

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

During the week, there has been a huge international cycling convention on in Dublin, Velocity. I think the conference is concerned with how cycling is integrated into the transport infrastructure and how perhaps we can shift a little of the space given to cars, over to bikes in our cities. Bikes are great for short journeys, and e-bikes make many people's commute to work possible on two wheels. Bikes are very eco-friendly and the benefits to health and wellbeing are numerous. For some reason, there are incredible tensions between car users and cyclists, each calling out the poor behaviour of the other, even though when there is an accident, it is the cyclist who always comes off worse. Pedestrians clearly shouldn't have to share the footpath with cyclists, and hopefully those on two feet are always careful when they step off the footpath into the cycle lane to cross the road. The Gospels don't say very much about transport and nothing at all about bikes, but they are very concerned with being a good neighbour and showing care and concern for the other. This is a moment when we all need to bring Gospel values to how we travel, how we show care for others, and how our means of transport effects the environment. It's always a learning experience to bring our Christian behaviours to our social interactions with others.

### Episcopal Ordination

Please keep our friend and colleague, Fr. Fintan Gavin, in your prayers this weekend as he is ordained the new Bishop of Cork and Ross on Sunday afternoon in Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Anne in Cork City. The ceremony will be the first ordination in Cork which will be live-streamed at [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) from 3.00pm on Sunday afternoon.

### 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

<b>Dardistown:</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm
<b>Deansgrange:</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm.
<b>Esker:</b>	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 3.00pm.
<b>Glasnevin:</b>	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm.
<b>Hollywood:</b>	<b>Friday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.
<b>Kilternan:</b>	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm.

## Collections 23rd June 2019

Offertory Collection: €1, 156

Share Collection: €828

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

**Peter's Pence Collection:** The annual Peter's Pence collection which supports the charities of Pope Francis will be taken up at all Masses today and will replace the Share collection. "*It is communion in Christ and the Church that animates, accompanies, and sustains the service of charity*" - Pope Francis

**Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross** wishes to say a huge thank you to all who contributed recently to the collection of €454.70. This donation will help to provide quality specialist palliative and home care to patients and their families.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place this year from 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mary Aikenhead Heritage Centre** in the grounds of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross. Visit and hear the story of a remarkable Irish woman who set up the first Hospital for the Poor run by women in Ireland and who visited women prisoners in Kilmainham Jail. Free admission, and tea/coffee served. Ph: 086 7247 660.

**Divine Mercy Devotions** will take place this First Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil.

**Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education (MDCCE)** is embarking on an exciting three-year project, funded by the Presentation Sisters North East Province, which aims to explore the nature, scope and potential of religious education and faith development for adults in Ireland. The researchers are hoping that as many people as possible take part in this project. They are inviting all adults in Ireland to complete a 15-minute online survey that will help them understand what Irish adults think and feel about religious education and how they might best develop this in the future. Please feel free to encourage your friends and colleagues to participate. The survey can be accessed at [MDCCE\\_AREFD Project](http://MDCCE_AREFDProject).