

WEEK DIARY - Sat. 7th Jan/Sun. 15th Jan 2012

Saturday 07 Jan:

- **6.30p.m. Mass** – anniversary of Declan Murphy

Sunday 08 Jan: The Baptism of the Lord

- **9.00a.m. Mass** – anniversary of James Reddy
- **10.30a.m. Family Mass** – anniversaries of Lilian, Bridget and Timothy O'Donovan
- **12.00 Noon Mass** – for all parishioners and those attending Mass in St. Fintan's
- **6.30p.m. Mass** – anniversaries of Eiméar, Jim and Kay Kirwan

Monday 09 Jan:

- **10.0a.m. Mass** – anniversaries of Thomas and Mary Powell

Tuesday 10 Jan:

- **10.00a.m. Mass** – for Patrick Kelly, recently deceased

Wednesday 11 Jan:

- **10.00a.m. Mass** – Get Well Intention

Thursday 12 Jan:

- **10.00a.m. Mass** – for Special Intention

Friday 13 Jan: St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

- **10.00a.m. Mass** – for Kevin Kernan, recently deceased

Saturday 14 Jan:

- **10.00a.m. Mass** – for Special Intention
- **6.30p.m. Mass** – anniversary of Thomas Culhane

Sunday 15 Jan:

- **9.00a.m. Mass** – anniversary of Seán O Trasaigh
- **10.30a.m. Family Mass** – anniversary of Ned Stuart
- **12.00 Noon Mass** – for all parishioners and those attending Mass in St. Fintan's
- **6.30p.m. Mass** – First anniversary of Jim McGranaghan

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

- + Mida, Bridget and Lisa Cuddy, who anniversaries occur at this time.
- + Carmel Butler, whose anniversary occurs at this time.
- + George Anthony Emmett, formerly of Burrow Road, recently deceased

MISSING KEYS – A set of keys were mislaid last weekend in the Church. Someone may have taken them home in error. If so, you may return these to the Parish Office and we will contact the owner. Thank you.



WELCOME - We welcome into our Christian community, **Max Joseph Peter Kelly**, who was baptised recently at St. Fintan's

CHURCH READERS - WEEKDAY MASSES:

The following are listed to read at
10.00a.m. Masses – 9th January/14th January:
Monday: Tom Keane
Tuesday: Brendan Casey
Wednesday: Sr. Breda
Thursday: Paddy Flanagan
Friday: Ray Walsh
Saturday: Bart O'Brien

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat./Sun. 14th/15th January:

Saturday 6.30p.m: G. Allmann
Sunday 9.00a.m: Irish Mass Reader
Sunday 10.30a.m: Family Mass Reader
Sunday 12 noon: R. Doherty
Sunday 6.30p.m: M. Mulhall

PERU – ONCE IN A LIFETIME - Foxrock Parish Global Church Group are organising a visit to Peru next May. Apart from seeing the main tourist attractions of Cusco, the Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca and, of course, Machu Picchu, they will be visiting a number of projects run by the Loreto Sisters just outside Lima with which they are involved. The trip is from the **6 - 17 May** and costs €2,175.00 plus taxes per person sharing.. Full details are available on www.foxrockparish.ie or Anne in Foxrock Parish Tel: 2894749

RADHARC FILMS Throughout 2012 Radharc Films will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the screening of its first film on 12th January 1962. During that time they produced a range of provocative, sometimes humorous and always informative films on social, political and religious issues. The Irish Film Institute has very kindly reserved their January lunchtime Archive Programme for the screening of some of these films. The tickets are FREE for these screenings. Simply collect your tickets at the IFI Box Office. For full details and information on the programmes see www.dublindiocese.ie

EVENTS AT THE ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE

Fri Jan 13 - Exploring Faith through Film: The showing of "Of Gods and Men" before Christmas was so popular it will be shown again on Friday, January 13th 2012 at 7.00pm. The film will be followed by a snack and a discussion. Cost €10.

