

CHURCH DUTY

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY- DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL - SUNDAY 7TH APRIL
Next Sunday, the First Sunday after Easter is now designated Divine Mercy Sunday.



"In a special way it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all the goodness God has shown us in the whole Easter Mystery" (Pope John Paul II). We are invited to be part of the Devotions being held in the **Church of Divine Mercy**, Ballygaddy this year.

We include the **PROGRAMME** as follows:

Friday 5th April, Mass at 6.30pm, Fr Rúairí O'Dómhnaill, followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm.

Saturday 6th April, Mass at 6.30pm, Fr Cathal Price, followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm.

Sunday 7th April: 2pm Procession to the Altar with veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and St Faustina relic. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Confessions 2:00 - 3:00 Petitions and lighting of candles.

Divine Mercy Prayer and Chaplet. 3pm Quiet prayer.

Mass with guest speaker Don Devaney. 3:30 Followed by Benediction and Blessing of Pious Objects.

All welcome to venerate the Image and relic.

CELEBRANT: Fr. Éamonn Bourke P.P.
The image of Divine Mercy will be on display for veneration here in the church during all Masses and for the whole day for anyone unable to travel

POLISH BLESSING OF BREAD

The joy of having people from different countries living in our community is that we sample the best of their traditions and the Polish blessing of bread for Easter ranks among them.

Swieconka (Blessing) is one of the most enduring Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukspan), the typical Easter evergreen. Poles take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and just enough boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle.

While in some older or rural communities, the priest visits the home to bless the foods, the vast majority of Poles visit the church on Holy Saturday, once again praying at the Tomb of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Thank you" for the pleasure you gave all of us admiring your lovely works of art – hope you remembered to collect your prizes!!



THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

We have a new Pope. What is his name and what country is he from?

Your entries as usual – Tuesday by email to ellenteresacoyne@eircom.net or by Wednesday morning to the Sacristy.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 10.30am on **WEDNESDAY** morning to be considered for inclusion into that week's edition. Envelopes marked "**PARISH NEWSLETTER**" should be left into the Sacristy or Parish Office.

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A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

During Holy Week it was hard to imagine that it was the end of March with all the snow and blizzards, with some parishioners saying it reminded them of Christmas! There is a perception that Christmas is a busy time for priests and those working in parishes but Holy Week and the Triduum is the climatic week of our liturgical calendar. This year there were some changes, for example; bringing forward the Penance Service to Wednesday so that, on Good Friday, we could reflect in silence on the mystery of the Cross with brief hourly reflections; the celebration of Morning Prayer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday was based on the Year of Faith, allowing us to reflect on the Creeds. The highlight of our celebrations was the baptism of an eleven year old girl at the Easter Vigil.

A big "Dziękuję" or thank you to our Polish Parishioners who this year sent a special invitation to all of us to join in their "Swieconka" or blessing of food. It was great to see a full church with so many young families and the increasing number of Irish parishioners who joined in the ceremony bringing their own food.

There are fifty days to Pentecost so, just as we undertook a Lenten resolution, we might take on something during Eastertide when we affirm that we are a risen people bringing the good news to those we share our lives with.

Thank you to all who assisted in any way in preparing the Church for the big week by exercising their ministry so well.

With every best wish to you and yours,
Fr. Damian and all the team.

BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Katie Rose Bux, Kilmahudderick Lawn
Mia Sophia McEvoy O'Toole, Oakwood Grove
Grace Mary Catherine Carey, Riversdale Park
Charlie Fintan Kinsella, Cherrywood Park
Ella Frances Duffy Barrett, St. John's Wood West
Luke Thomas Murphy, Rosebank View
Dylan Andrew Boland Marsh, Monksfield Lawns
Caoimhe Amy Kelly, Kilcronan Crescent

recently Baptised .

