

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

- Mt 5:11-12a

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**AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED
A SPECIAL EVENING IN ST. MATTHEW'S
WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME**

FR. EAMONN MULCAHY

WHO WILL HELP US TO MARK
IN A FITTING WAY THE END OF
THE YEAR OF MERCY



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**A REVOLUTION OF
TENDERNESS AND LOVE
TRANSFORMATIVE ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS IN A YEAR OF MERCY**

AND WILL TAKE PLACE
IN ST. MATTHEW'S ON

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm

Bring this home with you.

Read it.

Take a copy for someone else.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

PROOF OF HEAVEN A NEUROSURGEON'S JOURNEY INTO THE AFTERLIFE

Eben Alexander, M.D.

Simon and Schuster paperbacks

Thousands of people have had near-death experiences, but scientists have argued that they are impossible. Dr Alexander was one of those. Then his own brain was attacked by a rare illness and he was left in a coma for seven days. This is his story, and what happened over those seven days. Before his experience he could not reconcile neuroscience with any belief in God. Now he is a doctor who believes that true health is only fully achievable when we realise that God and the soul are real and that death is not the end but a transition. This is a fascinating book.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 10.30 – 4.00
Wed 10.30 – 9.00
Fri 10.30 – 9.00

Divine Mercy Meeting

Every Wed Evening
@ 8.00pm in the Prayer Room

Parish Centre
Phone: 626 56 95

Reader Lists for November
Now available in the Sacristy

Mass Diary for 2017

is now available
in the sacristy

FAITH MOMENT

The Paschal Mystery is the saving death and resurrection of Jesus for the redemption of the world. It is a core Christian belief that by his death on the Cross and his Resurrection from the dead, Jesus overcame death and sin.

Church Collection Totals Week Beginning 23/10

First Collection	740
Mission Sunday	935
Family Offering	938

Mass Intentions

6.30 Saturday

James Monahan, Thomas Knowles

10.30 Sunday

Matt, Mollie, Willie Curran

12.00 Sunday

Kathleen Ferry, John Byrne,
Arthur McAnaspie, Josephine Long

10.00 Monday

Sean, Bridget Oman

7.30 Thursday

November Mass for the Dead

Friday 10.00

Brian Higgins, Joseph Mezza

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.30 (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.00, 9.45
(Convent),
10.30, 12.00

Weekdays:

10.00 Monday – Friday
7.30 Tuesday

Safeguarding Sunday

6th November

The aim of Diocesan Child Safeguarding Day is to raise awareness of the work that is being done to ensure the safety and protection of children involved in Church activities in the diocese. The key messages organisers hope to put across are that safeguarding is about creating the right environment for the involvement of children in the life of the Church and that good safeguarding practice is an integral part of ministry.

November

The Month of the Dead

**The Annual Mass for those
who have died during the
past 12 months from
St. Matthew's Parish
will take place on
Thurs, 10th Nov at 7.30pm.**

We extend a warm welcome to all family members and friends.

Envelopes with reminders for the families of the deceased have been placed for collection at the side of the altar. If you see names of families that live near you perhaps you would take them and deliver them. We have tried to include everyone who died during the year.

If a name has been omitted please contact the Parish Office at **6265695**

Gospel Readings for the Week

Mon	7/11	Lk 17: 1-6	Increase our faith
Tue	8/11	Lk 17: 7-10	We have done no more than our duty
Wed	9/11	Jn 2: 13-22	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA My Father's house
Thu	10/11	Lk 17: 20-25	ST. LEO THE GREAT The kingdom of God is among you
Fri	11/11	Lk 17: 26-3	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS Where the body is, there too the vultures will gather
Sat	12/11	Lk 18: 1-8	I promise you he will see justice done.



