

There are a lot of nobodies in this world. Indeed, the nobodies far outnumber the somebodies. But really, nobody is a nobody. Each person has their own story and desires, hopes and dreams. More importantly, each person is loved by God and has the potential to be loved by us. Every human life, from the perspective of eternity, is either a tragedy or a. Every human being is important in the only sense that really matters: every human being is important to God.

“Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” God knew us before he created us, and we are destined to become great, maybe not as this world judges us, but God will make us perfect and then he will glorify us, and that is the only greatness worth having.”

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am The Kenny Family

Mon 10.00am Noel Foran

Tues 8.00am Bartle McDonnell

Tues 10.00 Special Intention

Wed 8.00am Joseph & Catherine Jones & deceased family members

Wed 10.00am Kate & Pat Kinsella
Hugh & Molly Fields
Martin Quinn (MM)

Thurs 8.00am Adrian Keane

Thurs 10.00am Sean Cagney

Fri 8.00am Altar List of the Dead

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Sun 6.30am Joe Prendergast

Sun 8.30am Special intention

Sun 11.15am Gerry Foley

Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am & 11.00am (Irish Mass)

Today sees the restart of the Irish Mass at 11:00AM each Sunday. We will have our first Pastoral Team meeting since the summer break on Tuesday 4th at 8:00PM.

Saints for the coming week

St. Gregory the Great– Monday 3rd September. 540-604. Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in years to come, calling himself ‘servant of the servants of Christ’. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England (He sent St. Augustine of Canterbury). He is called ‘Apostle of the English’. Patron of musicians

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary– Saturday 8th September. Nothing is known for sure about the details of the Blessed Virgin’s birth. Even her parents, traditionally known as St. Joachim and St. Anne, are not mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Today’s feast originated in the East, probably during the sixth century, and was later introduced into the West. A French legend tells of a man hearing angels singing on the night of 8th September and being told that the Virgin Mary had been born on that night. Her earthly birth is celebrated (like that of St. John the Baptist) because it announced to the world the coming of Jesus, the beginning of the New Covenant.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long”

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Next Saturday 8th September, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of three birthday’s celebrated in the Church’s calendar. The other two being the Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 24th and of course the Nativity of Our Lord – December 25th

The Gospel for the feast of Our Lady’s birthday is Matthew 1: 1-23, which gives the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham. The newsletter is taken from a website called ‘Daily Homilies’ and the homilist writes:

“I count 59 people in that genealogy; maybe that is off one way or the other, but it is quite a few people. They are mostly just names to us, but behind every name there is a person. If you have read the Old Testament a few times you know a little about many of them and a lot about a few of them, but even these, like Abraham or David, lived long lives of which we only know a few stories. They all are gathered here in the reading today because they form the ancestors of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, according to his human nature.

His most immediate ancestor, the woman from whom he took flesh and blood to form his body, is Mary, the Mother of God. Today we celebrate her birthday, which is a good day to remember that she too lived an entire life of which we only know a few events and a few facts. She probably had a favourite food and a favourite colour and a few art projects that Jesus made for her when he was little. She lived for many years after Pentecost. As she became an old woman, did she continue to participate in daily life or simply contemplate the mysteries she had been part of? Today she is the Queen of Heaven, higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, but on this day a little over 2000 years ago, she was a baby, the daughter of poor parents. As far as the Emperors of Rome and China and India were concerned, she was nobody at all.



ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words
Please. Thank you...and I'm sorry...Pope Francis*



A Sacristan

The parish has a wonderful selection of volunteer Sacristans, including the Parish Sisters, without which it could not cope. Indeed, two more volunteers have come on board in recent weeks. I am truly grateful for their volunteerism and commitment in offering of their time, energies and talents to this vital role.

But going forward the Parish cannot rely solely on volunteers and therefore a person dedicated to overseeing everything to do with the Sacristy is required. It is a part time role in that it involves about **11 hours** work spread over the week, but having said that the title of Sacristan goes with the position.

Hours of work

As I said approximately 11 hours work spread over 4 days with Sunday obviously being a requisite day. The Sacristan will obviously be needed to be available for the Christmas and Easter Ceremonies.

Remuneration

The budget for this position when €8500 and with Employer's PRSI is included the cost to the Parish is €9500 per annum.

Duties

Ordering supplies; Counting and Banking of Sunday Collections: Working out schedules and rosters for Voluntary Sacristans, maintaining rosters for Church Cleaners and Church Lock up; managing the diary and Mass bookings, ensuring the Church is in 'good condition' etc

These duties will become 'second nature' over time

If you interested in this position or wish further clarification, then please write to me:

Fr. Michael Carey, Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords

The closing date for application is moved forward a week to **Friday 14th September**, to allow for the end of the holiday season and a time of reflection for potential candidates.

Liturgy Meeting

Yep all the meetings are starting off again. There is a Liturgy Meeting on Tuesday 4th September at 8.00pm in the Parochial House, Seatown Rd.

St. Vincent de Paul

The outdoor monthly collection for St. Colmeille's Swords, VdP, will be taken up **next** weekend at all Masses

Grandparents Pilgrimage, Knock Shrine 2018

The 2018 pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 9th September at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. The pilgrimage begins with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm, & Pilgrimage Mass follows at 3.00pm If we can be of further assistance please contact Connie at catholicgrandparents@gmail.com – phone number 085 8704722

Schools are back!

The summer has ended and the schools are back since last week. I hope all readers of the newsletter are well rested. Sacramentally it is a particularly important year for the 2nd and 6th classes and I hope that the journey and preparations for the Sacrament of 1st Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation are exciting and rewarding for the pupils, their parents and wider family circle and the class teachers. It is also an important, challenging and probably nervous year ahead for the Junior and Leaving Cert classes 2019 – I wish them well and assure them of the prayers of the whole Parish Community.

B.E. - 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. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 5th September 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com.
www.beginningexperience.ie



Cleanness of heart

Today pollution has become a big issue, and rightly so.

People want clean water, clean air, and clean food. But we should be even more concerned about the most dangerous pollution of all, namely, evil. Pride, anger, hate, lust, greed, envy...all these are dangerous pollutants. So what must we do? We must purify the source; the heart is the source. It is the well-spring from which all our thoughts, words, and deeds flow. If the heart is clean, all that flows from it will be clean. Blessed are the clean of heart: they shall see God. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The First Eucharistic Prayer, sometimes referred to as the Roman Canon, was the only such prayer used in the Roman rite until 1968 when the other three now familiar prayers were made available. Since the participants at the Second Vatican Council did not envisage the use of the vernacular generally it was as a result of the dynamism which the Council initiated that the number was increased. While no particular Eucharistic Prayer is perfect each makes its own contribution to an understanding of what such a prayer should be. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)