ADORATION

This Thursday, 4th April Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be:

Sisters' Oratory: from after 10am Mass to 11.45am

Sisters' Oratory: 7pm to 9pm and all are welcome

EASTER WEEK PROGRAMME

Masses during the week are at **10.00am only**

Monday 1st April

Miraculous Medal Novena after Mass

Wednesday 3rd April

Meeting of parent with babies for Baptism at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre
Prayer Group meets in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm

Friday 5th April

First Friday, Mass at 10.00 am only and Mass is offered for all whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 6th April

First Saturday, Fatima devotions after 10am Mass

DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Jake McGill Lynch, Woodford Terrace

recently deceased. May he rest in peace.

LOURDES 2013

DATE: Tuesday 7th May – 5 nights

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Fr. Shán O'Cuiv

GROUP LEADER: Padraig Doyle

HOTEL: Paradis Hotel

FARE: €735 per person sharing

BOOKING DEPOSIT: €100

THERE ARE ONLY FOUR PLACES LEFT

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 1st April

10.00am Bernard Brown, 22nd An
Carole Thunder, 8th An

Tuesday 2nd April

10.00am Louis Duggan

Wednesday 3rd April

10.00am Donal Grace

Sunday 7th April

7.30pm (Vigil) William, Mary, Marian and Mary Murphy
John Pedreschi
Kit, Jack and Jim Callaghan
9.00am Frank Connolly
Patrick Domican
10.30am Bell and Josie Broderick
Mary Minogue, 2nd An
Margaret Tyson
Rosaleen, Joseph and Liam Walsh
12 Noon Patrick Coley
Denis Teahan and Ellen Fleet
Joe Timmons
Liam Callaghan, B/day Rem

CLONBURRIS Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th March

6.30 pm Kathleen McGovern 1st An.

Sunday 31st March

11.00am Benny Brown An,
Kathleen and Joe Fagan An.
Dessie Lawlor An.
May McCarthy An.
Joe and Ailish Rafferty An.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA TO VEN. MATT TALBOT

First Friday Novena Mass of Healing begins 5th April 2013 in St. Agatha's Church, North William Street. For further information see www.matttalbot.ie

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €1,975 – your planned giving contribution this week

RADIOS AVAILABLE

some Mass Radios are available from the Sacristy at €45 each including batteries

LIFE OF FR. DAMIAN OF MOLOKAI

In this "Year of Faith" experience one man's heroic struggles with faith, disease, authority and the power of Gospel love through a two act play on the life of Fr Damien of Molokai.

Sunday 7th April at 8 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, St John's Drive, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 - proceeds in aid of the Sruleen Church Roof Fund.

Admission €10.00 €5.00 Concessions for Senior Citizens and Students!

Fr. Michael

Set Your CLOCKS Forward

Summer time began this morning! the clocks went forward one hour. I can't remember when Easter Sunday and Summer time coincided before. Hope someone can tell us!

AN IRISH EASTER BLESSING

"At the breaking of the Easter dawn may the Risen Saviour bless your home with grace and peace from above, with joy and laughter, and with love And when night is nigh, and day is done Make He keep you safe from all harm." Beannachtaí Ná Cásca oraibh!

(All involved in the newsletter)

MONDAY CLUB

Despite the inclement weather last Monday we had seven tables for our monthly quiz. Kathleen as usual had a fascinating mix of questions, some quite trivial and others rather serious. Have a go! (a) What Taoiseach had the name Mary? (b) What do the nuns in Kylemore Abbey do to survive now that their school is closed? (c) Where is Patrickswell?

As you can guess we had a lot of fun. Why don't you come along on the last Monday each month and enjoy a lovely mix of questions and answers. Our winners were: Colette White, Kathleen Ryder and Peggy Murphy.

Hope you enjoy your Easter eggs ladies! We shall return on 8th April after our Easter Break

THOUGHT FOR YEAR OF FAITH
Rejoice! The Lord is Risen! Happy Easter!

(Answers; (a) Jack Lynch (b) make chocolate (c) Limerick

Joan Steed