

A few words from the Parish Priest.....

I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have received since my arrival in Rathgar as Parish Priest;

it is amazing how affirming a kind smile and a warm handshake can be.

As some of you will know from your own experience, moving home is normally quite a stressful experience, and it does not get any easier as we age!

There is always a comfort in the familiar.

For people of faith, 'moving up and moving on', just as Abraham and Sarah in the Bible did, while challenging, usually brings growth in wisdom and empathy.

We are called to journey forward as individuals and a community.

The story of Lot's wife who looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, reminds that bitterness can envelope us if we live in the past.

Our eyes are on the front of our head for a good purpose!

Back in June 1975, when I was ordained as a priest by Pope Paul VI, who is now a saint, the Holy Father told us: "when you put your hand on the plough, never look back".

That is a challenge.

Pope Francis regularly calls on us all to be forward-looking. We are the pilgrim people of God on a journey, and not caretakers of a museum.

As we approach the end of the Church year next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, we do not stall; we life up our eyes to the Lord; we look forward to the future when God will be God in all; The advent of God.

Through prayer and care, especially of the refugees and the insecure, we commit to building up the Kingdom of God.

Kyuso Concert

The annual concert in aid of our partner parish in Kyuso, Kenya will take place on **Friday, November 29th at 8.00pm** in the Church.

This year it will be The Eurovision Show, starring Johnny Logan.

Tickets at €35 will be on sale after all Masses. They will also be available from our usual outlets and at rathgarconcert@gmail.com

Beechwood Parish

As and from today Sunday 17th November 2019, the Irish Mass will be celebrated at **9.00am** and

Monday to Friday
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Collections 10th November 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,329
Share Collection: €962

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday morning before 10.00am Mass in the Church. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

Gianna Care provides compassionate, life-affirming, and confidential care during pregnancy. If you would like further information, please see notices at the back of the Church or call 086 0293727

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020 11 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Feb 12th to Feb 22nd 2020 cost €1,475.00 deposit €450.00 Spiritual Director Canon Paddy McGinn, Still a small number of places left, further details contact Brenda Murray-Flynn on 041 6863390 or brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com Philip on 087 250 8043 or pocardle006@gmail.com.

Volunteers: The Irish Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to assist in supporting and providing information to patients and families in their Dublin Daffodil Centres. For more information please contact: Deirdre on 01 231 0564 or dmurphy@irishcancer.ie

IT Skills Course a free one-to-one computer skills course will take place in Griffith College, South Circular Road, beginning on Tuesday, the 12th of November from 6-8pm for 5 weeks. Choose your own learning topic and learn at your own pace with your individual volunteer student tutor. To book your place, call Orlaith on 01-4150421.

'When Pope Francis Met Greta Thunberg' On Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm Dundrum Parish Pastoral centre will host a talk on the climate change emergency. Jane Mellett, the *Laudato Si* Officer at Trócaire, will share her thoughts and experiences of "Why has Pope Francis Declared a Climate Emergency?"

Handel's Messiah will take place on Sunday 24th November at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin 7, performed by the Guinness Choir and Orchestra For more information phone the parish office on: 01 8389708 - Tickets cost €20 at Eventbrite - www.eventbrite.ie

GROW Community Mental Health Movement meets every Thursday at 6.30pm in the Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2. Free of charge. All welcome. Contact John 086 8033126

Rathgar Ladies Club **Change of Venue** to Harold's Cross Pastoral Centre beside Holy Rosary Church. The next event will be Ruairi McGinley talking on: 'Taxation: Tax issues and how they may affect you' on Thurs 21st November at 8.00pm. New members always welcome.