

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*



Sacramental Programme – Welcome

Once a month about 100 extra people come to our weekend Mass, this year it is the Saturday Evening Vigil at 6.30pm. I am talking about the parents and their children of the 2nd and 6th classes who are preparing for either their 1st Holy Communion or their Confirmation. These families are your neighbours, friends and maybe even family. They are also our fellow parishioners in our family of Parish. Wouldn't it be lovely to welcome them at the threshold - the door of the church. This does not have to be formalised. What is envisaged?

- All that is needed is two people each Saturday evening of the Programme
- Meet everyone at the door by saying 'welcome' and handing them a newsletter and a Missalette.
- Stay at the door till the reading commence and then take your seat.

It is so simple. You can give me or the Parish Sisters your name or leave in the Sacristy or Parish Office. It starts next weekend Saturday 21st October with the 'Do This in Memory' Mass and then Saturday 11th November with the Confirmation Mass. *It is so simple and will make a significant impact.*

Do This in Memory

Next weekend the boys and girls and their families will be present at the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass as part of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We look forward to seeing them and praying with them.

Mission Month of October 2017

We are now in the Mission Month of October. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission and is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland. A calendar of events has been put in place by World Missions Ireland throughout the month of October, details of which can be found on our website (www.wmi.ie).

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection.

Every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have, no matter how little. It is the one Sunday in the year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world, ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Thank You.

A Date for your Diary

Next month on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm, the Parish will celebrate its annual Mass of Remembrance

Altar List of the Dead

These lists are available at the back of the Church. The new lists will be placed in front of the altar on Thursday 2nd November-the Feast of All Souls. All Masses on the First Friday of the month will be offered for the names on the Altar List of the Dead. The completed envelopes can be returned to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Safeguarding

Letters are being handed out this weekend. The Parish Pastoral Council have put a lot of work into this endeavour. I kindly ask for your co-operation. The PPC are undergoing this exercise to comply with Diocesan best practice and also with the legislative requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012. Thanking you in anticipation

Saints for the coming week

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque – Monday 16th October. 1647-90. She joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial. A visionary and ascetic, revived devotion the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr – Tuesday 17th October. Martyred in Rome (possibly at the Colosseum) about 107AD. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

St. Luke, Evangelist – Wednesday 18th October. He was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. He wrote a gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists and glassworkers.

The Bible's Most Important People

Samuel – Prophet and judge of Israel. After Samuel was weaned, his mother brought him to Eli the priest to live at the temple and serve the Lord. Eli realised that God had spoken to Samuel and encouraged the boy to listen and respond. In his first prophecy, Samuel spoke out against the wickedness of Eli's sons. Samuel led the Israelites to repent of their idolatry and he judged Israel for his whole life. Samuel anointed both Saul and then David as King

Overseas Volunteers Required!

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