

CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY LEIXLIP CO. KILDARE

CHURCH MASS TIMES:-

Weekdays 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday: 8.30, 9.45, 11, 12.15p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Confessions: **Saturdays:** after 10 a.m. Mass & after 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24th APRIL 2016

Adoration of the

BLESSED SACRAMENT:-

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. &

7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Weekdays

Monday – Friday

(FRIDAY NIGHT to 9 P.M)

POPE FRANCIS HAS LAUNCHED A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE

"I think in Europe of the tragedy of those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine: of those who remain in lands shocked by the hostilities which have already caused thousands of deaths, and of those - over a million - forced to flee from the grave situation which is ongoing. It involves above all elderly people and children. Besides accompanying them with my constant thoughts and with my prayers, I have decided to promote humanitarian support in their favour. For this purpose, **A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP IN ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN EUROPE ON THIS SUNDAY, 24 APRIL.** I invite the faithful to join in this initiative with a generous contribution. This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church. I sincerely hope that it may help to promote, without further delay, peace and respect for law in that land so afflicted. This weekend, 50% of the ordinary SHARE Collection will be donated to the Pope's appeal, and I ask for your generosity. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

EASTER DUES - Thank you to all our parishioners who have sent in their Easter Dues. Easter Dues form part of the income of the priests of our parish and diocese and can be returned at any time during the coming weeks, through our Envelope Collectors, the Parish Office or the Sacristy. Acknowledgements will be sent out as soon as possible.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – begins on Sunday, 1st May at 7 p.m. and will continue every evening during May at 7 p.m. (including Saturday/Sundays) This is your invitation to join with fellow parishioners to pray for the world and your special intentions.

'Say the Rosary every Day to obtain Peace for the World' (Our Lady of Fatima)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA – during the months of May & June is a suitable time to pray for examination students. The Novena prayers to Our Lady are recited after the 9..30 a.m. Mass every Monday morning and after the 10 a.m. Mass on the Bank Holidays in May and June. Our Annual May Procession will be on **Monday 30th May at 7.30 p.m.**

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL- Nominations and elections for the new Parish Pastoral Council will take place during the month of May. The current council will leave office at the end of June. Full information will be available from next week.

AN INVITATION TO EVERYONE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, to come and experience a **Parish Cell Meeting** in a home near you. (morning or evening). Parish Cells are a Vatican approved worldwide movement for Evangelisation. Next Meeting dates are Tuesday's **May 3rd & 17th.** For further information, contact: Bridie 086.3807917, Donal 086.4472605, Dan 083.1290657, Men's Group: Dave 6244635, Morning Groups: Mary 087.6205435, Maura 087.4141706, Young Adult Group: Sinead 086.3663760. website: www.leixlipparishcells.com

PRAYER SUPPORT TEAM – As a community we support one another in many ways. The Parish Prayer Team is now available to pray with/for anyone who would like to have support in prayer. Anyone can avail of this support especially the sick, lonely, bereaved, housebound, separated and it does not matter whether they are church-going or not. Two people from the team can arrange to pray with/for anyone who asks for prayer, either in their home or in Our Lady's Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office at 6243673 if you wish to avail of this support

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY- Monthly Meeting will be held on Wednesday next 27th April from 10 -11 a.m. in Our Lady's Parish Centre. New members very welcome.

"Vocations Are Born In Prayer ...And Only In Prayer Can They Persevere And Bear Fruit.. " POPE FRANCIS:

A reminder that the **PRAYER CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS** list remains open and **You** are invited to put your name down via Parish office- 6243673. The Chalice will be delivered on an agreed Friday evening and collected the following Friday by members of **SJYPS**. A prepared parish booklet with prayers for vocations is used. The ceremony takes about 15Mins and you are welcome/encouraged to invite family/friends/neighbours where possible. Taking the Prayer Chalice, you offer, with your family where possible, to pray daily prayers for vocations for that week.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 6TH – 11TH JUNE 2016 – Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st June at 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre for all those who are travelling with us to Lourdes.

