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Weekend Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church
Sat: 6.30pm: Vincent O' Leary (m.m), Carmel Miley, Maressa Tansey, Tom Byrne
Sun 8.30am: Annie McGarry, Margaret Ryan
9.30am: Gabriel Lockyer, Kitty Thompson, William Meaney
11am: Juliana Brady, Lenie Noonan
12.30pm: Sean Butler, Louis Darlington, John Chechet Zaggi
7pm: Jimmy Birchall

Weekend Mass Intentions St. Brigid's Church
Sat 6pm: Simon McNulty
Sun 11am: Catherine McCormack, Daniel McKeon

Weekdays; St. Brigid's Church
Mon 9.15am: Noel Whelan
Thur 9.15am: Michael Kelly
Fri 9.15am: Owen O' Regan
 Adoration after Mass

Planned Giving-amount was €2198.88. Thanks to all who contributed through the standing orders and the Planned Giving.
 Thanks also to the collectors and counters.

Weekday Mass Intentions St. Patrick's Church
Mon 20th 10am: Alice McNamee, Elizabeth (Betty) Doherty, Special intention
Tues 21st 10am: Special intention
Wed 22nd 10am: Eimear Farrell, Tony Preston
Thur 23rd 10am: Alfie Lambe (Legion of Mary), Paddy O'Keeffe
Fri 24th 10am: Mary & Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathleen O' Flaherty, Souls in purgatory
Sat 25th 10am: John Flynn, Hugh & Josephine Hennely, Special intention

New Baptism Procedures:
 Due to a reduction in personnel in the parish, we have reduced the number of Baptisms and changed the procedure. Also, to make the sacrament more meaningful to the families involved, there will be a maximum of three babies baptised at each ceremony. Due to these changes there will be a considerable waiting time for Baptism. These changes will begin on 1st January 2020. All queries should be made through the Parish Office.

- (1) The baptism form is now on the parish website, as are the dates for the Preparation meetings and Welcoming. www.celstra.ie
- (2) Parents should complete and print the form.
- (3) Parents should bring the completed form to the Preparation meeting of their earliest convenience listed with the form. These will take place in the Sacristy at 7pm on the dates listed.
- (4) At the Preparation meeting, the dates for the Welcoming and Baptism can be agreed.

ENROLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 will take place in the following Cel-bridge schools Scoil Naomh Bríd, Scoil na Mainistreach, Scoil Mochua and St. Patrick's N.S. on Wed 5th and Thurs 6th February from 9.30am – 12.30pm.
 Please bring the following documentation with you: Child's Birth Certificate, Current Utility Bill/s (for other acceptable proofs of address see Enrolment Policy on school websites).
 Please check school websites for information on enrolment procedure.

Please Support our Weekly Parish Lotto
 The prize fund is now at €3400. You pick four numbers between 1 - 30. One line just €2, 3 lines €5.
 This week 1st draw: 12,18,26,30 2nd draw: 1, 16,23, 28 3 consolation prize winners: Kathleen Price, Rosemarie Healy, Sean Ashe
 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 by 10.30am Mondays

YOU, THE VISION AND THE NUTS AND BOLTS!!

In the Roncalli Rant this week you will get some idea of my vision of the Irish Church of tomorrow, and by implication, some ideas around the possible development of our parish. I believe 2020 will be a very important year in the life of our faith community.

We need more people to volunteer in all areas of parish life. The more of us involved then the less pressure on all of us. Indeed the more of us involved the more vibrant our parish will become.

There are three immediate areas where your help is required: the spiritual/ sacramental life of the parish, administration and the development of the dream/ vision of us as a faith community.

The most urgent of these is administration. We need help in the sacristy and the office.

I am suggesting a team of four or five sacristans, each of these to look after one week. Training will be available. It is also envisaged that we have a new person who will work alone looking after the front counter in the office. Again training will be available.

We are always looking for people to assist in the sacramental life of the Church. This includes being part of our Baptism Team, Funeral Ministry, Confirmation and Holy Communion programmes.

If you feel you would like to be involved with me in developing the vision and mission of the parish I invite you to read this week's Roncalli Rant.

In the more immediate if you are interested in being part of our new Sacristan Team please let me know: By email joe_mcdonald2006@yahoo.ie Or by leaving your contact details for me in the office or sacristy.
 Thank You, Fr Joe

A New Direction in our Faith Community !!! THE VISION

RONCALLI RANT 17

FIRST STEPS

New, exciting, different and challenging are words that come to mind when I think of the Roncalli project/ community. These are attractive words, each one of them exuding their own energy.

However there are some other vital ingredients that I consider essential to any discussion on Roncalli.

Roncalli is Gospel Based. It is rooted in Sacred Scripture. It takes its cue from the Second Vatican Council.

Roncalli is a new way of being Church. It is a new way of doing ministry. I believe Roncalli could become a small beacon of hope for the future of the Church. It has grown out of my experience of the hurt and hurtful, the abused and the abusing, the wounded and wounding aspects of Church.

In other words it acknowledges our brokenness and our constant need for God's mercy.

The Roncalli Community, consisting of lay women, lay men, Religious women and men and one or two priests, will live in the former convent. They will through prayer, discussion, recreation and the support of the wider parish community seek to build a community which will be the hub or centre of our parish and will serve the needs of the parish. I will give some leadership to it in its early stages though I would be hopeful that it would, sooner rather than later, be lay led.

My aim is to be at the Roncalli table but not the head of it.

If you have further questions please address them to me and I will address them in upcoming Roncalli rants. Indeed if you would like to know more about this please let me know and keep an eye out for information in this space for details of the upcoming Roncalli Meeting.

Meanwhile please keep all this in your prayer, including myself, as I will you, fraternally JoeMcD

PIZZA AND POETRY

How Did You Die? (By Edmund Vance Cooke)

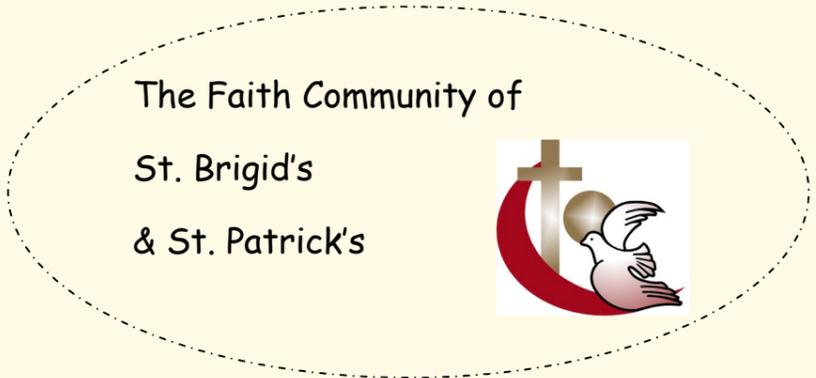
*Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
 With a resolute heart and cheerful?
 Or hide your face from the light of day
 With a craven soul and fearful?
 Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,
 Or a trouble is what you make it,
 And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,
 But only how did you take it?*

*You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that!
 Come up with a smiling face.
 It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
 But to lie there-that's disgrace.
 The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce
 Be proud of your blackened eye!
 It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;
 It's how did you fight-and why?*

*And though you be done to the death, what then?
 If you battled the best you could,
 If you played your part in the world of men,
 Why, the Critic will call it good.
 Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
 And whether he's slow or spry,
 It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
 But only how did you die?*

PRAYER CORNER

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.
 Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful;
 O Mother of thy Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer me. Amen



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