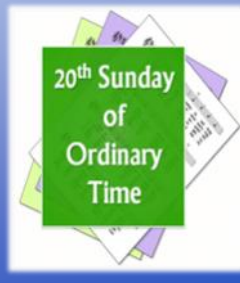
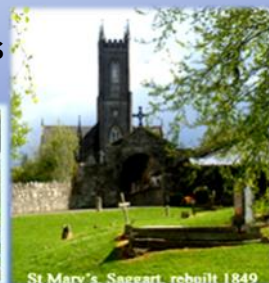


PARISHES OF SAGGART - RATHCOOLE - BRITTAS & NEWCASTLE



Parish Grouping Newsletter – 14th August 2022

FIRE ON EARTH -

“I came to bring fire to the earth.”

Today’s Gospel may be appropriate because of the great weather we are having but it also gives us a rare insight into the desires and conflicts Jesus experienced in His mission to and ministry here on earth. He was totally committed to manifesting the compassionate and loving presence of God, the power of God and the love and mercy of God. In Jesus, the hidden God was given a face, a voice and a heart we could trust. Fire was the image He used to speak of His great desire and passion. Not everyone would receive His message. It would bring division at a deep level in many relationships and still continues to do so but He continued to proclaim the good news that was burning in His heart. *“I wish it were already kindled”*. He wanted others to discover the spark and fan it into a flame. Doubt isn’t the enemy of faith - its apathy!



To become an agent of change, to make a difference or to become active in the field of human rights, social justice, climate change and peace, we have to *“find our fire”*. Your passion is no accident. Take a moment to look for the defining moments in your life. What has moved, enthused or inspired you? You might find that what really captures you is ending the wage gap, the climate crisis, focusing on ending economic inequality, battling institutional racism or prejudice, ending food poverty, advocacy on behalf of refugees/migrants or advocacy on behalf of children or the forgotten or the marginalised in our community. This is a very individual process and I would encourage you to think deeply and reflect. When you find your own passion and your *“true fire”*, you will be able to be an agent of change and social justice.

So how can we kindle this fire and keep it burning? The image of the baby Zebra may help. When the Zebra foal is born it first staggers to its feet and runs in circles round its mother’s legs. It is nature’s way of getting those spindly new born limbs strong enough to flee from predators. But then, exhausted, the new born foal collapses in a heap and lies back, simply gazing for hours at its mother. This is more than a cute picture. The foal is actually memorising its mother’s stripe pattern. Every zebra has a unique stripe pattern. No two are the same. Memorising its mother’s pattern is the foal’s first act of bonding and its first defence against getting lost in the herd. The fire that Jesus longs to see kindled is such that it will transform this earth, our common home, into a safe place for all of creation, a place of welcome where the unique pattern of each person is recognised and respected, a place of bonding where all can be securely connected with one another and with the divine source within.

May we find our passion. May our hearts hold that fire and cast it on the earth and ... may we never underestimate the inspiration that we are and the difference we can make!!! Have a great one,

Frank Brown PPW



We pray for Ukraine. For all of humanity distorted by war. For all the lives lost, homes seized, and peace broken. May the Spirit of comfort and compassion envelop all who dwell in fear. May peace prevail and justice reign. May love always be the guide and measure of our actions and responses. Amen

Mass Times

WEEKEND

RATHCOOLE 6PM SAT VIGIL
SUNDAY 12 NOON
NEWCASTLE 10AM
SAGGART 9 AM

WEEKDAYS

SAGGART MON TO FRI 11AM
RATHCOOLE TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY 10AM
NEWCASTLE MON AND FRI 10AM
WEDNESDAY 7PM

CONFESSIONS

Priests are available after each mass

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Second Reading	Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel Acclamation	John 10:27
Gospel	Luke 12:49-53

Catholic Mass Readings for August 14 2022, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Feast Days this week

15th Aug Monday

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16th Aug Tuesday

Saint Stephen of Hungary

17th Aug Wednesday

Our Lady of Knock

19th Aug Friday

Saint John Eudes

20th Aug Saturday

Keep sending your prayer requests & petitions.

Please pray for...



Ciaran, Harry, Jane, Henry, Sydney, Kerry, Justin, James, Tommy, Michelle, Joan, Gerard, Amanda, Shane, Kevin, Marie, Brendan, Kelly, Oonagh, Fintan, Aidan, Ralph, Paddy, Joanne, Josephine, Elizabeth, Paul, John, Richard, Ken, Des, Helen, Deborah, Jim, Kate, Eimear, Aimee, Sinead, Alison, Sharon, Bob, Pauline, Claire, Karen, Emma, Geraldine, Martin, Christine, Amelia, Margaret, Laura, Emmett, Tony.

Our candle is always lit for you!

Prayer:

The most valuable gift you can give someone.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Holy Family Church Rathcoole.

