



CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY PARISH OF LEIXLIP



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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7th January 2018



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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

& 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

(Friday Night to 9 p.m.)

PARISH TEAM:

Fr. John McNamara, Adm. 01 - 6245597

Fr. Karl Fortune, C.C. 01 - 6243718

Fr. Eladius Mutunzi P.C. 01 - 6244568

PARISH SUPPORT WORKER

Mrs. Ella Doran 01 - 6243673

Gospel Reflection - Mk1:7-11

Guided by the Holy Spirit's loving action, Jesus is baptised by John and his true identity is revealed. At that moment, Jesus and the Spirit become one and Mark portrays him as the new Israel. With his baptism, Jesus forms a new people of God and leads them to a new way of life

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2018 - EVANGELIZATION:

RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN ASIA

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

CHRISTMAS DUES

We extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners who have sent in their Christmas Dues, Christmas Dues form part of the income of the priests in the parish and diocese and can be returned at any time during the coming weeks through the Envelope Collectors, Parish Office or Sacristy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, VOLUNTARY CHURCH CLEANERS & MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

The January Rota's are available for collection at the side of the Altar

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

6 p.m. Christina Bridgeman 1st (A)

8.30

9.45 Lily McCabe (a) & **Bridget Heery 1st (A) & John Hickey month's mind & B'day Remembrance.**

11 a.m. Alan Flattery (A) & Shane Lyons (A)

Maureen O'Flaherty (A) & Harry Lloyd (A)

12.15 p.m. **Paddy Curtin 1st (A)**

3 p.m. All babies/children (with parents and family) who have been baptised in this parish are invited to a special celebration today at 3 p.m. in the church. If you wish to bring your child to this ceremony though not baptised in the parish, you are most welcome to do so and we would love to see you. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre/

7.30 p.m. Brendan & Olive & John Glennon (A)

MONDAY 8TH JANUARY

9.30 a.m. Catherine Duffy (A) & remembering her husband Michael & son-in-law Ken Hardy

TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY

9.30 a.m. Joe Lynch (A) & also remembering his wife Mary & son Brian

WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY

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

THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY

9.30 a.m. Timothy McManus 25th (A) & remembering his parents Tim & Margaret

FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY

9.30 a.m. Gretta Moran 2nd (A)

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY

10 a.m. Frances Cribben 16th (A) & also remembering her husband Phil & also remembering Sabina Reynolds.

6 p.m. Dina Nolan (A) & also remembering her husband James & sons Stephen & Seamus & Annette O'Neill (A)

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

8.30 a.m. Michael Quinn (A) & Nora O'Keeffe (A)

9.45 Gerry Landers (A)

11 Marian Small (A) & Bridie Burke (A)

12.15 p.m. Paddy McLoughlin—month's mind

7.30 p.m. Bridget Martin & deceased members of the Martin & Maloney Families & Nellie Ryan (A)

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit this week for the intentions of the parishioners of Leixlip.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MON: MK.1:14-20

TUES: MK.1:21-28

WED: MK.1:29-39

THUR: MK.1:40-45

FRI: MK.2:1-12

SAT: MK.2:13-17

SUN: JN.1:35-42

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASSES

Sunday next 14th January the 9.45a.m. Mass is a Do This in Memory Mass for the 2nd Class children from Scoil Eoin Phóil and their families, the 11.00 a.m. is for the 2nd Class children and their families from Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Mhuire and the 12.15p.m. is for the 2nd Class children and their families from Scoil C. Uí Dhálaigh
We thank all parishioners for their co-operation and support for all these young people and their families.

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE CHILDBIRTH

Is provided on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 12.15p.m. Mass. The blessing for January is Sunday next 14th.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The First Collection last weekend was €1,875.00 and on 24/12 was €1,570.00 & Christmas Day €5,255.00

This collection is for priests in our own parish, priests in poorer parishes and for priests who have special appointments and are on sabbatical or are sick or retired.

The second collection is for SHARE and last weekend was €1,300.00 & on 24/12 €1,125.00 & on Christmas Day €4,165.00.

The collection for Parish Maintenance & Development (envelopes only) on weekend 24/12 was €1,888.36 & last weekend was €796.07

Thank You for your continuing support.

PARISH MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT

We extend sincere thanks to all parishioners who contribute to our Parish Maintenance & Development Fund either by Weekly Envelope, Standing Orders or Direct Payment.

This fund is vital in maintaining our upkeep of the Parish

REVENUE REFUND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks receipt of the Charitable Donations Tax Refund to the value of €30,366.55 for 2016. Along with Parish Maintenance & Development this includes Christmas and Easter Dues which goes to support the work of the Diocese, with the tax refund element coming to the parish

We extend our sincere thanks to parishioners who contributed €250.00 or more and were in a position to join the Tax Refund Scheme. From the above you can see the benefits to the parish.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following the Christmas break, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will recommence after 9.30am Mass tomorrow Monday 8th Jan.

PARISH ADORATION COMMITTEE

The Adoration committee extend sincere thanks to all parishioner who attended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church throughout 2017 and for your continued commitment in 2018.

