see you all here on the day.

Activities: Do you have a skill to share? If so we at St Brigid’s Resource Centre would love to hear from you. If you would like to use our venue to teach a new class, e.g. flower arranging, crafts, creative writing, knitting etc. please contact Karol on 01/853 4030.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Karol Stout back after her maternity leave and to thank all of you for your support while I stood in for Karol over the past six months.

Ruth

St. Brigid's Parish Shop

There is now in stock a large selection of religious items including signed sympathy Mass cards, Mass bouquets and get well Mass cards. There are pictures, angel pins, St. Brigid’s crosses, 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. Some attractive CD’s are also available including ‘‘Good Old Days of Music Hall’’ from Gerry Noonan. ***Signed Mass Cards are also available.***

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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