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

6 p.m. John & Nora Keane (A) & Elaine McMonagle & Deceased members of the Keane & McDermott Families – remembrance. Louise Gaffney (A)

8.30 Tommy Duffy 3rd (A) & also remembering his wife Ann

9.45 Paddy & Molly Coughlan (A) & Brigid Hughes (A)

11 a.m. Mary & John Conneely (A) & James & Margaret McCormick (A) & also remembering their son in laws Billy & Ken Farrell.

12.15 **Jacqueline Farrell 1st (A)**

7.30 Mary & Phil Farley (A) & Norma Muldowney – rec. dec

MONDAY, 25th APRIL – FEAST OF ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

9.30 a.m. Mary Monahan (A) & Liam Keely, Birthday Remb.

TUESDAY 26th APRIL

9.30 Teresa & Michael Harrigan (A) & Mary Monahan (B'day Rem)

WEDNESDAY 27th APRIL

9.30 a.m. For the people of the parish and all who worship in our church

THURSDAY 28th APRIL

9.30 a.m Lily & Michael O'Reilly (A)

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FRIDAY 29th APRIL- FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE.

9.30 a.m. Kate , Matt & Catherine Hynes(A)

SATURDAY 30th APRIL

10 a.m. Mass for the intention of all those who prayed for and supported the Heffernan Family at the time of Larry's illness & death.

6 p.m. Bridgie Scott – month's mind.

SUNDAY 1ST MAY

8.30 For the intentions of all those who prayed for and supported the Cunningham Family at the time of Pat's illness & death.

9.45 For the intentions of the living and remembering all deceased members of the Price Family.

11 a.m. May Norton (A) & Michael O'Riordan (A)

12.15 Margaret Fox – month's mind

7.30 Annie, Sean & T.J. Heneghan & their parents Thomas & Rose.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: is lit this week for a special intention.

THE GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK –

MON:	MK.16:15-20	TUES:	JN.14:27-31
WED:	JN.15:1-8	THUR:	JN.15:9-11
FRI.:	MT.11:25-30	SAT:	JN.15:18-21
SUN:	JN.14:23-29		

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE CHILDBIRTH – is provided on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next blessing is on Sunday 8th May after 12.15 p.m. Mass

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

The First Collection last weekend was **€1,745/00**. This collection is for priests in our own parish, and for priests in poorer parishes, have special appointments, and are on sabbatical and who are sick or retired The collection for Priesthood/Vocation Sunday last weekend was **€3,735.00. and increase of €505.00 on last year's collection.** The Collection for Parish Maintenance/Development (envelopes) last weekend was **€847.53. Thank you for your continued support.**

COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR CYSTINOSIS IRELAND THIS WEEKEND 23/24TH APRIL after all

Masses Cystinosis Ireland is an all-volunteer, non-profit charity dedicated to providing services for those affected by Cystinosis. Cystinosis is a rare, degenerative, disease which slowly destroys all the organs of the body; the kidneys, eyes, liver, muscles, pancreas, thyroid and the brain. There is no cure, only medication to delay organ failure. There are 12 children and 4 young adults with Cystinosis in Ireland and only 2000 worldwide. A young couple from Leixlip have a baby with this crippling disease. They are desperately fundraising for Cystinosis Ireland to help find a cure. They will be collecting at the Church gates on the 23rd & 24th April. Every donation helps. Thank you.

ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, KILTEGAN, CO. WICKLOW – APPEAL AT ALL MASSES ON

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL/SUNDAY 1ST MAY. Today, there are 281 Kiltegan priests of whom 28 are Africa. They have 58 students in Africa preparing for the priesthood. The seed sown by the Irish Church has grown in surprising ways. Through this visit to us they will recall how missionary work is central to our faith and thank you for your generosity and support. The Mission Appeal will be by Fr. Brendan Payne and they ask for your continued support for the Society Missionary Works, through enrolling in Mission Circle, subscribing too 'Africa' magazine or supporting other initiatives.

