

Congratulations



Communion
of the body and blood of Christ

On Your

The Girls of St. Louise's

Kasie Barrett	Ellie Kane
Lily Barry	Taylor Kenny
Ella Rose Buckley	Caitlin Kenny
Emily Burke	Alana Lee
Ava Byrne Rogers	Alex Maguire
Ellie Carrie	Lucy Mans
Katie Coombes	Katie Mc Kenna
Aoife Cummins	Kirsten Mc Loughlin
Amelia Cunningham	Kadi Moore
Leah Delaney	Saoirse Moran
Tayah Jean Doherty	Aoife Murphy
Sinead Doyle	Callie Murphy Dunne
Lexi Dunne	Alicia O'Brien
Kirstie Dunne	Alice O'Brien
Kelly Fagan	Kate O'Connell
Carley Fitzpatrick	Jade O'Neill
Erin Flood	Kayla O'Neill Somers
Ellie Flood	Mia O'Reilly
Ava Flynn	Morgan Smyth
Lexie Foy	Ruby Sperrin
Carly Gavin	Saoirse-Lilly Stokes
Grace Grogan	Abbie Warren Carey
Holly Jackson	

First

Communion

BOOK OF THE WEEK

**MAKING THE
EUCHARIST MATTER**
FRANK ANDERSEN, MSC
AVE MARIA PRESS, IN 1998 pp 133
Not an easy read,
but well worth the effort.

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Sat 28 May	6.30	Paul Walsh Harry Walsh Brigid Farrelly
Sun 29	10.30	Margaret Fisher Richard O'Brten
Sun 29	12.00	First Holy Communion: Girl's of St. Louise's
Tue 31	7.30	Josie Doyle Brian James Anthony Maxwell
Thur 2 Jun	10.00	Harry Boothman Cecelia Boothman

Fri 3 Jun @ 7.30 Prayer Around the Cross

FAITH MOMENT

THE CHURCH TEACHES THAT
THE EUCHARIST
IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF
OUR LIFE IN THE CHURCH.
FOR HOW MANY OF US,
IS THIS TRUE?

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon 30 May	Mk 12: 1-12	The stone rejected has become the keystone.
Tues 31	Lk 1: 39-56	Visitation of BVM
Weds 1 June	Mk 12: 18-27	He is God, not of the dead, but of the living
Thurs 2	Mk. 12: 28-34	You are not far from the Kingdom of God
Fri. 3.	Lk 15: 3-7	Feast of the Sacred Heart
Sat 4	Mk 12: 38-44	The widow's mite
Sun 5th		Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Collection Totals

Week Beginning	15/5
First Collection	780
Share Collection	970
Family Offering	1003



World Meeting of Families 2018

Some months ago Pope Francis decided that Dublin would be the venue for the World Meeting of Families in 2018

It will be necessary to generate funds to meet the expenses involved. Therefore it has been decided to hold a National Church collection each year, 2016, 2017, & 2018. It will replace the Share Collection.

*The first of these collections will be held in all churches, this weekend
May 28/29 2016*

Rest in Peace



Rosaleen Barden
William (Liam) Browne

*Blessings and Sympathy
to the Families*

St. Vincent De Paul

Annual Clothing Appeal For Second-Hand Clothing

Collection of Bags this Weekend 28/29 May

Monthly Collection takes place outside the Church
after all the Masses

25 November

Gospel Choir

Tickets €12
Contact Ken Byrne
086 236 52 88

Mini-Camino Walk of the Five Parishes of the Cluster

Starts Chapelizod → Palmerstown → Cherry Orchard →
St. Matthew's → Assumption with Refreshments
Sunday June 12 @ 1.30 starting at Chapelizod
For further Information contact
jane.mellet@dublindiocese.ie

Cemetery Masses

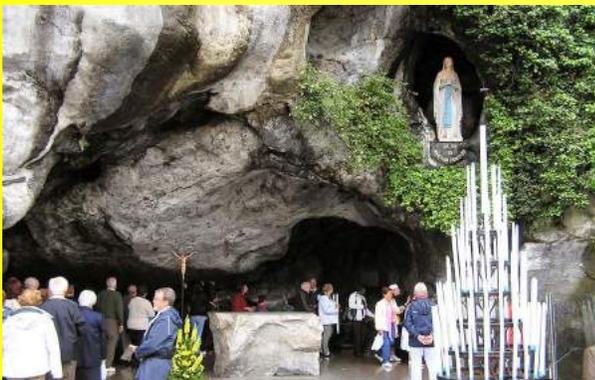
Palmerstown:	Sun 19 June @ 3.00
Glasnevin:	Sun 26 June @ 3.00
Newlands Cross:	Sun 10 July @ 3.00
Esker:	Sun 28 Aug @ 3.00

