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**World Meeting of Families will include a Papal Visit to Dublin - Its Time to Get Ready!**



**Information Evening on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

We are delighted to hear the news that Pope Francis will be coming to Dublin in August to participate in the World Meeting of Families. Many of us will recall the excitement of attending the Papal Mass with Saint John Paul II in the Phoenix Park back in 1979 and it's wonderful to hear that a similar mass is planned with Pope Francis. The preparations have been somewhat low key so far but, with only five months to go, we can expect to hear a lot more about this event in the coming weeks.

In order to help parishioners to learn more about what going to be happening, we have invited **Hannah Evans, Outreach Officer for the World Meeting of Families**, to address a joint meeting of Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes on **Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church.**

The format will include a workshop and discussion with plenty of opportunity for questions. Hannah is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker, so it will be a great opportunity to hear more from her about how we can participate in the World Meeting of Families as a faith community and to benefit from Hannah's experience about what is happening in other parishes in the Archdiocese. We look forward to welcoming you to Holy Trinity Church on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for this important occasion.

**Deacon Gerard Reilly**

**Meals on Wheels**

St Anthony's House has been providing a Meals on Wheels Service since 1997.

The catchment area for this service is Clontarf, the meal is delivered between 11.30am and 12 on a daily basis Monday to Friday. If clients require a meal for the weekend we can deliver this on a Friday.

The Meal consists of Meal of the Day and a dessert. If the client has any dietary requirements we can facilitate that i.e. Diabetic/ Cholesterol all our meals are low salt. We are looking to expand our services and are inquiring if any of your parishioners would like to avail of this service.

The **contribution** towards the meal is **€4.50 per day** and this can be collected by the driver or whatever arrangements are suitable to the clients. (Each parish would need to have voluntary drivers to delivery all meals). We also have an In House Service where clients can avail of a Meal on a casual basis or a daily basis in St Anthony's Parish community house.

**If you require any more information please email [info@stanthonsclontarf.ie](mailto:info@stanthonsclontarf.ie) or contact 01-8335300**

**Parish Chaplains:**

**Fr. Ubaldo Mvhindo & Fr. Dominic Kwinkinza**  
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**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**

**Easter Sunday - B**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

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**Pastors Desk**

During Holy week we can focus a lot of our attention on Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday so that by the time we reach Easter Sunday our celebration of the resurrection is not as joyful or its meaning as clear as it should be to us. Ultimately, the resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian faith.

Our gospel begins today with Mary Magdalen's empty tomb-resurrection experience. She finds the enormous stone rolled back and quickly goes to tell Simon Peter about her discovery. They immediately go and find that Jesus body has disappeared. We are told 'they seen, and they believed'. They finally understood what the teachings of scripture had meant.

Sometimes life can create or send experiences our way that might be like living within a tomb like space. That may be the tomb of despair, discouragement, doubt or perhaps bereavement. Moving out of this dark and inhospitable place may not be as easy as it seems to others, our family and friends for example. It may be some time before we are free and able to move outside into the light once more. But we should never despair and give up hope that as some point we will be able and free to move on.

As Christians we are called to live a joyful life to the full, so we experience the risen Lord in all the events of our lives. The joyful and the sad ones alike.

We pray that the joy of the Easter Day may penetrate our minds and hearts to make us a resurrection people visible to others each day.

Fr. Gerry

**Mass Times**

**Saturday : 6 pm Vigil**

**Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm**

**Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am**

**Service of the Word with Communion : Tuesday 10 am**

## 2018 Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Knock Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**, with the main celebration of the Eucharist in the Basilica at 3pm.



**This year's theme:**

*"We are Pilgrims"  
Knock invites us to  
healing and Peace.*

For more information see:

[www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/2018-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-knock)



**Thank you for your generosity to  
The Annual Collection for the  
Advocate collection** taken up at  
all Masses last weekend.

### **St. Vincent De Paul**

The society will be taking up their monthly collection after all masses next weekend.

## Trócaire

Trócaire was established by the Catholic Church in 1973 as a way for Irish people to donate to development and emergency relief overseas. Our dual mandate is to support the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while also raising awareness of injustice and global poverty in Ireland.

Please support Trócaire this Lent.

### **Blessing of Homes with Easter Water.**

At the Easter Vigil each year, holy water is blessed. It is a tradition in Ireland that families bring this Easter water home with them to bless themselves, their homes, vehicles and also the graves of loved ones.

Small containers of Blessed Water will be available to take away after the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night, together with an instruction and prayers of intercession and blessing.

This initiative seeks to recover a traditional religious practice that meant a lot to Irish families. The faithful have always been encouraged to take holy water home and use it as part of their daily lives. They have also been encouraged to regularly seek God's blessing on themselves, their families and on their homes, vehicles, religious objects and other items. In Ireland the great affection that people have for deceased loved ones has been shown by the tradition of blessing graves.

God Bless  
OUR HOME  
AND ALL WHO VISIT

*We remember at Mass and  
in our prayers those who  
have gone before us*



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 am

**Sandra Purcell** Birthday Remembrance

**Mary & Matt McCarthy** Anniversaries

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30 pm

**Richard Paul & Richard Jnr. McMahon**

Anniversaries

**Anthony Walsh** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am

**John Henderson** 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Mass Bouquet List

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, devotion to St. Pio, Service of Word with communion at 10am.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. 10am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.



### **Devine Mercy Novena**

The Novena commenced on Good Friday and will continue until Devine Mercy Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Easter Dues.**

Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your Outdoor collector.

### **Thank You**

Sincere Thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparation and participation of the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies and all who prepared the church.

*"We pray that this Easter,  
the Risen Christ will give us a  
quiet joy and a deep sense of peace  
May that joy and peace be with all  
our parishioners this Easter."*



**Notice to Coeliacs:** If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.