

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

After nine wonderful years living in Rathgar it is time to say goodbye. I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. I had just turned 50 when I came here as Parish Priest and now I am almost 60! I have so many happy memories of sharing life, faith, the worship and praise of God with all who make Three Patrons such a special Parish. This is a vibrant Parish in the suburbs, on a main road, halfway between two villages and surrounded by other churches and faith communities. I am always fascinated by the variety of people when we gather for Eucharist. Some I have come to know by name, the loyal, dedicated members of the parish who are here often, give generously, who take on so many ministries and voluntary works and sustain all priests with care and affection. Then there are visitors from all over Ireland and abroad who marvel at our lovely church revealed behind the somber facade when they step in off the street. Gatherings here in the beautifully prepared church for the special days of weddings, funerals, baptisms, Communion and Confirmations all helped me to appreciate the wider connections of our parishioners. Quiet confessions, Easter and Christmas liturgies, celebrations with the Archbishop here, like the Peace Mass, all these moments linger in the memory.

It's not just children and students who are making new beginnings in these late summer days. All over the country priests are on the move too. Coming to us from Celbridge is Fr Paul Taylor. He is truly a wonderful man with 40 years of pastoral experience, here and in Melbourne, he has taught Moral Theology and is a man of many gifts and talents. I know that you will quickly make him feel at home here and he will be a blessing for all the people of Rathgar.

Archbishop Martin has granted me a period of free time for personal and spiritual renewal until November 15th after which he hopes to appoint me to my next assignment.

I will be here for the Mass of Thanksgiving on Sept 21st and look forward to celebrating, both here in the Church and at the meal afterwards with the parishioners, young and old, who are able to gather for that all parish celebration.

Again I want to say thanks, for everything, to everyone. It has been a great joy to serve you here, to know you here and I hope to return often. Bless you all, please pray for me.

Save the Date!

Thanksgiving Mass

Fr Joe will say his farewell Mass

on

Saturday 21st Sept at 5.30pm

For all parishioners adults and children

Mass will be followed by a

Celebration

in

Milltown Golf Club.

Tickets for Milltown €25.00

Collections 18th August 2019

Offertory Collection: € 1589

Share Collection: € 937

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

Crosscare Annual Collection

Annual collection for Community, Homeless & Youth Services will take place at all masses next Sunday September the 1st it will replace the normal share collection.

Women's Forum Mass: Join Archbishop Martin in celebrating a special Mass in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral on Saturday 31st August at 6.00pm to remember deceased members of the Diocesan Women's Forum. If your parish is aware of any former members of the forum, who would like to be remembered at this Mass, please e-mail us with the details to communications@dublindiocese.ie

All are welcome.

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 or 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.