

WEEK DIARY - Sat. 28th Jan/Sun. 5th Feb 2012

Saturday 28 Jan:

- **6.30pm Mass** - anniversary of Nuala Purcell

Sunday 29 Jan: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **9.00am Mass** - anniversaries of John and Helena Kelly
- **10.30am Family Mass** - anniversaries of, Frank and Lil McCracken
- **12.00 Noon Mass** - for all parishioners and those attending Mass in St. Fintan's
- **6.30pm Mass** - anniversary of Jean Ryan

Monday 30 Jan: Bl. Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor, martyrs

- **7.30am Mass** - deceased members of the Killeen and Woods Families
- **10.0am Mass** - anniversaries of Paddy, Colette and Gretta Wallace

Tuesday 31 Jan: St. John Bosco, priest

- **7.30am Mass** - anniversaries of Mary E and John Hanly
- **10.00am Mass** - anniversary of Tony Daly

Wednesday 01 Feb: St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

- **7.30am Mass** - for Special Intention
- **10.00am Mass** - for Special Intention

Thursday 02 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord

- **7.30am Mass** - for Special Intention
- **10.00am Mass** - for Niall Hogan

Friday 03 Feb: St. Blaise, bishop and martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop

- **7.30am Mass** - and
- **10.00am Mass** - for all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead

Saturday 04 Feb:

- **10.00am Mass** - First anniversary of Bernadette McMahon
- **6.30pm Mass** - 10th anniversary of Jimmy Connolly

Sunday 05 Feb: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **9.00am Mass** - for Patrick Murphy, recently deceased
- **10.30am Family Mass** - anniversaries of, James and Ellen Madden
- **12.00 Noon Mass** - for all parishioners and those attending Mass in St. Fintan's
- **6.30pm Mass** - anniversary of Frank Fogarty

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

- + Sheila Kavanagh, recently deceased, wife of our treasurer John Kavanagh.
- + Tim and Mona Kirwan, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MEDUGORJE 2012 - A pilgrimage to Medugorje will take place from 22nd June to 30th June. **Price €669, reduced to €619**, if paid before 14th February. €50 deposit will secure a place. For further details, please contact Maureen Maher on 0872073406 or 01 8324063.

CHURCH READERS - WEEKDAY MASSES:

The following are listed to read at
10.00a.m. Masses - 30th January/4th February:
Monday: Seamus Hanrahan
Tuesday: P. O'Cearbhaill
Wednesday: Harry Gallagher
Thursday: Tony Fitzpatrick
Friday: Michael Murray
Saturday: Dominic Browne

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat./Sun. 4th/5th February:

Saturday 6.30p.m.: D. Browne
Sunday 9.00 a.m.: Irish Mass Reader
Sunday 10.30a.m.: Family Mass Reader
Sunday 12 noon: S. Dunphy
Sunday 6.30p.m.: R. McAnally



PARISH BAPTISM TEAM - Baptism marks initiation into the Christian community. By asking for baptism for their child, parents recognise that God is part of their life and of their decision making. The **parish Baptism team** welcomes and prepares families for the sacrament of Baptism. The team facilitates a pre-Baptism preparation meeting on the fourth Monday of each month. Members of the team also assist on the day of Baptism. **If you are interested in becoming involved in this joyful and worthwhile ministry then please contact the parish office - 8392001.**



WELCOME - We welcome into our Christian community, **Abby Millie O'Reilly** and **Jessica Aileen O'Donnell** who were baptised recently at St. Fintan's.



PATRICIAN MEETING
The subject of this meeting will be "The Eucharist" with special reference to the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress. The paper will be presented by Sr. Angela of the Holy Rosary Sisters and will be held in **Santa Sabina Convent at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st February**. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID - Wednesday 1st FEB

The traditional St. Brigid's crosses, made in Santa Sabina, will be blessed during Mass. The crosses will be available in the porch after the 7.30am and 10am Mass. A donation of €5 would be appreciated for each cross. All proceeds will go to AFRI aid.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A very useful resource for Ministers of the Word and those interested in developing their knowledge of the Word of God is available on www.tarsus.ie. The website has reflections and insights into the daily and weekend Mass readings.

