

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

This month I will celebrate 33 years of ministry as a priest. During that time I have worked constantly with parents and teachers and catechists trying to form and inform our young people for a life time of being members of the church, always growing in faith. Sometimes at meetings with parents, or of various ministry groups, I am aware that many adults struggle to express their deep and active faith in terms of what they know and love. My friend, Dr Gareth Byrne has devoted his priesthood to religious education and formation. He really believes in the importance of adult faith development. To promote and progress this work a survey has been designed by his team in DCU. Maybe you could take a minute and look at the notice below, watch the YouTube video then take about 15 minutes to complete the survey itself. Doing this as part of the Pentecost moment is way of working with the Spirit for the benefit of the whole Church, God's Holy people.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT SURVEY:

Have your say

At Pentecost we reflect on the future of the Church, and how adults contribute in so many ways to family and parish life. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us to be actively involved in building up our community of faith. Pentecost is a time to encourage the adults in the parish to have their say on what adults might need to help them reflect on their faith and share it with others. This is an opportunity for all of us to think about the new things we can do to fan the flame of faith for ourselves and for others. A fifteen minute survey on adult RE and faith development is available online at: www.dcu.ie/adultre There is also a one minute video introducing the survey on https://youtu.be/YU_eQZhqOV4

The renovation work began last Tuesday, St Patrick's, St Brigid's and toilets are no longer accessible and no parking at the back of the Church is unavailable.

Caroline's office has moved to St Columba's room, Lower Ground floor of 49 Rathgar Road, next door to the church.

The Pastoral office remains in the same place for the moment.

Collections 2nd June 2019

Offertory Collection: 951

Share Collection: 710

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

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection takes place today. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

Parish Pastoral Council next meeting takes place this Monday 10th June at 7.30pm in the Sacristy.

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.

The Bethany Bereavement Group meeting will be held in Rathgar Parish Centre, 52 Grosvenor Road, Rathgar on Wed 12th June at 8.00pm and at The Milltown Parish Centre on Wed 19th June at 8.00pm.

Bloomsday in Rathgar will be celebrated this year on Saturday 15th June from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. There will be a Jazz Trio, Readings, local food stalls, and many other attractions. All are welcome to come and join in the celebrations in Rathgar - the birthplace of James Joyce.

New Envelope System for Collections at Sunday Masses

We have had a great response to the Parish Finance Committee's initiative regarding the new envelope system for collections at Sunday masses. Over 100 people have signed up to receive boxes of envelopes in order to participate in this scheme. Thank you all very much – this is a tremendous response. If you've signed up, you can collect your box of envelopes from the back of the church at masses today. Any that are not collected will be delivered to your home address. Please start using the envelopes for collections next Sunday, 16 June. If anyone else wants to sign up, please leave your name and address with a member of the Parish Finance Committee, the Parish Office or in the safe at the back of the church. This scheme will enable the Parish to claim literally thousands of euro from the Revenue, under the tax-free arrangements for charities such as the Church.

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.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 13th June at 10.30am. New members always welcome.