- Sunday 4 -6pm
- Tuesday 3-5pm
- Friday 3 -5pm
- First Saturday 2 - 3.30pm

Holy Face Devotions - every Tuesday 11-11.30am



Recently Deceased
James Ennis, Newcastle

May he Rest in Peace
We keep his family & friends in our prayers



Monday 15th August

A Holy day of Obligation

Mass times in our area:

10am - Newcastle

11am - Saggart

7pm - Rathcoole



The Holy Family Conference of SVP works in the community in the parish of Rathcoole, Newcastle, Saggart and Brittas, offering. Please donate what you can to help your community. Thank you, from the volunteers of SVP Holy Family Conference.

www.idonate.ie/svprathcoole

The Local conference will hold their monthly church gate collections to support their valuable work at all the masses in our area this weekend



“VOCATIONS ARE

born IN prayer and FROM prayer; and only THROUGH prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.”

~ Pope Francis

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already.”

Lord, we pray for vocations. Enkindle in the hearts of those you are calling to follow you as a priest, deacon or religious, the fire of your love. May they be ablaze with your love for others.

15th August

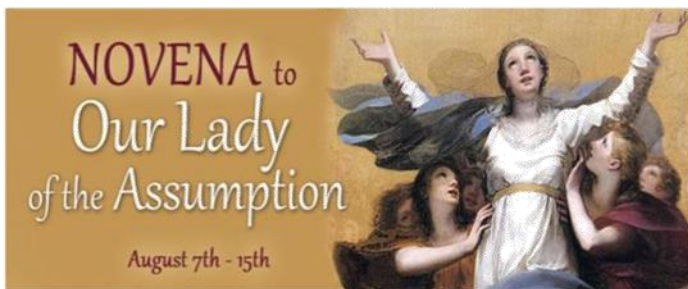


On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven. While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps she was taken into heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course

of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974). The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life. Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

**Where there is Mary
There is Jesus**

**Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, You have destroyed the power of death and given the hope of eternal life for body and soul. You granted your Mother a special place in your glory, and did not allow decay to touch her body. As we rejoice in the Assumption of Mary, grant us renewed confidence in the victory of life over death. **Amen.**

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall re-join my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favour: **(Mention your request).**

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.



Legion of Mary

Centenary Concert

Saturday 3rd September 2022
at St Patrick's Cathedral

with award winning Soprano Celine Byrne,
The Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews
plus many more special guests on the night

Venue : St Patrick's Cathedral, St Patrick's Close, Dublin, A96P599
Time : 8pm (doors open 7:30pm)
Booking : Eventbrite - Seating Standard €20 / Premium €30

For More Information Please Contact Eileen 087 2305946 / Patrick 085 1442423

Organised by Ancilla Domini Curia, Legion of Mary,
Myra House (birthplace of the Legion of Mary) 100 Francis St, The Liberties.

To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on **Saturday, September 3**. Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews. Book at Eventbrite. Tickets are €30 (premium – seating in reserved area) and €20 (general admission).

A reflection on Sunday's readings for our Polish Parishioners - Thanks Chris

Jesus says in today's Gospel that He came to earth to bring rather division than peace. These words probably shock many of us, because this is not the image of Jesus we have in our minds. But He came to this world to tell the truth about a loving God, about us and about this world. And this truth can be hard to receive and accept. This does not mean, however, that we are not to proclaim it lovingly to other people. For just as God assured Jeremiah, He also assures us that if we will proclaim His truth, He will protect us from our enemies.

Jezus mówi w dzisiejszej ewangelii, że przyszedł na ziemię by przynieść raczej rozłam, niżeli pokój. Te słowa zapewne szokują wielu z nas, dlatego że nie taki obraz Pana Jezusa mamy w naszych głowach. Ale on przyszedł właśnie po to na ten świat, aby powiedzieć prawdę o kochającym Bogu, o nas a także o tym świecie, a prawda czasem jest trudna do przyjęcia i zaakceptowania. Nie znaczy to jednak, że nie mamy jej głosić z miłością innym ludziom. Bo tak jak Bóg zapewniał Jeremiasza, tak i nas zapewnia, że jeżeli odważnie będziemy głosić Jego prawdę, On nas ochroni przed naszymi wrogami.

NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock will take place from **this Sunday, August 14, to Monday, August 22**, offering nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine.

This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'. For more information and the programme of events, visit knockshrine.ie.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



FOROIGE YOUTH CLUB
RATHCOOLE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please email to express your interest
emma.mccormack@rathcoolecommunity.ie



◆ 4 Districts FOOD BANK

Food poverty is a reality for many households due to the ever-increasing cost of living crisis in Ireland. The 4 Districts Food Bank is a community-initiative supporting people in the Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle, and Brittas areas who are struggling financially. Once a month we will give food support to anyone who needs it. If you need us please do not hesitate to contact us

Every must be registered
Next registration
Rathcoole Community Centre
Tuesday 16th August 12-2pm

Contact Emma :0851889070
emma.mccormack@rathcoolecommunity.ie



Volunteer Opportunities: Clondalkin Cares Food Bank 4 Districts Food Bank

We are starting two new Food Bank services!
And we need volunteers!