Feast of St. Matthew

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

17 – 22 September 2016 — Hotel Padoue
Cost €739 per person sharing
(inclusive of Airport Taxes and Insurance)
Single Room Supplement €175 per person
All Meals Included
Deposit €200 per person

**Booking forms available
from Parish Centre**



Rumblings from the Bunker

DAD, PLEASE STOP TALKING IN CHURCH....!

A while back, whilst celebrating a funeral Mass down the country, I had the experience of quite a number of people presenting to receive Holy Communion, who clearly were unsure, or simply did not know, how to respond, to being presented with the Body of Christ. Some nodded, some gave a little grunt, whilst a substantial number of others responded inappropriately, with responses ranging from, 'cheers' to 'sound job' to 'nice one'. Now the funny side of it is not lost on me. Nevertheless, I was left with a feeling of sadness. I hasten to add that, at no stage did I feel there was wilful, or calculated disrespect. No, on the contrary this was ignorance, in the purest sense of that word. They simply did not know. Perhaps some had never been part of a vibrant faith community, whilst for others it had been so long since they were in church, for it to be anything more than a vague memory. I would like to emphasise that my comments here are not meant as a judgement, but rather as an attempt to observe, learn and hopefully plot a path forward.

Recently whilst celebrating a First Holy Communion Mass I experienced one of my more difficult days on the altar. In fairness the boys themselves were excellent. Well taught, and equally well rehearsed, they showed reverence in the church and sought to carry out whatever task that had been entrusted to them with respect and dignity. Sad to say many of the adults did not show the same decorum. It was very noisy, and this was sustained. A number of adults chatted throughout the Mass. A number went in and out, presumably for a smoke. Some chewed gum. I heard one little boy plead with his Dad, 'Dad, please stop talking in church!' I found it sad to see little boys, the best of children, having practiced and rehearsed their prayers and readings and not being given the courtesy of being heard. This is not to mention the overall disrespect, for both the sacred space of God's house, and the Eucharist itself. Was all this motivated by malice, or a conscious effort to undermine the sacredness of the day? Not at all. It was essentially thoughtless, ignorant behaviour from people who are a long way from church. Yet beside that, they wanted their little boy to have his 'big day'. Indeed as one lady put it, 'we are entitled to that, Father'. For my part, I made several appeals for quiet and general respect, with only minimal effect. Just as I began the institution narrative, 'On the night he was betrayed,' I had a moment of accentuated awareness. I believe this was a nudge of the Holy Spirit. It came to me that I was damaging the Eucharist. It struck me that what we were doing was wrong. We were doing violence to what is the 'source and summit' of our lives together in the Lord. It left me with a profound sadness that has as yet, not quite abated.

Surely at this time of year, as we celebrate Corpus Christi, and within our parishes have our First Holy Communions, it is time to stop and take a serious look at what is happening? Perhaps there is nothing wrong with a little family celebration, a few balloons, and maybe even the bouncy castle, but do we really need the hummers and the stretch limousines? A trip to Lanzarote? A hairband that lights up? And at the end of all this, Mum is still, two years later, paying off the credit union loan. Has it not gone a little mad? Where is the emphasis? What is important? Where is Jesus in this? Is there any, even a basic understanding, of what is happening at Mass? Do the adults know, never mind the children, or do they even begin to appreciate what is going on, when the priest says, '**The Body of Christ**', and we reply '**Amen**'?

Is it not time to end our denial and face the reality that we have entered a post - Christian era. This is the New Paganism. Surely it is time to save the Eucharist from the waves of disrespect, granted they may not be intentional, that barrage it? What I mean by this, is that wherever people feel they HAVE TO be at the Eucharist, we should free them up. We should remove all pressure or compulsion on people to take part in any Eucharist. This will mean providing both funeral and wedding ceremonies outside Eucharist, and an end to the conveyor belt religion that is evident at First Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. In other words I am arguing for a much smaller, much leaner, but more vibrant Church. Once again, as often in her history, our church needs both reform and renewal.