Weekend Church Collections 21st/22nd January

First Collection: €2,325 (up 1% on previous week and up 32% on average)

Share Collection: €1,905 (up 18.7% on previous week and up 71% on average)

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

APPEAL FOR COLLECTORS - We urgently require more volunteers to take up the collections at weekend Masses. We thank our existing team of collectors for their continued support and commitment. For more information please contact Jim Lillis, Phone No 8325913 or contact the Parish Office on 8392001.

ST. V. DE PAUL COLLECTION

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place after all Masses **this** weekend.

BLESSING OF CANDLES will take place at 10.00am Mass on Thursday 2nd February. Please leave your candle, with your name securely affixed to it, in the basket on the table in front of the altar before Mass. You may retrieve your candle after Mass.

CANDLES will be available for purchase from the Parish Bookshop, from Monday 30th January. Price €2 each or €3 for two candles.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Blessing of throats will take place after 10.00am Mass on Friday 3rd February.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The diocesan celebration of the 20th Word Day of the Sick will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mounse Road, Drimnagh, on **Sunday 5th February at 3.00pm**. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be the main celebrant at Mass which will include a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to attend. Extensive parking will be available in the school grounds on Sperrin Road, beside the church. Bus routes 121, 122, 123 and the Luas Red Line service the area. Anyone who needs assistance to attend is invited to contact the parish office of Our Lady of Good Counsel, on **01 4556105**. Transport will be arranged through the local Order of Malta, Red Cross and Civil Defence. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER MEETING takes place every Monday **8-9pm** in the Shalom room, Portmarnock Parish Centre, **St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock**. **Ages 16-35yrs. All Welcome.** Contact: y2kportmarnock@gmail.com. Visit Youth2000.ie

EMMAUS RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

This centre, in Lissenhall, Swords, offers a wide range of retreats, workshops and seminars. Their programme for **February 2012** is now available.

Please refer to their web site www.emmauscentre.ie or email: emmauscentre@emmauscentre.ie



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

WEEK 19- OFFERING THE GIFTS - AN OLD CUSTOM

In the early Church people brought the bread and the wine that was used during Mass. This was their gift to their Church family. They also brought other food to be blessed and sometimes this food was given to those who did not have enough to eat. When we bring the bread, wine to the altar we are continuing this custom. We also continue this custom of giving when we put money in our Trócaire Box during Lent or when we give money to organisations collecting outside of the church, like the St Vincent de Paul.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012 - Catholic Schools Week this year runs from January 29th -

February 4th. The theme for this year is *Christ's Living Body Active in our World*. The theme is very much in tune with the Eucharistic Congress due to be held in Dublin in June. During the week school communities are encouraged to celebrate the Eucharist together. **As part of Catholic Schools Week we will be joined by the boys and girls of 3rd, 4th and 5th classes from St. Fintan's National School on Thursday February 2nd for the 10am Mass (weather permitting).** Catholic Schools Week also encourages schools and parishes to celebrate **Grandparents' Day** in acknowledgment of the central role of grandparents in the faith journey of their grandchildren and so **grandparents are especially welcome to join us on Thursday morning**. During the Mass the children will share some special prayers and reflections for grandparents.



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2012 - By the end of 2011, almost 5,000 people from over 50 countries had already booked

their places for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress taking place in Dublin from June 10th -17th. All of the events from June 10th to 16th will take place in the RDS with the closing liturgy taking place in Croke Park on Sunday 17th June. The principal daily themes are: **Sunday 10th June** - Corpus Christi - Opening Ceremony. **Monday 11th June** - Communion in One Baptism. **Tuesday 12th June** - Communion in Marriage and Family. **Wednesday 13th June** - Exploring and celebrating Ministry - Ordained and Lay. **Thursday 14th** - Restoring Communion through Justice and Reconciliation. **Friday 15th June** - Communion in Suffering and in Healing. **Saturday 16th June** - Communion in the Word through Mary. **Sunday 17th June** Statio Orbis (In Croke Park). **For more details on how to book for the Congress, serve as a volunteer or offer hospitality to visiting pilgrims, please visit www.iec2012.ie.**