Sat, Jan 14: A Day for Yourself- A first day for yourself will be held from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The theme is a very appropriate one as we start a new year: Open to possibilities and opportunities. It will be led by Dr. Bernadette Toal and Fr. John Byrne. Cost 50 To book for either of these events, contact Fr. John Byrne in Orlagh: info@orlagh.ie. Tel (01) 495 8190

PRIORY INSTITUTE SPRING TERM

The Priory Institute's Spring Term commences in February 2012. Applications for Spring Semester must be received by 20 February. The Institute also have a distance learning theology programme. For further information phone 01 4048124 or email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or visit www.prioryinstitute.com

Weekend Church Collections 31st Dec/1st Jan

First Collection: €1,946 (up 11.7% on average).

Share Collection: €1,266 (up 12.4% on average)

We thank everybody for their continued support and generosity, especially in these difficult financial times.

N0 7.30 AM MASS 9th January to 13th January

Unfortunately, due to continuing illness, we are unable to facilitate the 7.30am Mass next week. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but ask for your understanding.

There is an 8.00am Mass in Howth.

FR. JOHN AND FR. LIAM would like to thank everyone for their good wishes over the last week. They are both on the road to recovery, thank God.

PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE – The next meeting will take place on **Monday 16 January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – The next meeting of the PPC will take place on **Monday 23 January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

SANTA SABINA, Dominican College, Sutton will celebrate their **centenary in September 2012**. They are appealing to all past pupils to send them information and photographs that will help them put together a booklet to mark the centenary. There is a link on the school website www.santasabina.ie that will allow access to a questionnaire which focuses on specific areas about which they need information. Alternatively, general memories and photographs can be sent to centenary@santasabina.ie.

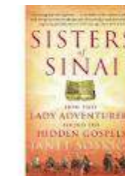


TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT MASS DO THIS IN MEMORY - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME-

WEEK 15 -SEVEN WAYS WE KNOW THE GOSPEL IS IMPORTANT:

We stand. - We sing or say an acclamation to welcome the Gospel. - The reading can only be done by the priest or deacon. - The priest or deacon greets us again with the same words used at the beginning of Mass. - The priest or deacon makes the sign of the cross four times. First, on the Book of the Gospels and then on his forehead, his lips and his breast. We do the same on our foreheads, lips and breast. We do this to remind us that God's word should always be on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts. - At the end of the Gospel the priest/deacon says: 'The Gospel of the Lord' and we answer: 'Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.' - The priest/deacon kisses the book.

OUR NEXT DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY NEXT JANUARY 15th at 10.30am.



PARISH BOOK CLUB – JANUARY BOOK OF THE MONTH – SISTERS OF SINAI – Janet Soskice - During the month of January we will be reading *Sisters of Sinai* by Janet Soskice. This rattling adventure tells the story of how

Scottish twin sisters made one of the most important manuscript finds of the nineteenth century – an early copy of the Gospels which lay hidden in the Sinai desert. We will be meeting on **Wednesday February 8th at 8pm in the parish centre** for an informal chat and discussion about the book. All are welcome. **For more information please contact James in the parish office 8392001.**

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL Mark 1:7-11

1 John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He is able to acknowledge that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.
2 The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
3 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind memories of experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Bring these experiences to mind with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.

John Byrne OSA Email john@orlagh.ie

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. The Gospel Mark will be used on Sundays this year. What should I look out for in Mark?
A. Mark is a great storyteller with the gift of bringing the reader right into the heart of the action. You will read of Jesus establishing eye contact with people or reaching out to touch people. This is a great Gospel for the sort of meditation that asks you to put yourself into the scene and become part of the story. Mark moves the story forward at a great pace and develops a sense of drama. He presents Jesus as a victim of misunderstanding and rejection. It seems as if his mission was a failure as Jesus dies with a cry of desolation, 'My God, why have you forsaken me.' But just then, dramatic things happen and the Roman centurion declares Jesus to be the Son of God. There is a powerful message of hope in this portrait of Jesus in solidarity with those who suffer injustice, misunderstanding and rejection.

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