In Clondalkin we are looking for drivers one evening per week to pick up fresh food from a local supermarket and deliver directly to people accessing the Clondalkin Cares Food Bank.



In Rathcoole we are looking for people who can help out with the development of the brand new 4 Districts Food Bank. This could include packing, picking up donations, handing out food, and delivering food.

Please call 016269151 for more information or email manager@quarryvalefrc.ie

WELCOME TO THE 4 DISTRICTS FOOD BANK!

We are delighted to announce the opening of another branch of our food bank. This month we welcome the 4 Districts Food Bank – Brittas, Newcastle, Rathcoole and Saggart – to our project. While Clondalkin Cares

Food Bank has always invited people from these areas to access food from us we have not had the resources to have a physical presence there. Now, thanks to Rathcoole Community Centre, many more people who experience food poverty will have easier access to necessary food.

If you are experiencing food poverty – e.g. if you have to choose between heating your house or eating properly, or paying a bill or having enough food – then we are here to help.

Please call **01 626 9151** or email emma.mccormack@rathcoolecommunity.ie if you live in the 4 Districts,

or

admin@quarryvalefrc.ie if you live in Clondalkin/Lucan/Palmerstown.

Message from a Food Bank Participant

“My wife and I are in our 50s. I am a full-time carer for my wife. The reason I asked for help is because after a year of trying to keep her safe and well I was finding it hard to cope and I found myself under severe pressures. I gave up my job and life to be my wife’s carer. This was never a problem until one day there just wasn’t enough money even for food. I was finding it harder and harder to live on the less than €270 we get per week. We still have a mortgage to pay.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for the food that we receive from you. During the colder months we had a little extra to top-up our gas which meant I could leave the heating on longer at night for my wife so she was warm and a lot happier and calmer. It's the small things that make life for me easier, something that this or any government would not think of. So from deep within myself I would like to thank you again so much.”

What You Can Do!



Pauric and Sorcha posted about their local food drive on Facebook and delivered several crates of food just the other week.



Become a volunteer! Susanna has been with Us since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We need drivers and Packers and sorters!

Are you a member of a club of any kind? Newland/Castle Park FC have supported us several times, especially at Easter Halloween and Christmas with seasonal goodies.



You can also make a donation to our GoFundMe page: Please Help Our Food Bank.

Ending Food Poverty

Our Food Bank Project has three aims:

- To support people who don't have enough food with food now.
- To support people who ask for help to tackle some of the issues which make food poverty worse; e.g. debt, mental health issues, unemployment, access to correct social welfare.
- To end food poverty.

As part of our work for the third aim we gather relevant statistics from the food bank participants and we engage with organisations working on similar issues and with policymakers to try to influence the national picture.



Earlier this year we Karin Jonsson, manager of Quarryvale FRC, was invited to address the Joint Committee on Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth on the issue of child poverty together with One Family and St. Vincent de Paul. The main reason for the invitation was this food bank project and we were given time to share our information and views, and to answer questions posed by the committee members. Everything must be done to end child poverty and food poverty, and we play a part in this.



Quarryvale
Family
Resource
Centre



Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on **Thursday, September 29**, in DCU St Patrick's Campus. Places are limited so early application is advisable

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year. For more information visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.



Location: Rathcoole Community Centre,
Main Street, Rathcoole

Date: Saturday the 24th of September

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

safeTALK

Suicide Alertness For Everyone

**safeTALK prepares participants to identify
persons with thoughts of suicide and
connect them with suicide first aid resources**

Suitable for anyone aged 18 and over

The training is free of charge

A snack will be provided during the break

Advance registration is essential:

<https://bookwhen.com/dublinsouth-kildare-west-wicklow/e/ev-snzv-20220924100000>

For more information please email manager@quarryvalefrc.ie

safeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone)

**Saturday 24th September
Rathcoole Community Centre**

AIM: safeTALK is a 3½ hour (30mins break) 'suicide alertness' programme that prepares participants (over the age of 18 yrs.) to identify and engage with persons who may be having thoughts of suicide. Participants learn how to provide practical help by using the steps of TALK (*Tell, Ask, Listen and Keepsafe*) and also gain information on the supports and resources available locally, regionally and nationally. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the persons learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their community.

The four basic steps of TALK are called 'suicide alertness skills' and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help save lives and reduce suicide risk in their community.

CONTENT:

SafeTALK suicide alert helpers are trained to:

- Move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide
- Identify people who have thoughts of suicide
- Apply the TALK steps to connect a person with suicidal thoughts to people and agencies that can help.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18 yrs. who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become a 'suicide alert' helper, i.e. front-line workers, volunteers, parents, teachers, citizens, etc.

WHAT HAPPENS AT SAFETALK TRAININGS?

§ Expect to be challenged. Expect to have feelings. Expect to be hopeful.

§ See video clips which illustrate both non-alert and alert responses. Ask questions and enter discussions. Learn clear and practical information on what to do.

