

## FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Year A



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Peter Smith (A)  
**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11.00am** Emily & Bill Nolan (A)  
**12.30pm** Vincent Millington (1<sup>st</sup> A)  
**5.30pm** Martha Skelly (A)

### PRAY FOR

Special Intention

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

**Mon:** Donal Killian (RD)  
**Tue:** Eamonn Lawless (A)  
**Pray for:** Special Intention  
**Wed:** Paddy, Elizabeth & Michael Shields (A)  
**Thurs:** For all who sympathised with Michael & Elizabeth Deering  
**Fri:** Special Intention  
**Sat:** Maria Carey (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.

### POLISH MASS

**Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim** w Niedziele 9 Listopad o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

### FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €652.96. 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.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The Church Gate Collections for today:  
SVP Monthly Collection

### SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland are holding the Annual Service of Remembrance on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm in St. Teresa's Church**, Donore Avenue, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.

All who are affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**8/9 November Masses** *Do This In Memory*

**14th November at 7:30pm:** Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners.

#### Dates for Baptisms in November:

Saturday 8th November at 4:00pm  
Sunday 9th November at 1:45pm  
Saturday 22nd November at 4:00pm  
Sunday 23rd November at 1:45pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 6th November at 8:00pm**. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

A Christmas Fair in aid of the **Missionary Sisters of St. Columban** will be held in the Parish Centre, St. Agnes Road, Crumlin on **Thursday 13 November 9.30am - 6.30pm**. Large car park on right side of Church.

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

- From 12 noon on 1<sup>st</sup> November until midnight on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, all who have confessed, received Holy Communion and prayed for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice) 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 made at any time within the week preceding or the week following 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- 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> November to 8<sup>th</sup> November. The conditions mentioned above apply also for this.

### ÓGLAIGH

Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann is the organization of National ex Service men and women of the Irish Defence Services. We would like to thank all those who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. They operate three residential homes for ex-service personnel in Ireland. The amount raised was €322.00.

### SACRED HEART VOTIVES

The candles for use in the Sacred Heart holders that were sold through the Church are available from Legion of Mary after Sunday morning Masses.

### THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the recent 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.

### LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary needs new members to help bring people to Jesus – over 18's – Tuesdays 10:30am in Sisters' House and Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy; Junior members Fridays, 5:00pm in Sacristy. Come and see, you'll be most welcome.

### THE ROSARY

Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic paper "Alive!", once a month in Ard Cian, Abbey Vale, Ormond, St. Cronan's and other areas of the Parish. If you can help please leave your name & phone no. with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses or with Louise in Parish Office

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next residential weekend will be held 14th -16th November in All Hallows, Drumcondra, Swords Co Dublin. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com).

### STRICTLY COME DANCING

St. Cronan's Parents' Associations Junior & Senior are running a fundraising event **Strictly Come Dancing**. Many of the participants are teachers and SNA's in the schools. The tickets are available from the school for €20 and the event takes place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Kettles Country House Hotel**. Please support this fun event.

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## ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

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On my own behalf and on behalf of the Parish of St. Columba's to say thank you and all in Brackenstown, River Valley & Swords Parishes for the very generous donation to St. Columba's Church Restoration Fund.

It is so very kind of you all, and as you might guess such generosity will contribute a much needed boost to the restoration appeal itself, let alone its funds. But more chiefly, as I tried to share on Thursday evening, these donations mean so much more than Euro and Cent – they express the sense we are not alone, and that there is solidarity behind the restoration.

Thank you for the spirit with which the donations have been made, for your generous support, and I ask you please to pass on our appreciation to all.

Rev. Robert Deane

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## LAY RETREAT ASSOCIATION OF ST. IGNATIUS

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One Day Retreat for Men and Women will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014**, in Milltown Park conference Centre from 10.00 a.m. to 6:00 PM. Spiritual Talks, Rosary, Benediction, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and Blessing of the Sick. Spiritual Direction by Jesuit Fathers. Cost of €30 includes dinner and tea. Silence is expected all day until tea-time. Contact: John Callaghan 8370778.

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## MESSIAH FOR ALL

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ENCHIRIADIS TREIS CHOIR Presents an Advent concert "*Messiah for All*" by George Frederick Handel

**DATE:** SuNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH 2014

**VENUE:** ST. ANNE'S PARISH CHURCH, PORTMARNOCK

**TIME:** 7:30pm

**TICKETS:** €15

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time      Year A      12<sup>th</sup> October



*We give them back to you, O Lord, who first gave them to us,  
And as you did not loose them in giving so we do not loose them in return.*

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them."

In the middle of the 11th century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

### **The Concept of Purgatory:**

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

### **Bringing us into the presence of God and our Loved Ones:**

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

### **Purgatory warms the soul by the love of God:**

"We must not make purgatory into a flaming concentration camp on the brink of hell—or even a 'hell for a short time.' It is blasphemous to think of it as a place where a petty God exacts the last pound—or ounce—of flesh...." St. Catherine of Genoa, a mystic of the 15th century, wrote that the 'fire' of purgatory is God's love 'warming' the soul so that, at last, the soul is wholly aflame. It is the pain of wanting to be made totally worthy of One who is seen as infinitely lovable, the pain of desire for union that is now absolutely assured, but not yet fully tasted".

*(Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Believing in Jesus)*