

“This Cross which dominates our gathering today is a symbol. It was probably never intended to be a permanent memorial. There were times when people asked that it be removed. There were times when this Cross appeared starkly isolated in the bleakness of an Irish winter.

Today we gather around the same cross in the hope of a spring for the Irish Church. We look towards a spring sun that does not wish to cover up the harshness of dark days. We wish rather to help families realise anew that the future of Ireland needs the light of the message of Jesus Christ to reappear in all its simplicity and hopefulness. (Archbishop diarmuid Martin, welcoming comments to Pope Francis as he celebrated Mass in the Phoenix park – Sunday 26th August 2018) *Fr Michael Carey*

#### ***Mass intentions for Next Week***

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| <b>Mon</b> 8.00am Mary Cuddihy            | <b>Sat</b> 10.00am Dec members of Stokes & Higgins Family |
| <b>Mon</b> 10.00am Kevin Flynn            |   |
| <b>Tues</b> 8.00am Jimmy Dowler           | <b>Sat</b> 6.30pm Leo Walsh                               |
| <b>Tues</b> 10.00 Paddy Hughes            | Phyllis O'Rourke  |
| <b>Wed</b> 8.00am Pat Fallon              | Margaret Bermingham (MM)                                  |
| <b>Wed</b> 10.00am Moya Feeney            | Thomas O'Gorman   |
| <b>Thurs</b> 8.00am Special Intention     |   |
| <b>Thurs</b> 10.00am Patrick McCaffrey    | <b>Sun</b> 8.30am Fiona o'Leary                           |
| <b>Fri</b> 8.00am Altar list of the Dead  | <b>Sun</b> 11.15am Willie Rooney                          |
| <b>Fri</b> 10.00am Altar list of the Dead |   |

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

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

We will have the monthly Vincent de Paul collection today outside the church today.

#### **Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Fourth Eucharistic Prayer, newly composed for the revised rite of Mass, is noticeable for its complexity and also for its simplicity. The section after the Sanctus and before the words of institution or consecration is remarkably similar to the creed in that it begins by stating the Father's role in creation. It goes on to speak of the Son's work of redemption and finishes with a mention of the Spirit as the one who makes holy. All this is done in a spirit of thanksgiving. It is in fact a proclamation of faith. It is worth noting that the creed came into the Mass when the Eucharistic Prayer became silent. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

#### **Lectio Divina**

The group resumes their meetings on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.00pm in the Parochial, Seatown Road, and will meet every Tuesday from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend if interested in developing scripture in your lives



**St Cronan's Parish, Brackenstown 40 Hours Adoration**, starts after 7.30pm Mass on Friday 5th October and concludes with Benediction at 11.30am on Saturday 6th October

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **The Papal Cross**

*“Deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy”*

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The Papal Cross was the work of Scott Tallon Walker Architects, and cost an incredible £50,000. It was constructed in the Inchicore steelworks factory of J. and C. McGloughlin by John Sisk and Sons, and the structure weighs in at 31 tons.

#### **Papal Cross commissioned only one month before Pope John Paul's arrival.**

It was in the month of August 1979 that the cross was commissioned. At the beginning of that month Archbishop Dermot Ryan made a call to Ronnie Tallon, appointing his practice to design and build a suitable setting for a great liturgical event, in a place which had no infrastructure services available. The Archbishop had just been granted confirmation that the pope was coming to Ireland within eight weeks. The office had a programme of only seven weeks to complete this once in a lifetime project.

The difficulties which faced them were outlined by Tallon in an interview with The Irish Times before the visit took place. He told the newspaper that “...normally if you were doing a steel contract it would take six weeks to get the material in and another twelve weeks on top of that too have it fabricated and erected.” Writing himself about the cross in 2004 Tallon noted that “...we decided that we required a cross the height of Nelson's Pillar, which was 125 feet high, which would be clearly visible to all from the furthest reaches of the vast congregation and which would give a sense of focus to the occasion.”

The cross arrived at the park on September 7th after travelling a somewhat circuitous route. The journey obviously began in Inchicore but continued via O'Connell Bridge. The sheer size of the structure meant that this longer trek was necessary, as shorter routes would not accommodate the cross. It took two hundred-ton cranes to lift the cross into position. After several attempts to hoist it into place it was eventually erected just a fortnight before the Pope's arrival. On the platform's raised stone slab to the north are inscribed the words Moladh go deo le Dia – Praised be God forever.