§ Discuss and practice the TALK (*Tell, Ask, Listen, and Keepsafe*) steps so that you will have the skills to connect a person with suicidal thoughts to other relevant supports and resources.

Instructions

Please NOTE:

- **The training is free but booking is essential.**
- Time keeping is really important. Registration is at 9.45am and the workshop begins at 10am sharp.
 - This training is for over 18s only.

RECOMMENDATION:

As the safeTALK training can be challenging at an emotional level and sensitive in nature it is not recommended to attend for anyone who may have been bereaved or affected by a suicide within the last 12 months.

PIETA House provide information and support to those affected by suicide on their 24/7 Helpline 1800 247 247 or text "HELP" to 51444.

Click this link to book Your Place now

<https://bookwhen.com/dublinsouth-kildare-west-wicklow#focus=ev-stcn-20220817093000>

Contact: Manager@Quarryvalefrc.ie for more information

Choose Healthcare Chaplaincy

...continuing the healing ministry

Healthcare Chaplaincy Board

- A sub-committee of the Council for Healthcare of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference
- www.catholicbishops.ie/healthcare/
- Email: InformationHCBoard@gmail.com

The Bursary is provided by the Bon Secours Health System

Your Calling..... Your Career

Listening compassionately & loving unconditionally. If this is how you envision your future, we invite you to pursue a rewarding and faith-filled career as a professional healthcare chaplain.

What do Healthcare Chaplains do?

Chaplains are professionals who provide spiritual, religious and emotional care to people in many different settings. As a chaplain, you will listen to people who are in a very vulnerable place. You'll celebrate with families who have received great news. You'll mark the beginning of lives, the end of lives and the many transforming moments in between.

What training do I need?

Board certification is required for employment as a chaplain. The Healthcare Chaplaincy Board (HCB) offers certification to Roman Catholics who: **1** Hold a degree in Theology (NFQ Level 8). **2** Complete H Dip or Masters in Pastoral Theology (Healthcare Chaplaincy) or 3 units of Clinical Pastoral Education. **3** Successfully meet the HCB Standards for Healthcare Chaplaincy.

Bursary

For candidates accepted on a recognised Theology course, undergraduate or postgraduate that fulfils the theological requirement for Certification as a Healthcare Chaplain, a BURSARY is available through the HCB. Details on request from the HCB.

Choose healthcare chaplaincy as a profession in the health service – study Theology and Pastoral Theology/ Healthcare Chaplaincy. A bursary is available with the support of the Bon Secours Health System for those choosing to train as Healthcare Chaplains for work in the Irish Health Service.

Further information is available from the Healthcare Chaplaincy Board at informationHCBoard@gmail.com.

DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK



The second #DCAW22 will take place from **12 -17 Sept 2022**. See <https://buff.ly/3iUm9zs>

#ClimateAction



The negative impact of litter on the environment cannot be understated. To truly

#LeaveNoTrace, means to keep our communities, cities, towns, villages, and natural environments free of all litter.

It is so important that we take responsibility for all our rubbish and ensure it is disposed of properly. When rubbish is not properly disposed, it can attract pests, it becomes an eyesore in our cities and towns, while broken glass and items poses a hazard to people and wildlife. #LoveThisPlace, and dispose of your waste properly.

Visit <https://buff.ly/3hb8kM0> for more details.

Are you interested in making a difference in your local community and helping us to respond in a practical and conscious way to the Climate crisis? We are looking to start up this Parish based initiative designed to encourage young people to engage with ecological action, education and spirituality based on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si.

The goal is for young people (13 to 17) to lead and inspire the whole parish to embrace caring for our common home. We are looking for local adults that will help facilitate this and young people with a passion for making a change!

Want to find out more?

Contact frank.brown@dublindiocese.ie

The award is grounded in Catholic principles and Spirituality but is open to all. You do not have to be a Catholic to participate in this award, you just need to be open to learning about Catholic social teaching and spirituality.



Love this poem - Thanks for sharing Nóirín

"Disorientation"

By **Katie Mack**

*Hawking Chair in Cosmology and Science Communication
Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*



I want to make you dizzy

I want to make you look up into the sky and comprehend, maybe for the first time, the darkness that lies beyond the evanescent wisp of the atmosphere, the endless depths of the cosmos, a desolation by degrees

I want the Earth to turn beneath you and knock your balance off, carry you eastward at a thousand miles an hour, into the light, and the dark, and the light again. I want you to watch the Earth rising you up to meet the rays of the morning sun

I want the sky to stop you dead in your tracks on your walk home tonight, because you happened to glance up and among all the shining pinpricks you recognized one as of the light of an alien world

I want you to taste the iron in your blood and see its likeness in the rust-red sands on the long dry dunes of Mars, born of the same nebular dust that coalesced random flotsam of stellar debris into rocks, oceans, your own beating heart

I want to reach into your consciousness and cast it outward, beyond the light of other suns, to expand it like the universe, not encroaching on some envelope of emptiness, but growing larger, unfolding inside itself

