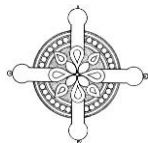


Sixth Sunday of Year B



15th February 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Katrina Harford (7th A)
9.00am Altar List of the Dead
11.00am The Maginn, Ellison & Barker Families (Rem)
12.30pm Sheila Maguire (RD)
5.30pm Nora Corcoran (7th A)

PRAY FOR

Jack Murphy (A)
Christy & Nancy Walker (A)
Julia Hennessy (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Tony Finn (RD)
Tues: John O'Dwyer (2nd A)
Wed: Special Intention
Thurs: Daniel Maughan (11th A)
Fri: Special Intention
Sat: Joe Barnwell (MM)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Cards, Souvenirs, Prayer Books, pendants and other gifts available main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

BAPTISMS

There will be no Baptisms during Lent. The next dates for Baptisms in April are:

Saturday 18th April at 4:00pm
Sunday 19th April at 1:45pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 26th March at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry in St. Cronan's, please contact any of the Priests in the Parish, a member of the Baptism Team or the Parish Office.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The January standing order figure is €3,475.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €780.60. The Family Offering Envelope Collection is the **ONLY** one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Family Offering Envelopes are ready to be distributed to all areas of the Parish and any help in the distribution would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office.

MYYAM MINI-RETREAT

Myyam mini-retreat for young adults – Lent 2015: Join us for 15 minutes, once a week, from 6:30-6:45pm each Sunday of Lent (commencing Sun 22nd Feb) in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvester's Church, Malahide for short time-out with reflection on the Sunday Gospel, quiet time and prayer. Open to all those in their late teens, 20's and 30's. Hope to see you there!"

Lenten Evening Prayer in Taizé Style: Hosted by Myyam - Tuesday 24th February from 8pm-9pm in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvester's Church. The evening will include Taizé chants, scripture, prayers of intercession and time of silence. All welcome."

LECTURE IN GARDINER ST.

MONDAY MARCH 2nd 2015 at 7.30pm

Pope Francis: The great Reformer

with AUSTEN IVEREIGH, Author of Pope Francis: The Great Reformer

Lecture in Saint Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street. 7.30 PM.

Admission - donation.

Join us also for a cuppa after the talk.

LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE

Monday 16/02/15, 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room; a review & discussion on Matthew's Gospel, chapters 1 to 9. The reading plan for next week is Matthew, chapters 10 to 17, weekly reading guide available on Monday night. All welcome, please come along.

VOLUNTEER KNITTERS

Volunteers are needed to teach the children of St. Cronan's Senior School to knit. It is for one hour a week from 1:30pm – 2:30pm on Monday or Tuesday. If interested, please contact 087 2871033.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

"Why Celebrate Vocation to the Consecrated Life?" is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 19th February at 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** Did you know Pope Francis has designated this year to celebrate the "Consecrated Life"? Why not come to the meeting and learn more! *Everybody most welcome.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday. We will have two Masses at 10:00am and 7:30pm. Blessed Ashes will be available throughout the day.

Take a moment to think about what you will do this Lent, use the opportunity, Live Lent – Love Lent.

MATT TALBOT ANNIVERSARY

This year is the 90th Anniversary of Venerable Matt Talbot's entry into Eternal Life. There will be a Novena Mass on Sunday 22nd February at 3.00pm at the Venerable Matt Talbot Shrine, Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Sean MacDermott Street.

We pray especially for those suffering from any form of addiction, those in recovery, their families and the wider community affected by alcohol and drug misuse. All are invited to attend.

PARISH RETREAT

This year the theme of our Retreat is Family. As the Synod on the Family has reflected on many of the challenges that face Catholic families today and will again discuss them in October, our Retreat is a time to nourish and support our families and appreciate their vital role in the life of the Church.

The Retreat begins with the Blessing of Children, Babies and Expectant Parents on Sunday 1st March at 3pm. Each morning there will be Mass at 7:30am and 10:00am and each evening our Retreat Session will take place.

Monday 2nd March led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin; Tuesday 3rd March led by the Catholic Grandparents Association; Wednesday 4th March led by Fr. John Harris OP, Thursday 5th March Mass of Healing with Anointing of the Sick at 1:00pm and the evening session led by Mrs. Elva Walsh (mother of the late Donal Walsh) and Friday 6th Taizé Prayer during which the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This week we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It was a great celebration of faith which was supported by the prayers of all you who prayed the Novena for those being Confirmed. Even though many who prayed didn't have anyone being Confirmed it is part of our life as a community to pray for one another.

