



## Rumblings from the Bunker

### THIRTY THINGS I LOVE ABOUT BEING A PRIEST IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN!

- Glendalough:** beauty, ancient tradition, vibrant heritage, sacred silence, Holy Spirit whispering...
- Pro Cathedral:** holy space, Palestrina, rhythmic praying people, statues, paintings, ambiance...
- Incense:** rising, wafting filled with childlike faith, rich, lingering, reminding us of God...
- Gospel Choir:** joy, beat, dance, gives God glory, attracts all ages and group, stirring, enlivening....
- Religious Orders:** rich tapestry of service, including monasteries, faithful and inspiring....
- St. Matthews:** grounds, stain glass, seating, shrines, Joy and Sorrow, heroic virtue of people..
- Mass:** greatest prayer on earth...incredible privilege of celebrating every day, Jesus present...
- Catholic Schools/ Hospitals:** much beleaguered, the lens and values of Jesus continues....
- St. Kevin:** monk, leader, pastor, father, custodian of monastic prayer and sacred silence....
- Social Justice:** Sean, Kevin, Stan, Peter, Consilio, Martin and their co workers. Living Gospel...
- St. Laurence O' Toole:** Shepherd, administrator, leader, Archbishop of Dublin, contemplative...
- Ballyfermot:** warmth, welcome, looking out for each other, unfairly criticized, real, resilient....
- Eucharistic Adoration:** depth of God's love, Christ truly present amongst us, divine beauty....
- Pilgrimage:** great tradition, from going to Knock, Lourdes, Holy Land, Medjugore, Assisi....
- Cultural Diversity:** gradual letting go of difference being threat, to richness in diversity....
- Prayer Groups:** plethora of these all round the diocese, constant powerhouse of prayer....
- Media:** at its best, investigative did us some service, calls us out, necessary challenge....
- Leadership:** courageous, skilled communicator, gives voice to abused and others, tolerant...
- Arts accessibility:** easy access to huge array of drama, music, art, dance, on stage and street...
- Devotions:** Marian, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, Novena of Grace.....
- Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Workers:** Valiant, self sacrificing, hard working, inspirational....
- Humor:** connected with humility, ability to laugh at ourselves, not gospel joy but related to it...
- Retreat Houses:** a few left that offer genuine spiritual direction and protect sacred silence...
- Prayer for Priests:** never ceasing, supportive loving laity, for priest's well being, his vocation.
- Matt Talbot:** Granby Lane, chains, alcoholism, docker, hard work, shame, God's grace, saint.
- Church Bells:** Pealing, locally and nationally, Angelus, call to prayer, reminder of God's love..
- Climate:** Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Green, Ecology, Care of planet, increased awareness....
- St. Charles of St. Andrew of Mount Argus:** healing, compassion for the sick and suffering...

**Mass Intentions This Week**

Brigitte Dineen Daniel McGann Catherine Nolan  
 Ricky O'Connell Ann Stokes Noel Stokes

**Recent Funerals:**

Elizabeth Murray Philip Walsh David Zambra

**Mass Times**

**St. Matthew's** **Weekdays:**  
**Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30** **Mon, Thur, Fri: 10.00**  
**Sunday: 09.00,10.30,12.00**  
**No Convent Mass @ 9.45 during July and August**  
**Tuesday**  
**10.00 Prayer Service**

**NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS**  
**DURING JULY AND AUGUST**

**FAITH MOMENT**

Sacred images - icons, statues and paintings of saints and stained glass - are all meant to move the faithful to contemplation on the Word of God and on the mysteries of Christ through visible images of beauty. Just as the invisible God was made visible in Jesus Christ, Christian images make visible invisible mysteries of faith.

**BOOK OF THE WEEK**

**PSALM - PRAYERS FOR EVERY MOOD**  
**KEVIN LYON**  
**COLUMBA PRESS DUBLIN 2014 Pp 173**

The author, I am delighted and proud to say is a priest of this diocese, ministering in County Wicklow. Fr Kevin Lyon, or more correctly the Archdeacon, has given us a beautiful gift in our book of the week. The ancient wisdom and deep prayerfulness of the psalms is brought right into the middle of our kitchen and living room. In the experienced and prayerful hands of the author we quickly realize that ancient does not mean archaic but Kevin shows us they are in fact a treasure trove for modern spiritual life. These prayers, prayed by Jesus, and by Mary, are brought to us as prayers that are pertinent to all the joys and sorrows of today. This is a gem of a book, one to keep handy beside the bed or the kettle. It will quickly be well thumbed. It's pretty obvious the author did not just apply his head to the task but his heart and soul. Thanks Kevin, we are indebted to you.

**Weekly Collections**

**July 8**  
**First Collection** € 690  
**Peter's Pence** € 455  
**Family Offering** € 606

**PARISH SHOP**

Cards, Calendars, Candles and much more available at the shop in the Parish Centre

**Concert in Aid of**  
**St. Matthew's & Peter McVerry Trust**

**Friday 30th November in St. Matthews Tickets €15**  
**Show Starts @ 7.45pm Doors open at 6pm.**  
 Performing will be the Flukey Ukeys, The Dublin Gospel Choir, Ms. Mary Byrne, Matt Dodd, the Girls from St. Louise's School and the Boys from St. Lorcan's BNS.  
 Contact Ken Byrne for more information on 086 236 52 88

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[www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com](http://www.stmatthewsballyfermot.com)

And our Facebook page,  
[www.facebook.com/st.matthews.ballyfermot/](http://www.facebook.com/st.matthews.ballyfermot/)

**Parish Centre or Sacristy:**  
**Phone: 626 56 95**  
**Monday to Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Weekly Collections**

**First Collection**

Pays our priests, and helps support sick and retired the priests of the Diocese.

**Share Collection**

Helps towards maintenance and building in the poorer parishes of the Diocese.

**Envelope Collection - Family Offering**

Main source of income in the Parish, and the only money retained by the parish. It covers all admin and general expenses, church & grounds maintenance, heating, light, repairs, insurance etc. Vital for the upkeep of our parish.

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival,**  
**Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary**  
**Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th August 2018.**

For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online

E-Mail: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) --- Phone 01 6753690

**GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon 23/07	<b>Jn 15: 1 – 8</b>	ST. BRIGID OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS ' I am the vine, you are the branches'
Tue 24/07	<b>Mt 12: 46 – 50</b>	ST. DECLAN, BISHOP 'Anyone who does the will of my Father in Heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother'
Wed 25/07	<b>Mt 20: 20 – 28</b>	ST JAMES, APOSTLE 'Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?'
Thu 26/07	<b>Mt 13: 10 – 17</b>	SS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF MARY, 'Happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear!'
Fri 27/07	<b>Mt 13: 18 – 23</b>	'the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it'.
Sat 28/07	<b>Mt 13: 24 – 30</b>	'when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it'

**Papal Visit**  
**August 25 - 26**

**Saturday 25**  
**No Mass at 6.30**

**Sunday 26**  
**No Mass at 9.00,**  
**10.30, 12.00**

**Mass at 9.30am**  
**ONLY**