

Parish Newsletter

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” —Mt 5:14

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When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. — Mt 1:12-14

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Archdiocese of Dublin
Dublin Diocesan Celebration
25TH WORLD DAY
OF THE SICK 2017

Mass of Healing
and Anointing
of the Sick



Sunday 12th February 2017 at 3pm

Main Celebrant
Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

All are welcome



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Vigil, 6.30p.m., 9.00a.m., 10.30a.m.
& 12 noon

7.00p.m. Pastoral Area Mass
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MONDAY – SATURDAY
Mass at 10.00a.m.
Confessions after 10.00a.m. Mass
Saturdays or on request.

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Diocesan Prayer Book: The Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick Committee has published for the 25th Silver Jubilee Celebrations of World Day of the Sick a renewed version of their very popular prayer book - *'I Am With You' (Psalm 90)*. For those experiencing suffering and illness, and for those caring for those who are facing sickness. Of use for personal prayer on many occasions - in parish - at home - in hospital - healthcare facilities, - for pastoral visitation of the sick and carers and First Friday calls. Additional copies of the prayer book are available from Ms. Sheila Pyne, Archbishop's House - Tel: 01 8379253, (Ext. 116) and from VERITAS.ie. More information on World Day of the Sick 2017 - www.catholicbishops.ie

Monastic Vocations Week-end: "If you still have not found what you are looking for" let the Red Nuns journey with you so you can find a deeper purpose in your life. You are under no pressure what so ever. Take your time and God will show you the way. **Starts:** Friday, February 17th at 2:30pm / **Ends:** Sunday, Feb 19th 2017 at 1:00pm. Email Sr. Lucy at lucy.conway@redemptorists.ie

The Aware Resilience Series

2017: This year's fundraising Talk takes place on Thursday, 16th February 2017 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 8. The speaker will Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Reception at 7.00pm followed by resilience lecture at 7.30pm and Q&A. Tickets cost (€25) and all funds raised go to Aware Nationwide Support. For more information contact Mr. Drew Flood, Aware Fundraising Department on Tel: 01 086 -6069736 or 01 2374919 or www.aware.ie Thank you for your continued support. **Car Boot Sale Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School Fundraiser** in the School Grounds, Mourne Road on Sunday 5th March 10am-2pm. Cars €15, In-door Tables €20 (Table provided). Contact Aisling @ 086-0600880

Church Collections

w/e 28th/29th January

1st Priests: €732.00

2nd Collection: €559.00

Envelope Collection: €1087.00

The Planned Giving Boxes are now ready for collection by the distributors from the Parish Office. We are short of distributors for several roads. Do you have an hour to spare? If so, please call into the Parish Office.

PARISH LOTTO

Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

The winning numbers were 1, 5, 14, 19

Congratulations to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes Next week's Jackpot will be €1900.00 The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass.

Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11.00a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

What's on this Week

Monday evenings ~ Choir Practise at 7.45p.m. in the Choir Gallery

Friday afternoons ~ Eucharistic Prayer Group 2.30-3.30p.m. in the Oratory.

2nd Saturday—11th Feb ~ Devotions to St. Pio after the 10.00a.m. Mass .



Monday to Friday 10.30a.m.—5.00p.m. in the Oratory

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



The fifth "Do this in Memory" Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 12th February at 10.30a.m.

The "Do this in Memory" team meeting will take place on Monday 6th February at 7.00p.m. in the Pastoral Space



"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." ~Mt 5:15-16



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"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavour, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence? Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us. So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighbourhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavour that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

Q What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

A Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. Remember, the church is sacramental, that is, God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the church, through sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. So blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.



Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness;
 And all these things shall be added unto you.
 allelu, allelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
 Seek, and you shall find.
 Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
 allelu, allelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
 But by every word
 That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
 allelu, allelujah!

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,

In the midst of the darkness shining,
 Jesus, Light of the World, shining upon us,
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
 Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word,
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence,
 From the shadows into Your radiance.
 By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
 Shine on me. Shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.
 So our faces display Your likeness.
 Ever changing from glory to glory,
 Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
 Shine on me. Shine on me.

Failte! Welcome to Mr. Paul Ryan who has just been appointed Acting Principal of our Girls National School. He will lead our school community until June. Mr .Ryan comes to us , with many years of teaching and school leadership experience, in St. Laurence O'Toole GNS, North Wall, Dublin 1. Every good wish and blessing.





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