Bá mhian liom comhgairdeas a ghlacadh leis na buachallí agus na callíní as Gaelscoil Bhríon Boroimhe. Ba mhian liom buíochas freisin a ghlacadh leis múinteoirí Padraig agus Sylvaine, an Príomhoide, Séamus agus gach duine eile sa scoil. Ar deireadh, ba mhian liom buíochas a ghlacadh Cheiliúirí, an tAthair Padraig O'Bhaoil.

I would also like to congratulate the boys and girls from St. Cronan's Senior School, their teachers Ms. Bolster, Ms. Manton, Ms. Finn, Ms. Mahon, Ms. Heffernan, Mr. Melia, Ms. Kinsella and Ms. Doyle. I thank our Principal Ms. Desmond for her dedicated and commitment. I thank the S.N.A.'s Deirdre and Lorna, Annette the school secretary, Peter the school caretaker. I thank the choir, orchestra and the teachers ensemble which added so much to the celebration.

I would like to congratulate the boys and girls from Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell Educate Together Schools, their teachers Emma, Aoife and Rosemary. I would like to thank the religion committees in these schools.

I would like to thank the members of the You Shall Be My Witnesses Programme, Louise our secretary, Christie who had the grounds looking so well, Dave for his helping in set up and car park management, to Declan, Liam and Tony for organizing the parking. To Maura for the beautiful flowers, Colm and Margaret for having the Church looking so well, Josie and Olive in the Sacristy, the ever dedicated Altar Servers.

I thank Mgr. John Fitzpatrick for celebrating Confirmation with us. I pray for all those who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit will use them to develop the potential God has sown within them.

Fr. Paul

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

We ask you to take home this Newsletter, but to leave the Mass Leaflet with the reading in the Church. Taking the newsletter home will remind you of the upcoming events, but also leaving it on the table others at home can read it and keep in touch with what is happening in the Parish. It's sharing the Good News!

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POPE FRANCIS LENTEN PREPARATION – PART III

“Where is your brother?” (Gen 4:9) – Parishes and Communities

All that we have been saying about the universal Church must now be applied to the life of our parishes and communities. Do these ecclesial structures enable us to experience being part of one body? A body which receives and shares what God wishes to give? A body which acknowledges and cares for its weakest, poorest and most insignificant members? Or do we take refuge in a universal love that would embrace the whole world, while failing to see the Lazarus sitting before our closed doors (Lk 16:19-31)?

In order to receive what God gives us and to make it bear abundant fruit, we need to press beyond the boundaries of the visible Church in two ways.

In the first place, by uniting ourselves in prayer with the Church in heaven. The prayers of the Church on earth establish a communion of mutual service and goodness which reaches up into the sight of God. Together with the saints who have found their fulfilment in God, we form part of that communion in which indifference is conquered by love. The Church in heaven is not triumphant because she has turned her back on the sufferings of the world and rejoices in splendid isolation. Rather, the saints already joyfully contemplate the fact that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, they have triumphed once and for all over indifference, hardness of heart and hatred. Until this victory of love penetrates the whole world, the saints continue to accompany us on our pilgrim way. Saint Therese of Lisieux, a Doctor of the Church, expressed her conviction that the joy in heaven for the victory of crucified love remains incomplete as long as there is still a single man or woman on earth who suffers and cries out in pain: “I trust fully that I shall not remain idle in heaven; my desire is to continue to work for the Church and for souls” (Letter 254, July 14, 1897).

We share in the merits and joy of the saints, even as they share in our struggles and our longing for peace and reconciliation. Their joy in the victory of the Risen Christ gives us strength as we strive to overcome our indifference and hardness of heart.

In the second place, every Christian community is called to go out of itself and to be engaged in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, especially with the poor and those who are far away. The Church is missionary by her very nature; she is not self-enclosed but sent out to every nation and people.

Her mission is to bear patient witness to the One who desires to draw all creation and every man and woman to the Father. Her mission is to bring to all a love which cannot remain silent. The Church follows Jesus Christ along the paths that lead to every man and woman, to the very ends of the earth (cf. Acts 1:8). In each of our neighbours, then, we must see a brother or sister for whom Christ died and rose again. What we ourselves have received, we have received for them as well. Similarly, all that our brothers and sisters possess is a gift for the Church and for all humanity.

Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the