

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – “The Christ had to suffer had on the third day rise from the dead”



Sacrament of Confirmation - GNS

Next Thursday 23rd April, the girls from St. Colmcille's GNS will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am. On behalf of the Parish I am delighted to welcome Bishop Raymond Field who will administer the Sacrament. I wish the school well in all their preparation these coming days. ***There is no 10.00am Mass on this day.***

Do This in Memory

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 6.30pm Sunday Evening Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare these Masses.

Easter Dues

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated. *If you did not receive an Easter Card from the Parish containing a dues envelope, there are some available at the back of the Church. If you are not a regular contributor to the Parish and would like to do so, please leave your name and contact details with myself or in Sacristy or Parish Office.*

Graveyard

Starting shortly and over the next few weeks repair work will be carried out on the embankment in the new section of the cemetery bordering Oakland's Park. The contractors will be covering some of the grave surrounds for protection purposes. This is essential work and I hope those affected graves will understand. Obviously the utmost care and attention will be taken.

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE: Nature is fleeting; we will outlive it. Even when all the suns and mists are gone, each one of us will still be alive...Clive Staples CS Lewis (1898-1963 author of the Chronicles of Narnia)

Golf Classic – St. Colmcille's Parish

Our annual Golf Classic will take place in Forrest Little Golf Club on Friday 5th June to raise funds for the redecoration of our Parish Church of St. Colmcille. The format is a 4-person Team event and the entry fee is €250 per team which includes a meal. If you think that this might be of interest to you, we would greatly appreciate your support. If you cannot submit a team, perhaps you would consider sponsoring a hole for €100 or even a prize for the event. If you wish to support this very worthy cause please contact John Campbell 087 9079245, Bernie Campbell 086 1519562 or Susan Rallo 086 8152255

Photography

The Committee would love someone on the day to take photos of the Teams, so if you are a photographer and this suggestion interests you please give John or Bernie a call.

Parish Tour to Poland - Based in Krakow

Monday 29th June – Saturday 4th July 2015

*Krakow largely escaped wartime damage, and remains one of Eastern Europe's most architecturally beautiful cities. The Old Town centre round the Grand Market Square, is full of fine buildings including the twin Towered Gothic St. Mary's Church, the Cloth Hall and on the hill overlooking the Vistula River stands the Renaissance Cathedral and Wawel Castle. Our tour to Poland will give you a bird's eye view of **Pope John Paul's home country** and the Province where he was born and reared. We will visit his hometown **Wadowice** and stay in **Krakow** where he spent his adult life before going to Rome. We will make a pilgrimage to **Auschwitz** and remember all those who suffered or died there and also visit the shrine of **St. Faustina**.*

Accommodation: *Atrium Hotel 3* www.hotelatrium.pl Centrally located in the Old Town and just a short walk from the Market Square. The hotel has a bar and restaurant serving local cuisine.*

Price per person sharing:- €725.00

Price includes:*Return flights Dublin/Krakow*5 night's accommodation, twin sharing on a bed and breakfast basis + 2 dinners* Guided walking tour of the medieval city * Day excursion to Wadowice – birthplace of Pope John Paul 11 * Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau * Visit to the world famous Salt mines of Wieliczka

Extras: *Baggage fee (currently €50.00 – 15 kg)* Insurance: €28.00 (65 yrs+: double insurance premium applies)* Single room supplement: €30.00 per person per night (limited availability)*

Deposit €250.00 per person – Book early!!

Vocations Sunday

Next Sunday 26th April is the annual collection for the support of Diocesan students preparing for Ordination to the priesthood. This collection replaces the usual Share collection

Third Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel Luke describes how fear can lead to faith, joy, wonder and future service. The final section of the gospel echoes a favourite theme of Luke: that Jesus can be known through the interpretation of Scripture

The wounds of love

Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, only a multiplicity of little ones – a host of scratches, wrinkles and welts. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds: the furrows left on the mind of the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude, and betrayal. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honour. They are the proof of our love. Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By his wounds we are healed.. (Source: *Flor McCarthy, SDB*)

Please support 'Make it a Million' fundraiser concert & raffle for **Mary's Meals'** (www.marymeals.ie) on Friday 24th April in the Hogan Suite, Croke Park at 7.30pm. Concert ticket €15 (enough to feed a child for a school year). Please contact Mary or Aoife 085 1797278 /086 3814737