I want you to see your world from four billion miles away, a tiny glint of blue in the sharp white light of an ordinary star in the darkness. I want you to try to make out the boundaries of your nation from that vantage point, and fail

I want you to feel it, in your bones, in your breath, when two black holes colliding a billion light years away sends a tremor through spacetime that makes every cell in your body stretch, and strain

I want to make you nurse nostalgia for the stars long dead, the ones that fused your carbon nuclei and the ones whose last thermonuclear death throes outshined the entire galaxy to send a single photon into your eye

I want you to live forward but see backward, farther and deeper into the past, because in a relativistic universe you don't have any other choice. I want the stale billion-year-old starlight of a distant galaxy to be your reward

I want to utterly disorient you and let you navigate back by the stars. I want you to lose yourself, and find it again, not just here, but everywhere, in everything

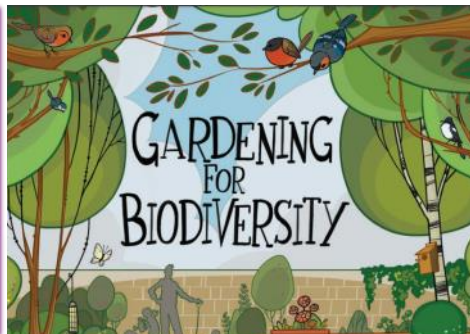
I want you to believe that the universe is a vast, random, uncaring place, in which our species, our world, has absolutely no significance. And I want you to believe that the only response is to make our own beauty and meaning and to share it while we can

I want to make you wonder what is out there. What dreams may come in waves of radiation across the breadth of an endless expanse. What we may know, given time, and what splendours might never, ever reach us

I want to make it mean something to you. That you are in the cosmos. That you are of the cosmos. That you are born from stardust and to stardust you will return. That you are a way for the universe to be in awe of itself.

From Journey of the Universe newsletter - <https://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/>

We seldom admit the seductive comfort of hopelessness. It saves us from ambiguity. It has an answer for every question: "There's just no point." Hope, on the other hand, is messy. If it might all work out, then we have things to do. We must weather the possibility of happiness.



There's lots of projects you can do to make your garden more biodiversity friendly. This **free booklet** is very child friendly, so lots of activities for all the family .

<https://buff.ly/2KqJ7fx>

SECRETARY VACANCY IN GARRISTOWN - The Pastoral Area of Garristown, Naul, Rolestown is currently recruiting a Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis, 12 hours per week. Closing date is Monday, August 15. Visit <https://www.pastoralareagr.com/> for more information.

LIMERICK YOUTH MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR The Diocese of Limerick is recruiting a Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. The role will involve the creation, resourcing, delivery and support of youth ministry programmes and initiatives across the diocese. Full details here. <https://www.limerickdiocese.org/news/vacancy-for-youth-ministry-coordinator/>



Because the feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe falls on a Sunday this year it is not celebrated but he is well worth a mention.

A Franciscan priest, Fr Kolbe is best known for his self-sacrifice in offering to take the place of a fellow prisoner in Auschwitz Concentration Camp. The man was one of ten selected to be sent to the starvation cell following the disappearance of a prisoner from their block as a deterrent to others who might try to escape. Fr Kolbe, moved by the pleas of this man, stepped forward and took his place.

During his time in the starvation cell, he led the other nine men in song and prayer. After three weeks, only himself and three others remained alive and he was given a lethal injection. The prisoner whose place he had taken, survived the camp and gave a report of Fr Kolbe's actions to his Order after the war. This man was himself present at both the Beatification in 1971 and the Canonization of Fr Kolbe in 1982.

St Maximilian Kolbe's Feast Day is 14th August.

St. Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives, and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world, by word and deed, that only "Love alone creates."

Help me to become more like yourself. With you and Mary and the Church, may I proclaim that only "Love alone creates." To the hungry and oppressed, the naked and homeless, the scorned and hated, the lonely and despairing, may I proclaim the power of Christ's love, which endures forever and ever. Amen



The animals from Woolly Farm will be visiting North Clondalkin Library next Tuesday (16th August) from 1.00 - 3.00pm. Booking is essential via eventbrite here:

<https://buff.ly/3SxfXNC> or in person in the library.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times for this event.

Volunteer Opportunities: Adult Groups Handicraft Fine Motor Skills

A Knit and a Natter

This group brings people together who enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery and other handicrafts. And they enjoy a chat! The group will sometimes do projects, e.g. for charity.

Volunteers will be friendly and welcoming persons good at involving new people. Tasks include setting up and tidying the room, preparing tea and coffee, and help the group decide on its own programme.



Fine Motor Skills

This group is for adults with an intellectual disability. Volunteers will be friendly and welcoming persons who enjoys working with people. This group is led by a staff member.



Please call 016269151 for more information or email manager@quarryvalefc.ie

Can you help?

We are looking for people to train in various parish ministries including; Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Funeral Ministry, etc. If you would like to become involved in these or any other ministry, please contact the parish office with your details

In this hot weather always remember...



