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Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group

Meeting will take place on **Thursday 28th** of June at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

The annual cemetery masses in our area will take place on the following dates:

Glasnevin Cemetery	Sunday 24 th June	3pm
Old Balgriffin Cemetery	Sunday 1 st July	12pm
Dardistown Cemetery	Sunday 1 st July	3pm

World Meeting of Families - Update

- 1. The Parish Pastoral Council** have hired a bus to bring parishioners to the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday **August 26th**. A deposit of €5 euro will reserve your seat on the bus. Booking can be made next Saturday evening after 6 o'clock Mass or on Sunday morning after the 10.30 Mass in the Parish Pastoral Centre. We will operate on a first come first served basis, we will try to hire a second bus if needed.
- 2.** The Papal Mass is a free ticketed event. Tickets can be booked online at world meeting of families website from Monday next **25th June**.
- 3.** Tickets for The Croke Park Festival of Families on Saturday 25th of August is only now available to those who book for the week's events, cost 68 euro, children are free but must be accompanied by an adult.
- 4.** For people who need help with their booking or who wish to go in a parish group, we are hosting a booking facility next weekend here in the Pastoral Centre. To avail of this service, please come along to the Pastoral Centre next Saturday evening after 6 o'clock Mass or on Sunday morning after the 10.30 Mass and we will have a team of people here to book for you.
- 5.** If you wish to book tickets to cover all the events there is a cost and you will need to bring your credit/debit card with you.



Please contact **Oliver Smith 087 2028862** or **Noreen Kelly 086 3999969** or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council if you need further information.

This information is in the weekly parish bulletin available at the door as you leave the church, also available on the parish website.

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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield **The Nativity of John The Baptist – B**

24th June 2018

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Pastors Desk

The Feast of the Birth or Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the oldest on the church calendar.

In fact, in medieval times it was one of the biggest feasts of the year, with three masses being offered, one at midnight and two others during the day. All over Europe it was common to see bonfires on hills and mountaintops on the eve of the feast. They were often referred to as St. Johns eve fires and kept lighting until after midnight.

Traditionally the feast is held on June 24th which is three months after the feast of the Annunciation and six months before the celebration of the Lords birth at Christmas. It also served to replace the seemingly immoral pagan feast of the Summer solstice celebrated around the same date.

The reason we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist today and not the 12th Sunday in ordinary time, is because of Johns prominent role as the fore runner of the messiah. He prepared Israel for the arrival of their long-awaited messiah by preaching repentance for their sins.

John is an inspiration to us all. He warned people that they needed to take stock of their lives, recognise their sinful ways, their faults, failings and so change their ways.

We need to have the courage and convictions that John the Baptist had and become the modern-day heralds or messengers in the various situations of life and turn people toward the Lord of love by what we say and do in our daily living.

May his life and message inspire us with greater holiness.

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

Baptism Preparation

Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of April, will take place on **Tuesday 26th** at **7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.



The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul

is seeking your help, with its annual appeal for second-hand clothing.

The Distribution of bags will take place this weekend Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June and bags will be available at both entrances to the church. **The appeal is for Clean, good quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc.**

The Society will collect the bags the following weekend on Saturday 23rd June at 6pm mass and on Sunday 24th June at 10:30am and 12:30pm masses.

The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the Parishioners of this Parish for their charitable works over the years. They would like to thank you all most sincerely on behalf of those you have helped.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 7th - 12th September 2018.

Sick Pilgrim Fund Appeal.

The people of the Archdiocese may join the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as ASSOCIATES, by being enrolled and making a voluntary contribution. The money collected will be used to support sick people making the Pilgrimage.

Associate members of the Pilgrimage will receive an enrolment leaflet outlining the prayers for Associates and Mass will be offered for their intentions at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Donations will be gratefully received after the end of Mass as you leave the Church this weekend.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Presentation of Cheque for Cancer Research.

The proceeds from this year's St. Patrick's Day sponsored swim was presented to Antoinette Kelly, Community Fundraising Manager, Children's Cancer Research, Crumlin Hospital on Thursday, 21st June. The amount raised this year amounted to **€8,000**. This money is going to the Julie Wren Trust.

The Committee are extremely grateful for your loyal support and sponsorship over the years. **To date** we have raised **€192,000.45** for cancer research. We salute all the brave swimmers who braved the elements each year. I think you will all agree that this year's weather was the worst ever, it was baltic.

There are many individuals and companies, too numerous to mention, that we would like to thank and acknowledge. You truly are part of something very wonderful. We can't thank you enough for the life-changing impact you have helped to bring about for Ireland's sickest children.

Today, tomorrow, forever.

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



Saturday 23rd (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Kathy & Patrick McCrudden Anniversary

Patrick & Elizabeth Cassidy Anniversary

Scario Matthews Anniversary

Sunday 24th 10:30 am

Mary Lynch 18th Anniversary

Sunday 24th 12:30 pm

Joe, John & Iris McKelvey Anniversaries

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*Your prayers are also requested for the  
happy repose of the souls of*

**Tom Reaney (London & Claremorris) &  
Richie Cotter (Thurles) recently deceased.**

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Friday 29th 10:00 am

Michael Brennan 3rd Anniversary

May they rest in peace

Wednesday 27th 10:00 am

St. Paul's Senior School Graduation Mass

Friday 29th

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles.

A memorial mass will be held next
**Saturday 30th June at 6pm for
Fr. Padraig O'Saorai R.I.P.,**
former Parish Priest of Ayrfield, who passed away in
Woodlands Nursing Home, Navan on 3rd June 2018.

**Fr. O'Saorai was Parish Priest in Ayrfield
from 1980 – 1997.**

Light refreshments in the Pastoral Centre afterwards.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Please keep in your prayers at this time,
Robert Smyth from the **Parish of Knocklyon**.
Archbishop Martin ordained Robert a deacon in April
of 2017. He will be ordained a priest for service in the
Archdiocese of Dublin on **Friday 29th June** (Solemnity
of Saints Peter and Paul) at 3pm in St. Mary's Pro
Cathedral. All are warmly welcome to attend.

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.*