

Suggested Practical Actions for Parishioners during the Season of Creation

- ❖ Spend some time outside each day.
- ❖ Start to grow some of your own food; support local producers.
- ❖ Compost your garden and food waste
- ❖ Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home and garden.
- ❖ Use and buy eco-friendly cleaners.
- ❖ Plant pollinator-friendly plants in your window-box or garden. www.biodiversityireland.ie
- ❖ Shop wisely: Buy Fairtrade and locally-made products where possible.
- ❖ Avoid waste: Avoid; Reduce; Reuse; Recycle; Recover: Treat; Dispose.
- ❖ Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home more energy-efficient.
- ❖ Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business and school. (www.seai.ie)
- ❖ Participate in the 'Think before you Flush' campaign. (www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org)
- ❖ Consider installing a water butt in your garden.
- ❖ Pray in, and with, nature. Encourage Laudato Sí-themed gardens in your parish.
- ❖ Volunteer your time in some creative project; join an existing group.
- ❖ Offer a welcome to newcomers where you live.
- ❖ Explore Trócaire's '100 Ways for Parishes to Implement Laudato Sí'. (trocaire.org).
- ❖ Become an Eco-Congregation: www.ecocongregationireland.com.
- ❖ Take the Laudato Sí pledge: (www.CatholicClimateMovement.global/petition)

The Season of Creation To celebrate the Season of Creation, bee-friendly bulbs will be distributed by the Laudato Sí group after the 10.30am Family Mass.

Collections 29th September 2019

Offertory Collection: € 1,136
Share Collection: € 797

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

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday morning before 10.00am Mass in St. Brigid's Room. 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.

Rathgar Active Retirement Association is a friendly and welcoming group of active retired people. We meet every Tuesday and Friday at 2.30pm for: table tennis; scrabble; cards; and indoor bowls. Outings to the theatre and other interesting venues; and twice-yearly holidays, are also on our agenda. For further information, contact Phyllis at 01 4909167.

Sacristan for 6.15pm Mass we urgently need a volunteer to prepare the Church and help at the Sunday evening 6.15pm Mass. Training will be given. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office at 01 4972215.

Parish Attendance Survey

The Annual Mass Attendance Survey takes place in October.

This year the survey of Sunday Mass attendance will take place on:

Sundays 6th, 13th, and 20th October during all Masses.

Paul Abell: A Helping Hand A three-day exhibition of architectural paintings and more will take place in Rathmines Library with opening reception on Thurs 10th Oct 6.00pm-7.30pm and then continuing to Sat 12th Oct during Library opening hours. All proceeds to Capuchin Daycare Centre and Mellon Educate.

Patrick Finn Memorial Lectures in St Mary's Church, Haddington Road, Dublin 4. Professor Margaret Kelleher, Professor and Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama at University College Dublin, will speak on the subject: 'The Right to be Heard: then and now' on Thursday 17 October 7:15pm. Refreshments follow. All Welcome. Admission Free.

Sr Maura Hennessy Sr Maura would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended her farewell last Thursday, and to all who so kindly gave her cards and good wishes. She has arrived safely in Carrick-on-Shannon and assures us she will remember us in her daily prayer.