Slip on clothing that covers your skin, long sleeves, collared t-shirts



Slop on sunscreen on exposed areas using factor 50+ for children



Slap on a wide-brimmed hat



Seek shade - especially if outdoors between 11 am and 3 pm



Slide on sunglasses to protect your eyes

A Short Thought - *With all of the divisiveness present in society these days, it seems like the last thing we need is a Gospel text that seemingly encourages more division. In today's world, every morning we see and hear multiple stories of division and violence: in families, cities, churches and countries. Perhaps the most frightening stories are the acts of violence and destruction that take place in our own cities, our own neighbourhoods and perhaps within our own families. What is the message Jesus is trying to convey to us? Is He trying to frighten us? Or is He simply hoping to awaken us? Is Jesus trying to motivate us to live peacefully, lovingly, cooperatively, and respectfully with each and every person on earth, even the individuals we may not like or agree with? Now, take a moment and imagine a world where every single person was respected and honoured simply because he or she is a human being whom God created in love. You are one of those individuals and so am I. Every individual on earth was created from God's loving heart, each loved into existence. And yet, we war upon one another with our words, our actions, our prejudice and our violence. For a moment dare to think of an individual with whom you struggle. It may be someone who has hurt or angered you, or it might be a person you simply don't like or one who grates on you. Now, quiet yourself and imagine that person in your mind for a moment or two. Then surround that individual with acceptance, peace and joy. Hold this person in your mind for two or three minutes. You have given this individual a loving gift today. True, they may not consciously recognize what you have done. However, their spirit will know that someone has gifted and graced them today. Be alert and attentive! Perhaps you will receive a similar gift! Our faith is the ember that sees the world and all the relationships in the light of love. Allow the Spirit to fan that ember into a raging fire!*

Carrying on our **Hospitality** reflections from the last newsletter ...

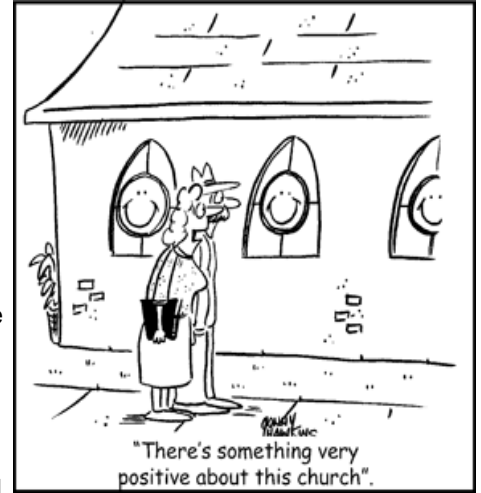
So what is a welcoming Parish?

"The Welcoming Parish" can be described in terms of four basic characteristics: Community, Worship, Word, and Service. In the last few newsletters we reflected on the first three basics so today...

Service: The Fourth Basic

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord...

The welcoming parish gathers gifted disciples who believe and celebrate that they have been gifted freely by God and are called to freely give what they have received. A welcoming parish gathers disciples who are good stewards of the gifts of creation, redemption and empowerment. The gift of creation is the gift of time, of life itself. It is the gift of talent, that is, the gift of our hearts, minds, and strength. It is the gift of treasure, those material goods that we possess as well as the earth and its cosmic environment pointing to and dependent upon God, the Creator. The gifts of ministry call us to express our care and concern for the human community in service. The core of stewardship is service because of Jesus who is among us as one who serves.



Reflection Questions:

- How does our parish educate parishioners about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church?*
- Does our parish foster an awareness of the lay person's role in the Church's mission to the world?*
- How does my parish help me better understand the connection between the mission of the church and my family? My community? My work life?*
- Does my parish encourage stewardship of time, talent and treasure and encourage me to use my gifts to respond to the needs of the parish and the community?*
- Does our parish budget express our commitment to the social teachings of the Church?*

A. Social Ministry

"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in others, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation."

The parish is called to the social mission of the Church. The parish should give this mission a special kind of life and focus. "The parish exists not for itself, but for the mission of Christ." Therefore, "the staff and members of the parish must be willing to take the time individually and together, to heal, console, listen to, and help people in need. Within the parish, people are seeking God's kingdom; here they find refuge, support and assistance. In a special way the parish belongs to the alienated and poor as a community of love and understanding. As such, the parish is an advocate for truth and justice, however uncomfortable this advocacy may become." Parish social ministry responds to human needs, whatever and wherever they may be.