Poignantly when John Pail died in 2005 workers built a stage for the celebration of a special Mass on the day of the funeral. Mourners left flowers and tokens of remembrance.

Today the cross is a meeting place for many including the lovely Phoenix park deer. As you gaze travels upward you can still, in the mind's eye see the pontiff's plane in the skies above, and hear the echoing roars of the welcoming crowd, on that memorable day nearly forty years ago. (Source: Marie Therese Ryan – St. Martin Magazine)



## 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*



### **Saturday Morning Prayer**

**Next Saturday-6<sup>th</sup> October**, Morning Prayer will be celebrated at 10.00am. In terms of the Prayer Book it is week 2. Not many people attend this liturgy so I invite you to drop in. If you say morning prayers, then why not join in with your faith community and say the morning of prayer of the church – the books are provided.

### **DO THIS IN MEMORY-Enrolment Mass-**

I welcome the boys from St. Colmcille's BNS, the girls from St. Colmcille's GNS and their class teachers 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 these Mass.

### **Why Not?**

Are you interested in joining a group of people who look at the Gospel for the following Sunday and reflect upon it? If so then why not come along to the Parochial house, Seatown Road on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm. you will be made most welcome. Don't be afraid if you are even slightly interested – just give it a go!

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### **Property and Finance Committee**

The Property and Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.30pm in the Parochial House

### **The Franciscan Brothers.**

Brother Brian Johnson of the Franciscan Brothers will speak at all Masses next weekend October 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. This Congregation have Missions in Kenya and Uganda and they work in education, sustainable agriculture and rural development – food security and famine relief. Brother Brian is very welcome!

### **Young Church Dublin**

**Week of Guided Prayer** - St Paul's Arran Quay invites you to take time for yourself by joining us for our Week of Guided Prayer from 7-13 October. This is a retreat with a difference – sometimes called a 'Retreat in Daily Life', or a 'Busy Person's Retreat', as you don't have to go away to a quiet, beautiful place to find God. It is a way of making a retreat in the midst of daily living, as by taking some quiet time each day on your own you are enabled to find God in your everyday life, in all its ups and downs. If you are interested in participating please download the registration form available at [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie). Closing date for registration is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Condemnation of riches**

Very many people admire and envy the rich. Yet St. James makes a scathing attack on them (Second Reading). However, it is not riches in themselves that are being condemned. Basically he makes two points.

The first is the ultimate worthlessness of wealth. Whatever comfort and luxury wealth affords is transitory; in the end it is vanity. Wealth does not lead to happiness. Therefore, placing one's hope in material wealth is foolish.

This is something we all need to be reminded of from time to time, because we live in a culture that tells us the opposite. In so many ways it tells us that possessions do lead to happiness. This is a seductive message which ruins many lives.

The second point St. James makes concerns the manner in which wealth is acquired. More often than not acquiring and keeping wealth involves acting unjustly and exploiting the weak. Here we are not talking about foolishness. We are talking about something that is both evil and sinful.... Wealth is a responsibility. People will be judged by two criteria: how they got their wealth, and how they used it. (Source: Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB)

### **Irish Cancer Society**

The Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Centres in Dublin are walk-in information and support centre based in seven hospitals across the city for cancer patients, their families and anyone concerned about cancer. We're looking for volunteers to work with our Daffodil Centre Nurses. Duties include: Welcoming enquirers to the centre, Talking to enquirers, listening and identifying their needs and signposting to appropriate sources of information and support, For medical or complex queries arranging for the enquirer to talk to the Cancer Nurse. Training will be provided. If you'd like more information please contact; Deirdre Murphy, Irish Cancer Society Tel: 01 231 0564 or [dmurphy@irishcancer.ie](mailto:dmurphy@irishcancer.ie)

### **Coastal Rosary**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October starting at 2.30pm, join with tens of thousands of people at different locations around Ireland and the world, in the first simultaneous global Coastal Rosary initiative, invoking our Lady's powerful intercession. Please do come and make a special effort to pray to God for mercy & blessings for our Church, Ireland and the world. Your nearest Coastal Rosary will be at 2.30pm at: Swords Sailing Club, Swords/Malahide Estuary