3 DAY PILGRIMAGES TO LOUGH DERG DIRECT FROM DUBLIN:

Fri. 3rd June – Sun. 5 June
Fri. 22nd July – Sun. 24th Jul & Fri. 12th Aug – Sun. 14 Aug.
Cost €100 Oap and Students €90. For information and booking form contact Tel 086 385 3027 / 4941171 after 6 pm

70's/80's NIGHT – FRIDAY 29TH APRIL LEIXLIP GAA CLUB – 9 – 12 P.M.

All proceeds go to SCOOP (Supporting children out of poverty) Scoop is an Irish Non-Profit organisation providing education and support to developing communities in Cambodia through their School-building projects.

www.scoopfoundation.com Admission/Tickets €5.00

All support will be much appreciated.

A CAR BOOT SALE also in aid of **Crumlin's Cardiac Unit** will be held on **Sunday 1st May**, in Scoil Mhuire school grounds. Car spots are available but must be booked before the day. A car spot is **€20** and all proceeds go to the unit. There will be tea coffee cakes , bouncy castle and a great day out for a bank holiday Sunday ,starting at 12 am in Scoil Mhuire school grounds please contact Aisling at 0871812877. Thank you the Carey family and Crumlin Hospital Cardiac Unit.

MAKING MEMORIES FUNRAISER – to help make a dream come through for a young family in Leixlip who are coping with terminal illness. The event will be held on **Saturday 7th of May in Leixlip House Hotel from 8 P.M.** Tickets €10 each and are available from our local chemists, The Parish Office weekdays & Parish Shop on Sundays after Mass. Further information at 6245860.

INTEL 'PRIDE OF PLACE' COMPETITION

Intel is launching our latest Pride of Place Competition to fund a number of projects in Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth up to the value of €5,000 each. The competition is open to nonprofit organisations or schools who have an idea for a project that can enhance their own group and benefit the local community. For information on how apply, simply visit www.intel.ie/pop. Closing date for applications May 6th. 2016. All members of community welcome at results night on May 26th, just register your attendance online at www.intel.ie/pop.

RYEVALE LAWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – A.G.M. will be held on **Tuesday 26th April at 8 p.m. in GAA Green Lane.**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED URGENTLY

St. Raphael's Parents and Friends Association hold a Garden Fete each year on the 1st Sunday of July. However due to the age profile of our volunteers & for health reasons our numbers are greatly depleted and we are looking to the community for support of this very vital event in the local calendar and in our fundraising activities. We are holding a volunteer meeting on Tuesday 3rd May at 8pm in Oakley Park House, St. Raphael's and would encourage everyone with a little time that he can offer to come along and speak with us. Further information available from staphaelsfete@gmail.com or +353 (89) 221 2570

ART EXHIBITION: 'ALIVE IN HOPE' THE MAYNOOTH COLLECTION - A collection of paintings portraying life in Maynooth College by artist Sara Kyne **St Patrick's College, Maynooth** - Tuesday 3rd May to Sunday 15th May 2016. Daily 11:00am to 7:00pm, in the North Cloister

A TERRIBLE BEAUTY – ÁILLE NA HÁILLE The first performance in Dublin of Charlie Lennon's Suite - Áille na hÁille commissioned by Gael Linn for the Centenary Commemoration of 1916 will take place in the Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street on **Thursday 12 May 2016 at 8.00 p.m.** This unique event will not only feature this newly composed work but will be accompanied by moving extracts from the accounts of priests who ministered in the streets of Dublin to the injured and the dying and to those who were executed in 1916.

VOLUNTEERS: OUR LADY'S HOSPICE AND CARE SERVICES IS RECRUITING FOR BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS IN HAROLD'S CROSS AND BLACKROCK. NO experience is necessary as full training will be provided. The training will commence in September for the duration of the academic year. If you think you have the personal qualities and are interested in training to provide a support service to bereaved people. Please contact Ann D'Arcy, Bereavement Co-ordinator on 01-4068794 for further information OR Email adarcy@olh.ie

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Care Skills Module due to commence 05/05/2016 in Kildare. For more info contact the training unit on 057 93 70221.

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