Reflection Questions:

- How does my parish provide me with opportunities to meet Jesus in the poor?*
- In what way does my parish encourage stewardship of time, talent and treasure and encourage me to use my gifts to respond to the needs of the parish and the community?*
- In what way does my parish encourage members of all ages to get involved in work for justice and social concern?*
- How does our parish budget express our commitment to the social teachings of the Church?*
- What are the main social justice issues affecting the people in the parish? Issues such as domestic violence? Child abuse? Hunger? Homelessness? Abortion? Unplanned pregnancy? Impact of the poor economy?*
- How are we as a parish dealing and responding to those issues?*
- How is my parish responding to the needs of persons with disabilities, to the needs of our elderly with regard to issues such as transportation, financial needs, bereavement access?*
- In what ways do we as a parish invite and include persons with disabilities and the elderly to full participation in parish life, i.e. sacramental access, liturgical ministry.*
- What actions have we taken to insure that just policies regarding fair practices and wages exist within the parish and/or parish schools?*
- How are the principles of Catholic Social Teaching integrated into all aspects of parish life, i.e. liturgy, education, finances, administration, etc.*
- Do we have an active social concerns/ministry committee which oversees all various aspects of parish social ministry, i.e. direct service, public policy, advocacy, justice and peace education, community organizing, etc.?*
- How does our parish better involve all parishioners in outreach to the poor and needy locally, nationally, and globally?*
- Does our parish support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development?*



B. Parish Leadership

Parish leadership challenges all parishioners to recognize and accept responsibility as members of a welcoming community. Parishioners strive to be open to conversion and growth in holiness. Parishioners witness within and outside of the Church as evangelizers and good stewards.

Clear leadership is essential to the development of the parish. Leaders clearly articulate the particular mission of the parish and call others to leadership by supporting the many gifts the Holy Spirit has provided in the parish.

To accomplish all this, pastoral leadership encourages the fullest possible collaboration of clergy, religious and laity in the common mission of the Church. This is possible only if appropriate structures support participation in decision making and facilitate involvement in community, worship, Word, and service.

Reflection Questions:

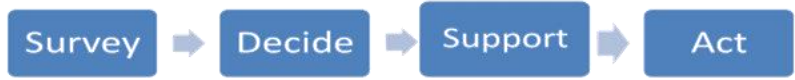
- What service does our parish pastoral council provide our parish? Our pastor?
- How does the council invite parishioners to contribute to the decision making within the parish?
- How does the council communicate its work to the parish to let people know how the mission of the parish is being lived out by parishioners?
- How are pastoral council members selected? Are the members of the council known to all parishioners?
- How does our parish help parishioners identify and use their gifts?
- What training does our parish provide lay people so they can use their gifts wisely and well?
- How does our parish seek out and train potential leaders for the future growth of the parish?
- Does our parish help the finance committee understand their role in connection with the mission of the church?
- What opportunities are there for parish leadership to engage in prayer and reflection together?
- How does the staff work with the council? The finance committee? Other parish ministries and programs?
- Are staff roles clearly defined and are parishioners aware of staff roles?
- How can our parish strengthen our lay leadership program?
- Where does our parish need to grow in the area of decision making? Communication?
- How does our parish work together with our Catholic schools to develop family oriented religious education and spirituality programs?
- Does our parish support Catholic education and help our parish children to attend a Catholic school?
- If we do not have a school in our parish, how are we working with the Catholic schools our children attend to maintain the parish connection?
- Are our parishioners encouraged to become involved in the life of our school?
- Do the schools our children attend encourage the involvement of parents? In what programs?
- Is our parish committed to Catholic school education? How do we express our commitment?
- Does our school express its commitment to the parish by encouraging the students and their parents to get involved in parish life?
- How do we help the children of our Catholic school and the children in our religious education programs build a sense of community as members of one parish?
- What do we need to do to strengthen our religious education programs for children? For youth? For young adults? For parents? For older adults? For those with disabilities and special needs?
- What do we need to do to strengthen our commitment to Catholic school education? To strengthen the commitment of our Catholic school to parish life?



How do we experience, encourage, understand or grow service in our Parishes?

We will continue this theme in the next few newsletters and would welcome your thoughts!!

Social Justice Project



1. **Notice. Be aware.** What are the issues of most need in your area, your community? Whos voice is not heard, because they have no voice!!
2. What **gifts, talents, and strengths** has God gifted you with? What are you good at? What are your skills?
3. **Imagine** a cause or issue you care about. What are you **Passionate about?** It could be something local or something global. It could be something that you have hear others talking about, or it could be something you think of yourself. Do you currently do anything to address that issue? What you are passionate about is no accident!
4. **Dream** how you could use your talents, skills & time to make the situation better. What would it look like? How would you use your skills? **Be Creative**
5. **Find out more** about that cause and about charities, organisations or people who are working in that area. What work do they do?
6. Now **write down** one thing you can picture yourself, your group doing in the next week, month, year... to work towards that goal.
7. Now **pair up** with a friend, someone of like mind so that you can pray for each other, support and encourage each other to make a difference.
8. **Decide** on what you can do to help, pick a date and **Act!!**

Together we can make a difference



How to make a difference



Congrats, you made a difference!
Now repeat. Often.

Never underestimate the inspiration that you are and the difference you can make!!!

We need volunteers to help us with our Newsletter, website and social media pages

Can you lend a bit of your time?
Can you help update, add content, help shape our Ministry of Communication for our parish?

Please contact
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for more info.

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BOOKS about UKRAINE for FREE



Crosscare is working with Ukrainian refugees

fleeing the war and coming to Ireland.

