

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

I chatted with some very happy girls during the week: their exams were finished! The long haul through the Leaving Cert had left them exhausted, delighted, and if the truth be told, a bit sad. They realised that there would be no more of all that they enjoyed about school: their familiar surroundings, the very best of friends, the likeable teachers, the ordinary routine. The Leaving sucks you in as a student and coughs you out as an adult, with third level studies to come and a whole new world to negotiate. "I will really miss you so much" one exclaimed. And then in a twinkle of an eye they were talking about the future, the holiday in some sun soaked island with their friends, the courses they applied for and the hopes they have for the future. I know that school will become a place that they 'were' in; a place where they no longer belong; a place that they may visit, and in time have reunions of 10, 20,...50 years. School has formed them more than they realise; teachers have given more than good preparation for exams; friends, sports, activities, have all mined their talents and creativity, and helped them become these bright cheerful young women. I hope and pray that all our students will thrive in the next phase of their lives, that they will hold tight to the families and parishes that cherish them and that whatever the future holds that they will always feel at home and welcome here.

Fr John Lule

During the first three weeks of July we are happy to welcome Fr John Lule back to the parish. Fr John is coming from Uganda and will provide holiday cover here. Please greet him warmly, feel free to invite him to your home, or for coffee, and make sure he knows how much we appreciate his being here. During July we will continue with the usual Mass rota unless notified of a change.

Cemetery Sundays

Deansgrange:	Sunday 7th July at 3.00pm.
Esker:	Sunday 25th Aug at 3.00pm.
Glasnevin:	Sunday 30th June at 3.00pm.
Hollywood:	Friday 28th June at 7.30pm.
Kiltarnan:	Sunday 30th June at 1.30pm.
Glencullen:	Sunday 14th July 2019 at 3 pm

Collections 16th June 2019

Offertory Collection: €1, 141
Share Collection: €958

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

Kyuso Annual Summer Collection will take place this weekend, for our partner parish in Kenya, which, as many of you know, we have been supporting for over 12 years. We've built schools, supported goats' projects, and built wells, amongst other things. In the year ahead, we're planning to support the building of cooking and dining facilities at the school; help another goats-rearing project to enhance the livelihoods of the poorest women; and build a water well at the school. We will be outside the church at the end of Mass and we would appreciate any help you can give; all monies raised go directly to Kyuso. Please also *save the date* for our annual Christmas concert on Friday, 29th November 2019. You can also make a direct lodgement into the safe at the back of the Church, or into the Rathgar/Kyuso account: AIB Terenure Road East: 93-10-71 - 35707124.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 4th – 9th September. If you wish to become an Associate Member of the Pilgrimage, see the notices at the back of the Church, or talk to Marie and Mary in the Church today Sunday 23rd and next Sunday 30th June when they will be organizing the Annual Collection.

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.

Barnardos is looking for team leaders/volunteers to assist with its National Collection Day on Friday 13th September 2019. If you can help, please phone: (01) 7080418 or email buckets@barnardos.ie

Pacific Boychoir Academy This Grammy Award-winning choir will perform a free concert of classical, sacred, and spiritual music at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin on Sat 29th June at 7.30pm. Free tickets can be booked at: bit.ly/pbadublin

International Mass: If you have come to live in Rathmines, Ranelagh or in the wider community, you may like to meet others from different countries for prayer, worship and just social contact. If so, join us for the International Mass each Saturday evening at 7.00pm in the Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines. All welcome.