

“SEAMLESS ROBE: NEW AND COLLECTED POETRY”

Fingering through the book and trying to decide which of the poems to include with Fr. Michael's permission I chose “PARADOXES” (It reflected best the way I felt then!)

“Lord
I am confused with so many paradoxes
You are God
Yet you became man
You tell me to lose my life
So I can find it
You tell me to give
So that I may receive
You lead me to despair
So that I might more firmly
Hope and trust in your love
For when I am weak then I am strong
And above all you tell me to die to myself
So that I might be born to eternal life”
Fr. Michael Ruddy

(The book is on sale in the Parish Shop at €10 and all proceeds go to the Missions.)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Nathan Timmins is this week's winner. Congratulations and thank you for your lovely picture of Our Lady of Fatima! Your prize is waiting to be picked up by you from the Sacristy after Mass today.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. What prayer did she recommend us to say? Clue in the picture
Your entries by email – Tuesday evening to ellenteresacoyme@eircom.net or by Wednesday morning



to the Sacristy

“THANK YOU” ST JOSEPH'S

“The beauty of Goodness” was my reflection as I returned from 10am Mass attended by St. Joseph's boys on Thursday just gone out.

The beauty of singing and music - the beauty of joy and prayer

The beauty of friendships and the beauty of “goodies” of all kinds dished up by the parents committee in the new hall and now the recipients of that goodness can only return the kindness by the “beauty of thankfulness.”

ST. AGNES' CHURCH CRUMLIN

St. Agnes' Church, Crumlin - will reopen this weekend 12/13th October following refurbishment. The official opening will take place on Saturday, 19th October at 7.00pm and the new altar will be consecrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All former priests of St Agnes' and priests of the Diocese are most welcome to join us for the occasion.

ROUND TOWER CRAFT AND CAKE SALE

Round Tower GAA Club will host a craft fair and cake sale this Sunday, 13th October from 10.30am to 3.30pm Tasty treats and excellent crafts will be available to purchase on the day. Homemade cakes, handmade jewellery, hand knits and deco patch crafts are just some of the items that will be available to purchase. All are very welcome to the event and we look forward to welcoming you. For further information you can contact Betty at 087 6752238, Annette at 087 2827631 or Jessica at 087 2806273.

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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LET'S TALK WEDDINGS

Last week I celebrated the 38th marriage of the year in the Village Church. There will be a few more between now and the end of the year bringing the total to the mid-forties. This is a slight reduction from the last few years. Sadly, some weddings have been cancelled due to couples emigrating or as a result of losing their jobs.

After a year of looking after the parish I wish to share a few thoughts with you as to how we prepare, celebrate and care for those preparing to get married. There are many venues and locations that offer themselves for weddings and are recognised as such by the civil authorities. The old registry office was hardly very welcoming and combined with social and cultural expectations had the effect of couples coming to a church to be married within a faith community that was alien to them.

In keeping with the theme that from our common Baptism all our sacraments should be celebrated as a community, each celebration of marriage belongs to all of us as we ask the Lord to bless the newly married couple. This isn't always practical as we don't know everyone who is getting married. However, anyone is welcome to attend a wedding liturgy. Traditionally the wedding rite was celebrated during Mass but where either or both of the couple are not regular attendees at Mass I would suggest that a wedding service may be more appropriate. This is a valid Catholic sacrament and is in no way a second class wedding.

Sadly, the idea of hiring a church for a wedding has crept in and I've seen church furniture and decorations moved, a camera tripod left on the altar and staple guns used to keep flowers attached to the pews. The parish will shortly be reviewing our wedding policy and I'll let you know when it is complete. In the meantime we congratulate all those married in our Church and pray for those preparing for marriage.

To the Bride and Groom,
Fr. Damian

BAPTISMS



Congratulations and welcome to:

Alfie David Murphy Whelan, Priory Grove, Celbridge

recently Baptised.

ADORATION

This Thursday, 17th October Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **in the Sisters' Oratory:** from after 10am Mass to 11.45am, **and from 7pm to 9pm.** All are welcome.

CHURCH DUTY

Cleaning: Rita Arnold

Altar Linen: Deirdre Alexander

Flowers: Marie Harrington from 18th to 31st October (Wedding Saturday)

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee acknowledges with thanks €3,043 – your planned giving contributions this week.

NEEDED!

Singers and musicians who would like to sing in the Gospel Choir at 12 noon Mass each Sunday please see Gabrielle after noon Mass today

NOTICES

Monday 14th October
Miraculous Medal Novena after 10am Mass and Rosary.

Tuesday 15th October
Lectio Divina under the direction of Sr. Anne in the Pastoral Centre after 10am Mass.

DEATHS

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

Margaret Kennedy, Laurel Park
Mary (Myra) Needham, Oak Downs, Green Park
Sr. Kathleen Glynn, Presentation Convent
Gilbert Coyne, Coolmine, brother of
Gerard Coyne, Floraville Avenue

recently deceased. May they rest in peace.

“HAVE YOU AN HOUR TO SPARE”

Help required and much appreciated on Tuesday, 15th October at 2pm in the Pastoral Centre to prepare our Christmas Remembrance Cards for sale.
Mary Farrell

ANNIVERSARIES

Monday 14th October
10.00am Joseph McCarthy

Tuesday 15th October
10.00am Sheila Lee

Thursday 17th October
7.30am Jerry Cooney, 38th An
10.00am Maura Heffernan, B/day Rem

Sunday 20th October
7.30pm (Vigil) Gavan Maher
Margaret Grace
Sr. Teresina Nixon
John Wisely
Cecelia McDermott
Thelma Stynes
10.30am Thomas Griffin, 25th An
12 Noon Catherine Lynch
Michael Buckley
Peter and Elizabeth Lawless
John Lawless
Gerard Lawless, 1st Aan
Peter Lawless, Rec. Dec

CLONBURRIS

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th October
6.30pm Desmond McDermot R.D.

Sunday 13th October
11.00am Dick Ryan An. and B.R.
Jimmy and May O'Brien An.
Joan Keane An.
Clare Dunne An.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Evan Talt competition winner, your prize can be collected after Mass.

INVITATION FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Those of you who are attending the Vigil Mass, this Saturday, are invited to drop into the Pastoral Centre after Mass for a cuppa and a chat

Next Sunday: all who are attending the 12 noon Mass are invited to join members of the Pastoral Council for a chat and a cuppa.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place



where one can close their mind to everything around them and simply contemplate Jesus and Mary. It is an uncomplicated format to use, uncluttered by ads or anything else. It

is for everyone (individuals, families, groups) to use at no cost. This is God's work, created with love and it purely seeks to enrich people's faith through, what has always been a beautiful prayer.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, organised by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world"

Mission dioceses - about 1,100 at this time - receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. Monies raised go, among other needs, for catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, for communication and transportation needs, and for the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.

Next Sunday, 20th October is designated Mission Sunday and the Share collection will be replaced by a collection in aid of the Missions.

MONDAY CLUB

Due to unforeseen circumstances our talk for last Monday had to be postponed. However we hope to have our "skin care" talk on Monday 21st October. Despite the disappointment we had a lively morning with lots of input from all present. Sometimes disappointments turn into enjoyments and this was one of those mornings!

Why don't you come along now that the autumn is here and enjoy a chat and nice cup of tea/coffee in very cosy surroundings. You'd be very welcome!

THOUGHT FOR YEAR OF FAITH

Quote from Pope Francis "God is encountered walking along the path"

Joan