Rumblings from the Bunker



DEATH

Now that we are in the month of November our thoughts turn towards those that we have known, and sometimes loved, who have died. Our society is now less comfortable than ever with death. This is a natural consequence of the move away from organised religion and/or the decrease in faith. We are encouraged now to use language that softens the starkness of death. We speak of 'his passing', 'she crossed', 'they have gone before us', indeed recently I heard someone who had just died as now having their 'final sleep'. This is very understandable and indeed some of this language has its own beauty, but if it feeds a denial in us regarding the finality of death it may not be healthy. I was very concerned to hear from a bereaved family that a couple of relatives had sought medication to get them through the 'trauma' of the upcoming funeral. Again I intend no judgement here but we need to gently face loss as a natural part of life. We need to help each other in such difficult days. At times we are only postponing the effects of grief. Sometimes I meet people who are investing far too much time in the dead, often to the neglect of the living. This is not to say that we should not pray for our beloved dead, of course we should. Similarly it is good to tend to our graves, to recall, to remember, to give thanks. However some times how we behave in the face of death does not appear to reflect a good faith understanding of what this means for us as Christians.

I love to remember the words of John Donne, 'Death be not proud though some have called thee mighty and dreadful, for thou are not so', or the courageous, faith-filled taunting of Paul, 'Death where is your sting? Death where is your victory?' The challenge is that these are more than nice words. What do we, as followers of Jesus, believe about death? Can we

be precise about this? Do we accept that with the death of Jesus, no death would ever be the same again? The death of Jesus changes death forever. The death of Jesus takes the real sting out of death itself. The power of death is beaten by Jesus. There is no trick here. As part of our creed we state that 'Jesus suffered death and was buried'. The nub of the question for those of us who form part of the believing community is, are we Good Friday people or Easter people? I suppose a clever answer might be that we are of course both. It is a pertinent question though. Do we find ourselves talking with conviction and vigour about the suffering and death of Jesus and then finish with questions about the after-life, or the catch all comment about the Risen Jesus: ah well sure it's all a mystery! Of course it is a mystery, and Paul reminds us we now can only glimpse it 'through a glass darkly.' The promise ultimately is of the beatific vision which Aquinas glimpsed before his death, and though a giant intellect and master of language he struggled to express its sublime beauty. As we turn into November my thoughts and prayers turn towards my parents. Joe is gone over twenty years, Bridie just a few. I miss them both very much. My belief based on both

the life, and the promises, of Jesus is that I will come into the presence of both of them again.

I believe I will know them but they shall be different, because they will be sinless, having shed the fragility and the limitations of the human condition. I will encounter them in the beauty in which God made them. Meanwhile I pray for their peace, and I try to bring them honour.

I share with you these little personal tributes to them.

EASTER SUNDAY 2013

I did not know then
Nor do I fully grasp now
That it was our Last Supper

As we broke bread, remembered,
Gave thanks and gave out,
Grumbling smiles, for all, each other,
You and I, my lovely Mum.

Slower now, I saw you hobble
Towards the stained glass
Of our door

Nothing slow or pained.
In the bright smile
Warm hug.

Seeing the kitchen table bare,
I moved to set it,

No, you laughed, we are in the
Dining room, this evening,
'Sure it's Easter Sunday, son'.

We dined like royalty
That Resurrection Evening,
Unhurried, together.

No I did not know then that
Soon, very soon, you would
Cease to hobble and begin
To dance... Did you?

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

You are gone a long time now,
Over twenty years.
My missing you has a new freshness
Especially around three on a Sunday,
Flashpoint of memory.
You and I, and perhaps the others,
On Expedition.
Muffled in duffle,
And you in suede coat and shoes,
Shirt and tie.
Up to your Mother's,
House of Order,
No mess,
Warmth, not so obvious.
There though!