Can you afford 1hr for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church? We welcome new members at anytime.

Adoration Times are

Weekdays: Monday - Friday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

(Friday Night to 9 p.m.)

We ask where possible to commit to a specific time to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended.

Contact Bridie at 0879846215 or the Parish Office at 01-6243673

PARISH TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND 2018

The parish is considering a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2018 -

Would you like to visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem. These are the places we have heard about since childhood and it is amazing to visit these places and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

If interested a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 8pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre to outline the full itinerary and costs.



Please Switch Off Your

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St. Raphael's Parents and Friends Association

Annual Church Gate Collection will be held this weekend 6th/7th. January 2018. All monies collected are for the benefit of the Service Users in St. Raphael's, Celbridge. Your support for this collection will be much appreciated

LEIXLIP BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP NEXT MEETING WED. 17TH JAN 7.30PM -9.00PM BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Would you like to join our Bethany Bereavement Team?
The aim of Bethany is to support the bereaved through the grieving process. Training course commences 27th January 2018

2018 BETHANY TRAINING COURSE DETAILS

Location: All Hallows College DCU,
Gracepark Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Dates: Commences with a full-day on:
Saturday 27th January 2018

Continuing on **Thursday evenings from Feb 1st to Mar 15th 2018** including a second full-day on **Sat. March 10th**

All enquiries welcome. Tel. Liz at 087-2392465

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2018 4TH - 11TH JULY *€609 P.P.S.

7 night pilgrimage package departing from Dublin. For more information contact **Michael Douglas** at 086 1789496. Early booking offer €50 off all bookings before 1st February - from the parish office on Tel: 01 8745441 or www.eventbrite.ie

Free Award Winning Education Course for Type 2 Diabetes Available in Celbridge This January 2018

The six week course starts in Celbridge Primary Care Centre on Thursday 18th January 10am – 12.30pm. Places are limited and you must register to attend. For further details call Laura McNamara Senior Diabetes Dietitian at 01-9214056

CELBRIDGE MILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Coming Soon from Wed 24th Jan

Aerobics Dance and Retro- Fun Class to the sounds of the 80s and 90s. Wednesdays at 8pm. Get out your leggings and leotards for the return of Aerobics!!! More details

- Stott Pilates and Hatha Yoga 6 week courses and weekend classes starting at the centre from Mon 15th Jan- Book now to avoid disappointment.

-Free Career Skills Programme commences 23rd Jan – with Modules – Health Food Made Easy, Manual handling, QQI Level 3 career preparation, & First Aid. Organised by Kildare Leader – Contact Breda 086 7916933

- “First Light” –supporting suddenly bereaved Parents & Families of Teenagers– will host monthly meetings at our Centre .

7-9pm. Phone Margaret at 01 8732711

-Community Choir practise is now on Wed Mornings – 11am-1pm .Ideal for people living with dementia and their carers. Contact Ann Harris – 087 6057264

-Salsa Dancing / Line Dancing Tuesdays at 7.30 / 8.30pm
- Over 50s ,60s, 70s , Walking Indoor soccer Tuesday nights at 7pm

-Over 66 and on a pension? You can join our Mill Works Gym for 1 year for just €50.

Leixlip - “Yes To Life” Group

Leixlip Yes To Life Group will resume canvassing in Confey area on Tuesday next. We meet in the Leixlip church carpark at 6.30pm . If interested please call down or Contact Donal at 0864472605, John at 0872390481 or Mike at 0860536490

ANAM CARA

an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 8th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Anam Cara South Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can ‘drop the mask’ and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

RETRouvaille - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme from 2nd – 4th February 2018. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie

OUR LADY'S PARISH SHOP

Our Lady's Parish Shop is open daily after 9.30am Mass to 11am. And on Sunday's after the morning Masses until 1pm. We stock a large selection of Mass cards, statues, candles, bibles, rosaries, prayer cards and much more
Do drop in, where you are assured of a warm welcome.

VACANCY FOR GARDA VETTING ADMINISTRATOR

Archdiocese of Dublin Child Safeguarding & Protection Service promotes the safe care of children and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. As part of its function, this office provides a Garda Vetting service to parishes, agencies and schools of the Archdiocese of Dublin. A vacancy has arisen for a full-time Garda Vetting Administrator. This position is offered on a permanent basis located in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin. Reporting to the Director of the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, the Garda Vetting Administrator working as part of a team will ensure that vetting processes run in an efficient and timely manner. The successful candidate will update relevant databases, advise service users in matters relating to the vetting process such as assisting applicants complete their application form, receive disclosures and liaise with the staff members of the National Vetting Bureau. Full details available at www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES Volunteer Programme

Volunteers must be aged 18 years old or over on the 1st January 2018. There is no upper age limit! Groups of young people over 16 years old are also welcome to apply as volunteers as a group with an adult leader. All volunteers must be residents of the Island of Ireland to volunteer.

So How Do I Apply To Volunteer?

To get involved, you will need to complete an online application form www.worldmeeting2018i.e/volunteer. All volunteers will also be required to provide a photo and complete a Garda Vetting form as part of their application.

