

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon – “The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.”

DO THIS IN MEMORY- Enrolment Mass-Boys

I welcome the boys from St. Colmcille's BNS and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday (Vigil) Mass, for their enrolment into the Do This in Memory Programme, which is part of their Parish based preparation 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 for this Mass.

The Rosary – A Living Tradition

The month of October is the Month of Our Lady (along with May) but October is in particular the month of the Rosary due to the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th.

The rosary has been a living, growing tradition within the Church over many centuries. The practice originated in the Middle Ages, with the recitation, 150 times, of the first part of what later became the Hail Mary. This was a kind of 'Psalter of Mary', mirroring the use of the 150 psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours. The medieval practice of reciting the Our Father fifteen times in honour of the Passion of Christ seems to have merged with the Marian prayers, one Our Father being attached to each decade. The second half of the Hail Mary gradually developed, and from around the sixteenth century, was generally included as part of the decade. The form of rosary as is best known today was finally established by 1569.

Day for Life 2014: Protect and Cherish Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life is on Sunday 5 October on the theme "Protect and Cherish"



Feasts this Week

Our Lady of the Rosary – Tuesday 7th October. This memorial (originally Our Lady of Victories), commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7th Oct 1571), when a Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the BVM who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God.

Bl. John Henry Newman, Priest – Thursday 9th October. (1801-1890). Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. His feast day is the anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church on 9th October 1845. He has connections with Ireland through his project on the establishment of the Catholic University of Ireland. Invited to Ireland in 1850, he became Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 until his resignation in 1858

Saint Canice (or Kenneth), Abbot – Saturday 11th October. (c.525-600), one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland', was born in Glengiven in Derry and spent a period in Wales under St. Cadoc. After a visit to Rome, he returned to Ireland and founded several monasteries, including Aghaboe in Co. Laois. He also worked energetically in Scotland, bringing many to the faith

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The risk for Christians today is that we read the parable complacently, because it clearly refers to Jews and Christians in the first century. But it is not only in the past that the leadership of God's project has changed hands, so to speak. Down through history, more committed groups have challenged the established Church – they can attract by more exciting worship and by a closer living of the Gospel. The hard words of St Paul to the Gentile Christians in Rome may help to shake us up: For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you (Rm 11:21).

Prayer - Lord of the vineyard, you call us to live the Gospel and to produce its fruits. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that we know the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23).

A REFLECTIVE SENTENCE Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it – *Pope Francis*

Mary's Meals

This is an organisation that delivers 'hope' in helping the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children, in various parts of the world. Two and a half poly bags filled with textiles could generate enough funds to feed a child Mary's Meals **FOR A YEAR i.e €14.50**. They are currently feeding over 894,000 world-wide, and they hope to continue expanding their feeding programme. St. Colmcille's can help – to that end they are organising a Rags to Riches Clothing Collection this weekend **4th/5th October** – clothing and textiles only, NO bric-a-brac. Leave your bags in the porch and they will be collected by Mary's Meals

Living the Paschal Mystery

What is the fruit of the kingdom? What is it we are to produce? Here is the real twist of the gospel: the fruit of the kingdom is the *life* God offers, but the only way to produce that fruit is *to die to self!* Just like the gospel tenants and the landowner's son (but for very different reasons), we get "killed" ourselves. That is, we must die to ourselves in order to do the work God asks us and to inherit the abundance of life God offers. Finally, then, the kingdom does involve a kind of violence: our rooting out anything that keeps us from growing in relationship with God and hearing God's word, our dying to self so that we can do God's will. This may sound like more than we bargain for, but all we need do is remember that "by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful" (Source: Living Liturgy)

A Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 8.00pm in Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

The Monthly Collection for the Local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will be taken up after all Masses next weekend, in St. Colmcille's Church