Staff from our homeless and migrant and refugee services are helping during this awful crisis.

Crosscare is working directly with hundreds of Ukrainian families who have been placed in emergency hotel accommodation. There are now huge numbers arriving in Ireland in need of refuge and support, joining the existing group of asylum seekers from around the world.

If you would like to support this work, please use the following link:

<https://crosscare.ie/how-you-can-help/refugee-response-fund/>

You can also call **01 8360011**

we can accept donations by phone.



The Council has re-established the South Dublin Community

Response Forum to coordinate the community-led response to support Ukrainian refugees as they arrive in the County

More info here: <https://buff.ly/39qnMCN> or go to

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthDublinCommunityResponseForum>

LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR REFUGEES

The Third Age charity's 'Fáilte Isteach' service is now available in most counties across the State in order to facilitate, in an informal setting, improved English language skills for refugees. This service is free and run by local volunteers. In order to locate the nearest English language class in your location, please see

<https://www.thirdageireland.ie/failte-isteach/locations/>

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Fr Vasyl Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian Community and curate in Donnycarney parish. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or ugccie@gmail.com. Ukrainian Mass (*Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Byzantine Rite*) is held every Sunday at 1pm in Our Lady of Consolation Church, Donnycarney.

Have you recently arrived from Ukraine?
Do you need more information, including what supports are in place?

Scan the QR Code for help in your language
Information is also available at <https://help.unhcr.org/Ireland/>

UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

When you arrive in Ireland, you should go to the reception hub. Currently, there are reception hubs at Dublin Airport and Rosslare Port. Ukraine Support Centres have also opened in Dublin, Cork and Limerick. More information on Support Centres can be found in the below link.

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/abf3e-social-welfare-supports-for-ukrainian-citizens-arriving-in-ireland-under-the-temporary-protection-directive/?fbclid=IwAR019aTjAdOMssAFHh2DXgOD4jXNBWz4X9MFse3LGHEf8f_O_1_cog9q2oE#where-to-go-to-get-government-supports

Fire in Our Hearts



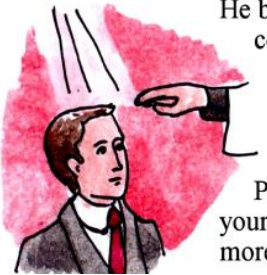
In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!

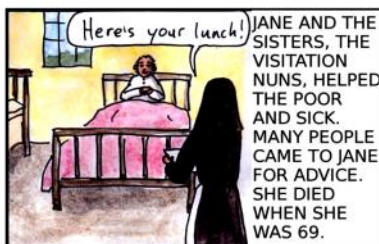
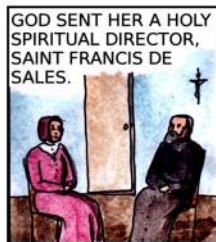
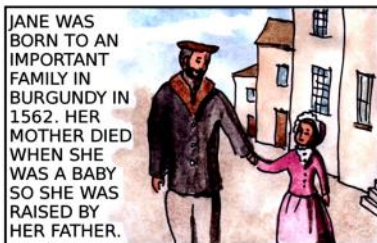


How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



Saint Jane Frances de Chantal August 18



SAINT JANE WAS A CHEERFUL PERSON WHO MADE THE PEOPLE AROUND HER HAPPY, EVEN DURING HER HARD TIMES. JANE WAS ALWAYS HAPPY TO GIVE FOOD TO THE POOR. IF THEY CAME BACK SHE WOULD GIVE THEM MORE. AFTER ALL, SHE SAID, GOD KEEPS GIVING TO US EVERY TIME WE COME BACK!

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and a son against his father,

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

From now on a household of five will be divided, No, I tell you, but rather division.

a father will be divided against his son and a daughter against her mother,

a mother against her daughter and how I wish it were already blazing!

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law three against two and two against three;

Luke 12:49-53

**What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Match the parts to find out!**

Assumption Cross-Word

This Monday, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven!

Across:

- God chose a holy young woman to _____ His mother.
- _____ wanted her to be perfect.
- Her name was _____.
- We _____ hymns about her.
- Today we celebrate her _____

into Heaven.

- God took her body _____ of the tomb
- so He could _____ it up into Heaven.
- She had lived a life of _____ for God.
- "Blessed is the fruit of thy _____, Jesus."
- Mary had given herself as a _____ sacrifice to God.

21. When we die, we hope to _____ to Heaven too.

Down:

- She was the mother of _____.
- Mary never committed any _____.
- She is the greatest _____ in Heaven.
- She proved her love of God _____ her obedience to His will.
- Her _____ was God.
- Mary's _____ went straight to Heaven
- because she was so _____ and free from the stain of sin.
- We should try to _____ her virtues.
- God would not permit His mother's body to decay in the _____.
- Mary's obedience to God overcame the _____ of Eve's sin.
- _____ Mary is in Heaven with her Son.
- We will try _____ love and obey God like Mary did.

