



FR PAUL'S FAREWELL MASS

Today sees Fr Paul return to us for his farewell Mass. We have much to thank him for. A lively engaged parish with a myriad of ministries led by dedicated lay women and men is the living testimony to his steadfast dedication as a caring pastor.

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The ballad of our Fr Gilligan, (printed here in this newsletter), reminded me again, not that I needed reminding, of how human and broken we priests are. Just the other day a lady asked me to pray for her and I said I would, and I would like her to 'say one for me.' I was a little taken aback when she said to me, 'ah sure Father, you don't need them.' Now I understand how she meant it, and it was a nice thing to say, but in fact nothing could be further from the truth. The reality is we priests need the constant support of your prayer.

Since I arrived here in St. Patrick and St. Brigid's I am very aware of my own inadequacies. This is a large parish, it's busy, there is much to be done and the question arises for me, am I up to the task? Clearly if I am measured on my holiness this is still a work in progress with a long way to go. Similarly if I am measured on my intelligence, here too, I will be outshone by many. So the answer to the question is no. I am not up to the task.

However there are three things that might change this, at least to some degree. I have fire in my belly. That's a lot of fire! It's a fire for the person of Jesus of Nazareth. It's a fire for Church, despite damage done in and through the Church, I still see her beauty. This fire coupled with God's grace and your solidarity, prayerful solidarity, will together, make the difference. Then, fragile and broken, leaking bucket that I am, I am up for the task. The task of being pastor today.

These are exciting times in our parish. We are co workers with the Lord. We, as baptised Christians, are ambassadors of the Gospel. When people look back a hundred years from now please God they will be thankful for our fidelity. Please God they will see we kept the flame alive and handed it on. We are in the process of building the Church of tomorrow. Let's do so with compassion for all, in collaboration with each other and in a spirit of service. Let's do it with joy!

Fraternally, Joe McD

HARVEST DUES

Harvest dues envelopes can be found on the table at the back of the Church in St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's and can be placed in the collection bags during Mass or left into the sacristy after morning Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

CELEBRATING THE HOLY FAITH SISTERS! AN INVITATION

There is much change in our parish at the moment and change is rarely easy, indeed it can be demanding. Sometimes change can be a curious mix of emotion. One such change is the imminent departure of the Holy Faith Sisters. Whilst we are indeed very sad to see the Sisters go, we are also deeply grateful for their rich legacy. In addition to this we are resolute that the said legacy will be cherished and developed.

Please join us Saturday October 26th at 3 pm in St. Patrick's Church, refreshments afterwards in the school hall. All Welcome.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

Our Annual Mass For the Dead will take place Thursday November 9th 2019 at 7pm

Mass Times: St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge:

Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am Holy Days: 10am 7pm.

Bank Holidays: 10am.

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass

Mass Times: St Brigid's Church, Straffan

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm. Sunday 11am

Weekday Mass 9.15am

Confessions on Saturday before 6pm Mass

Adoration Fri after Mass for an hour.

PIZZA & POETRY

The Ballad of Father Gilligan By William Butler Yeats

The old priest, Peter Gilligan,
Was weary night and day;
For half his flock were in their beds,
Or under green sods lay.

Once, while he nodded on a chair,
At the moth-hour of eve,
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.

"I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die";
And after cried he, "God forgive!
My body spake, not I!"

He knelt, and leaning on the chair
He prayed and fell asleep,
And the moth-hour went from the fields,
And stars began to peep.

They slowly into millions grew,
And leaves shook in the wind,
And God covered the world with shade,
And whispered to mankind.

Upon the time of sparrow chirp
When the moths come once more,
The old priest, Peter Gilligan,
Stood upright on the floor.

"Mavrone, mavrone! the man has died,
While I slept on the chair."
He roused his horse out of its sleep,
And rode with little care.

He rode now as he never rode,
By rocky lane and fen;
The sick man's wife opened the door:
"Father! you come again."

"And is the poor man dead?" he cried.
"He died an hour ago."
The old priest, Peter Gilligan,
In grief swayed to and fro.

"When you were gone, he turned and died
As merry as a bird."
The old priest, Peter Gilligan,
He knelt him at that word.

"He who hath made the night of stars
For souls who tire and bleed,
Sent one of His great angels down
To help me in my need.

"He who is wrapped in purple robes,
With planets in His care,
Had pity on the least of things
Asleep upon a chair."

Weekend Mass Intentions

St. Brigid's Church

Saturday 6pm: Fr. Paul's intention

Sunday 11am: Michael Smallwood

St. Patrick's Church

Sat: 6.30pm: Michael Gough, Emmet Percy, Annie & Anthony Dunne

Sun: 8.30am: Joseph & Roseann Ready

9.30am: Mairead Manly, Seamus Gorman, Fr. Ger Harney

11am: Sheila & Michael Hogan, Paddy Cotter

12.30pm: Gerry Lewis, Don Reynolds, Alan Hanlon

7pm: Teresa O' Donnell

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church

Mon 21st 10am: Seamus O' Murchú, Donal Moynihan

Tue 22nd 10am: Sr. Dolores McGee, Kitty Blake, Kathleen Adams

Wed 23rd 10am: Raymond Smyth, Special intention, Jim Cash

Thur 24th 10am: Joan Brown, Special intention, Agbom family

Fri 25th 10am: Vincent Kelly, Donal Moynihan

Sat 26th 10am: Donal Moynihan

Planned Giving - amount was €1135.35. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving.

ROSARY MEDITATION

I would like to recommend to all parishioners something very beautiful. As well as being beautiful I also see it as high quality soul food. This is something which I would not say lightly. It takes the form of a new, very respectful, yet fresh way, of praying the rosary.

After this we will no longer say the rosary but pray it afresh in our hearts.

I invite you to:

Meditating on the Mysteries of Salvation - A Guide to Praying the Rosary with Joy and Dedication.

This will be led by Frank Drescher, who authored this meditation who has recently joined our team and will, please God, be ordained a transitional deacon by the Archbishop next month.

(October 21st - 25th) - Mon evening 8pm Tue - Fri at 7 pm,
in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge

All welcome JMCD

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto

The profit from our Lotto goes to developing our Parish.

The prize fund is now at €3250

The lotto envelopes can be placed in the safe at the back of the

Church in St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's & the collection bags at the Masses.

You pick four numbers between 1 - 30 One line just €2, 3 lines €5.

This week numbers were: 1st draw: 24, 7, 11, 14. 2nd draw: 14, 28, 9, 27

3 consolation prize winners: Patricia Brady, Christy Wallace, Bill Connolly.

Prizes can be collected in the Sacristy during weekend Mass times. Prizes have to be collected within 30 days of the draw.

Our next draw will take place on Monday afternoon.

Envelopes must be submitted before 10.30am on Mondays



A JOB OPPORTUNITY: Parish Secretary sought for St. Michael's, Inchicore.

Parish Office hours Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm. (Closed Wednesday)

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