

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

We just put up the banner for the World Meeting of Families in the gathering area inside the main door of the Church this week. It's less than a year until this event that will bring people from all over the world to Dublin to reflect on family in light of Pope Francis's encyclical *Amoris Laetitia*. Everyone has a family and for the greater part our families are a happy and supportive environment for us to learn and grow and fulfil our potential. The family can also be a place where we are challenged, meet adversity and learn the pain that can touch the human heart. We often have a private side to family life where we share our love, our dreams and our hopes and the more public side to family life that we share with relatives and friends, neighbours and colleagues, classmates and visitors. Family life is rarely boring and often exciting and maddening and full of adventure. Pope Francis is quite sure that we meet the face of God in our families and our spiritual self is revealed as our lives unfold within the embrace of our families. So please be aware of the various programmes that will be available in the build up to the event next summer. There is a website with excellent resources, why not Google WMOF2018 and see if something catches your interest

The Season of Creation Ecumenical Prayer Service in Church of the Three Patrons, Monday 25th September 2017 at 7:30pm. It is being organised by the Laudato Sí group, and the congregations of the Rathgar-Terenure Christian Fellowship have been invited to celebrate together. A focal point of our service will be the Climate Justice Candle which is currently travelling around Ireland and which we have the privilege of hosting on 24th/25th September. The service will last approximately 30 minutes, to be followed by refreshments in the south aisle of the church. On the previous day, Sunday 24th, the 10.30am Family Mass will form part of our parish celebrations for the Season of Creation, and during this Mass all children will receive spring bulbs to plant and care for in their own homes.

Weekend Masses at Local Parishes

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| Beechwood: | Saturday Vigil 6.15pm Sunday 10.00am (Irish), 11.30am. |
| Rathmines: | Saturday Vigil 7.00pm Sunday 9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm. |
| Harold's Cross: | Saturday Vigil 7.00pm Sunday 10.30am, 12.00noon. |
| Terenure: | Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 10.00am, 11.30am. |
| Mount Argus: | Saturday Vigil 6.15pm Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am, 4.00pm |

Collections: September 16th/17th 2017

Offertory Collection: €1,571
Crosscare Collection: €4,045

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

St Vincent de Paul outdoor collection this month raised €880.00. Sincere thanks from the Society for such great generosity.

Pax Christi Outdoor collection will take place this Sunday 24th September.

St Vincent de Paul Society members will speak at all Masses today to make an appeal for new volunteers.

Fr Donal Neary SJ: October Lecture Series.

Is what St Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, taught on prayer still relevant today? We believe YES! Topics such as *Finding God in All Things*, *the Ups and Downs of Faith-life*, *Gratitude*, *the Centre of Faith*, *How Desires effect our Faith*, *the Faith That Does Justice*, – these will be the themes of our October series 'Ignatius For Today'. Reference will be made to the influence of Ignatius on Pope Francis' approach to many areas of church life and ministry. The course will be organised by Fr Donal Neary, SJ; speakers for the particular evenings will be finalised very soon. The series will run from Tuesday October 3rd - 31st, from 7.30 – 8.45pm in St Patrick's Hall; come for some evenings, or come for all. €5 donation recommended.

Rathgar Active Retirement Association (RARA) meets weekly in the recently refurbished parish centre at 52 Grosvenor Road at 2.30pm on Tuesdays for activities such as Table Tennis, Cards, Scrabble etc. and on Fridays for Bowling. Outings are also held during the year. New members are always welcome. Special Offer: join in the month of September and avail of membership until February 2018 for €20. Contact Phyllis 087-6187296.

Hospice Coffee Morning at 31 York Road. We raised €1,550, and wish to say a huge thanks to all for such kind and generous support.

The 'Do this in Memory' programme will begin next Sunday, 1st October at the 10.30 Family Mass.

Bridge in the Parish Centre, 52 Grosvenor Road: Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7.30pm; Thursdays at 10.00am. Lessons start on Thursday 28th September 2017 at 10.00am. Contact: 086 0832801 or 4922912.

Rathgar Ladies Club presents '*The Galway Girl*', a theatre presentation with Michael Judd, in St Patrick's Hall on 28th September at 8pm.

The Old Dublin Society Lecture by Sean Bagnall on 'The Fenian Rising in Dublin, 1867' takes place in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. On Wed 27th Sept 2017 at 6pm. All welcome; admission free.