

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

Packing boxes, bubble wrap, sticky tape are scattered all around my home. Moving takes a huge physical effort and a lot of emotional energy. I've moved many times before and I know that photographs, personal letters and cards are a challenge. I tend to hang onto cards and notes from parishioners, wedding couples, parents of the newly baptised, and especially those words written after a funeral. When you are supposed to be packing, stopping to reread a card, look at a picture, recalling those moments is great, but there's work to be done! Ministry is challenging, the life of a priest immensely rewarding, but it drains energy and sometimes leave me tired and low. So, nothing gives me a lift like the expressions of thanks made in the days and weeks after these demanding moments shared with parishioners. People are immensely kind and thoughtful and when they take a moment to write a note, send a card, say in their own words how much they enjoyed a happy moment, were consoled at a sad time or appreciated a special mass that means so much to me and I guess to anyone who tries to give of their best. So, huge thanks for all those times that we've shared and know that I appreciate all the support during these last 9 years. Now back to the boxes!

### **Save the Date!**

#### ***Fr Joe's Farewell***

**Fr Joe will say his final Mass**

**on**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 5.30pm**

***All Adults and Children Welcome***

**Mass will be followed by a**

**Celebration**

**in**

**Milltown Golf Club.**

**Tickets for Milltown priced €25.00  
will be available**

**from**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**after all Masses or in the Parish Office**

*More information later*

## **Collections 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Offertory Collection: €1,371

Share Collection: €1,013

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 after 10.00am Mass. 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 back of church or call 086 0293727

**Senior Line** is urgently looking for women and men aged 55+ to train as telephone line volunteers. Training begins in September. Senior Line is a national service for older people who may be lonely, unsupported, or with specific problems. For further information, please phone: Anne at 087-7450721.

**Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult:** *Pathways* is a two-year, one-evening-a-week, Adult Faith Development course in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. Sept to May, on Thursdays 7.00pm – 9.30pm. **Contact:** *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie) or [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie).

**Computers for the Terrified.** If you are frustrated by your lack of computer skills, or feel that the digital age has passed you by, Age Action runs beginner courses for older people who have little or no experience with 1 to 1 training for over 55's. For more information, please phone 01 4756989.

**Grow** Community Mental Health Movement meets every Thursday at 6.30pm in the Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2. Why not come along and learn more about positive mental health, well-being, and how GROW may help you achieve this, free of charge. Phone: John 086 8033126.

**Volunteers:** St Vincent De Paul urgently needs volunteers in the areas of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare to work just once a week. This will be for about 3 hours, day or night, (whatever suits you best). Full training and support provided - for more information Tel: 01 8198405 or visit: [www.SVP.ie](http://www.SVP.ie) / [volunteer@svp.ie](mailto:volunteer@svp.ie)

A set of keys were found in the church. Please contact the parish office on phone number 01-4972215.

### **7.30am Mass in August**

The Monday to Friday 7.30am Mass will continue during August.