

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

During the month of July priests all over the diocese were waiting for 'the changes' to be announced. This happens every year but to be honest in the years that you don't expect a change it doesn't really affect you. However, in the year that you come to the end of a 9-year term as parish priest, and know that you will be moving on, then the changes really matter. There are two questions that people ask, and that you hope for a good outcome. First, "Where are you going?" and second, "Who is coming to replace you?" For us here in Rathgar the news of the next parish priest came about 10 days ago: Fr Paul Taylor, currently parish priest in Celbridge has been appointed by the Archbishop to be the parish priest here and to be the administrator of Beechwood Ave Parish. During the week Fr Paul came to see me, to look at the house and hear a bit about the parish. He is delighted with his appointment to Three Patrons, Rathgar and is looking forward to coming here at the end of August. I know that everyone will do all they can to make him welcome. As for me, I am carrying on with my work as Administrator of Clonskeagh Parish and waiting for confirmation of my next appointment. I will soon move into No 156b Rathgar Road. During August, I will continue with the day-to-day ministry in Rathgar and Clonskeagh; begin the packing-up; and making ready for the heart-wrenching parting from this parish where I have been so happy and fulfilled. Please keep Fr Paul and me in your prayers; as they say, change is never easy.

Faith for Life is an adult faith course designed to help you to discover new ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world, within relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. The course is experienced as a journey of four 'Movements' inviting you to explore the call you received in Baptism. The process for each weekend includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy. Participants are required to attend all four weekends. This course has taken place in Dublin Diocese for the past six years and is designed and delivered, through a partnership agreement between the Archdioceses of Dublin and the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The course will take place again this year starting in October or require more information please email: rlavelle@dublindiocese.ie or evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

Collections 28th July 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,338
Share Collection: €764

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

St Vincent de Paul Collection will be held on next Sunday 11th August. Your continued generosity is very much appreciated

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

SeniorLine is urgently looking for women and men aged 55+ to train as telephone line volunteers. Training begins in September. SeniorLine 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. Late September to May, on Thursdays 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Applications now open for September 2019. **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.

Volunteers: St Vincent De Paul urgently needs volunteers in the areas of Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare to work in assistance with individuals and families for 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 / volunteer@svp.ie

7.30am Mass in August

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