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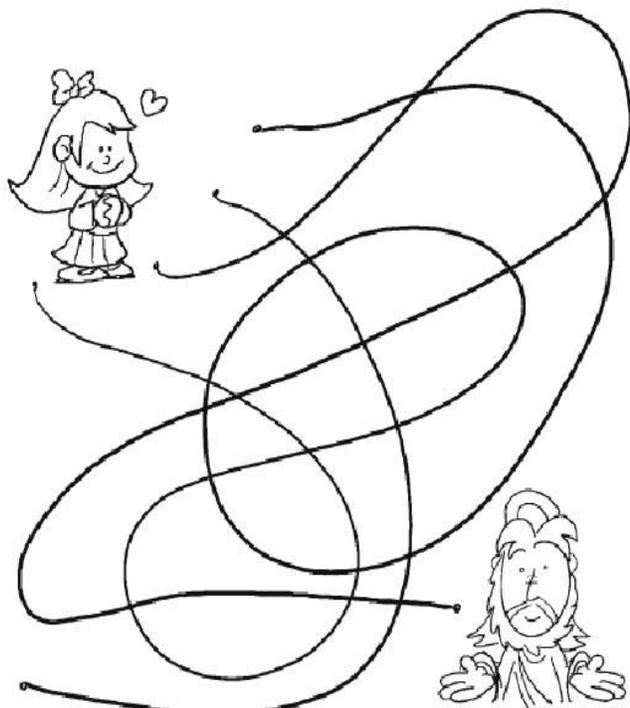


Children's Page



Puzzle

Help her find her way to Jesus.



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Sharing the Gospel

When you ask Jesus to play with you, he will say, "Which game do you want to play first?" If you ask him to the movies, he will go with you. When extra people show up for his party, he will say, "Come on in, there's always room for one more." If you need to talk with him, he will say, "Sit down right now and tell me all about it." Jesus Christ will never turn you away.

Prayer

Thanks for being my friend, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Remember some people who have died.
Say a prayer for them.



S C H O O L N E W S

St. Louise de Marillac's Star Pupils

In the month of September one child was chosen from each class in the school as pupil of the month in recognition of his/her excellent attitude to school. We are very proud of these children as they give a great example to all their friends. Congratulations to the pupils of the month for September: *Saoirse Newsome, Saoirse Buckley, Leah McGowan, Rhys Kehoe, Kayla Murphy, Megan Dwyer, Abbie Rose Williams, Ellie Brown McCluskey, Bella May Casserly, Millie Robinson, Kirsten McLoughlin, Erin Flood, Amber Rooney, Tia Byrne, Amber Eastwood, Amiee Ritchie Bates, Nikita Kelly & Katie Mooney.*

One child from each class, who had a great start to the year, was also awarded a special certificate. Congratulations to: *Jason Smith, Alannah Walsh, Mya Smith, Darcie Dunne, Emma Gibbs, Ella Perth, AJ Bracken, Carly Armstrong, Katelyn Hurley, Kirsty Brennan, Aoife Cummins, Grace Grogan, Taylor Boylan, Amber Taylor, Fiona Plesca, Jazmine O' Keeffe, Sabrin Casserly & Delia Antonia.*



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Individual parent/teacher meetings will take place after school on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th of November in St. Louise's. Children will finish school at the usual time. We hope that all parents can attend to discuss the progress their child is making in school this year.

A Day Out with Roddy Doyle

On Monday 10th of October our class went to see Roddy Doyle in Liberty Hall because he wrote a new book called 'Rover and the Big Fat Baby'. We were the only class from the whole of Ballyfermot chosen to go. He writes lots of brilliant books, he is very famous.

We all went from school on the bus with our teacher and Ms Quinn. Yasmin and Tegan's mummies came too. We stopped right in front of Liberty Hall. We went upstairs and sat down in a café until it was time to go into the theatre. We met Millie's grandad who works there.

There were children from other parts of Dublin there as well. Roddy Doyle is bald and he was wearing a tux. He has kids. He read us some of his book and asked us to shout 'Shut Up!' when 10 minutes was up. It was very, very funny. Then we asked him questions with a microphone. The book was about the Gigglers and Rover. The Gigglers were putting Rover's poo in front of any adults, who were mean to a child.

When it was over, we walked out the door and a man gave us Roddy Doyle bookmarks for free. We walked to the bus stop and we got one Fig Roll each. Mr Mack in the story had a job taste testing Fig Rolls. Lucy said, "They are very disgusting!" but most of us found them disgustingly good! Lilly said the day was very cool and funny.



Be Well Week: St. John's College



Dublin Gospel Choir

25 NOVEMBER @ 8PM

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