



A Return to Ballyfermot

It's great to belong to a warm Christian community where everyone is made to feel welcome no matter who they are. Such is Ballyfermot. Since I suddenly arrived back on the scene, I have again experienced this and am deeply grateful. There are very few I remember from 1980 when I left Ballyfermot (Assumption) to go to Kilnamanagh. I had blonde hair then and many people remember me going around on my bike. I have since lost most of my hair and am driving a Nissan Note. Otherwise I haven't changed much. Thank God I am in good health and look forward to serving in St Matthew's parish as long as I am left here. I have no great plans of what I might do, or rather, that we might do together. As it is I find it difficult to come to terms with the way certain things are done here, but I have great help in the parish team who are so willing to accommodate and provide. Sadly, one of the things that I find necessary to change is the number of Sunday Masses. The number of priests available to say Mass has dropped significantly, and it is not fair to be constantly relying on elderly priests to fill in. It is, however, not because of the lack of priests that we are encouraging the laity to play a greater role in the Church. When you are baptised and come to belong to the Church, you are joining a community that was established by Christ to continue to share the Good News with future generations, and each member has a different role to play in that. Our task is to help people recognise their gift and calling and to facilitate them in carrying out their role. While we must pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in order to provide the Sacraments, we should realise that this vocation arises only where others are exercising their own vocation, and that the other vocations are also necessary for the life of the Church. It is understandable, but still a major concern that many of the younger generation have turned away from the fellowship of the church and are trying to live Christian lives in isolation. I would be glad to hear of any suggestions as to what might be done about this and to encourage going about it, not expecting any great transformation in the near future, but laying down some new structures with hope and trust in God. One area in which the people of Ballyfermot seem to be particularly committed is the care of the underprivileged and deprived. Without this dedication of Church members, there is no real sharing of the Good News. When we have made an effort and improved our lot, we don't really like to be reminded of how we lived before. Nevertheless there are always many people suffering in different ways, so we just have to keep an eye out for them or we just might not notice them, especially if they don't seem to be 'one of us'. I expect to have more to say from time to time.

Fr. Piaras MacLochlainn

Mass Times St. Matthew's

Weekends:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30

Sunday: 09.00,10.30,12.00

Weekdays:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 10.00

Tue: Morning Prayer 10.00

Holydays of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 6.30

Holyday: 10.30

Please Note:

**The Wednesday Evening Mass
has been discontinued.**

**It will be replaced by
a Morning Mass at 10.00am**

If you have booked Masses on a Wednesday evening in November or December please call to the Sacristy to arrange another time.

Special Mass Intentions

**1st Friday of each month: 10.00am Mass
For The November List of the Dead**

**1st Sunday of each month 9.00am Mass
For the People of the Parish**

**Every Wednesday 10.00am Mass
For the People of the Parish**

**2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday 9.00am Mass
For those for whom Mass Cards
have been requested**

**No other Mass Intentions will be taken
at the above times.**

**The changes come into effect
from November onwards.**

Suggested Changes to Sunday Mass Times

**It has been suggested that we reduce the
number of Sunday Masses from three to two at
9.00am and 11.30am.**

**We would like to get your comments in writing
to the Sacristy or the Parish Office so that they
can be considered by the Parish Council.**

Please take the newsletter home with you.

St. Matthew's Newsletter—10 Nov 2019—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30pm: Denis Brine, Jane Byrne, Jack, May & Sean Doyle, Hugh & Paul Harris, Christy, Laurence, Patrick, Peter & Ruby Gannon, Jonnie & Delia Maguire, Bridget & Bernard Murphy, Murphy Family

Sunday 10.30am: Joey Garland, Josephine Long, Helen Maguire, Esther & George Norton, Andrew Quinn, Josephine Thomas (nee Long)

Sunday 12.00: Catherine & Edward Brennan, Maura & John Dwyer, Joseph Geraghty, John McCormack, Joseph Mezza, Peter Murray, John Roche

Monday: 10.00am: Bryan Higgins

Thursday: 10.00am Peter & Sheila O'Reilly

Concert in Aid of the Hospice Harold's Cross And a Donation to St. Matthew's

Music From:

- Matt Dodd & The Legends
- The Rugs Rathfarnham Ukulele Group
(featuring The Flukey Ukes)
- Julia McCabe from Ireland's Got Talent
- Singer Valerie Maguire
- Dublin Ten Twenty Men's Shed
- St. Lorcan Boys School Palmerstown
- Singer Leah Rumbling

St. Matthew's Church
Friday 22nd November
@ 8.00pm: Tickets €15

For more information contact Ken @ 086 236 5288

Week of Guided Prayer Time for Yourself 24-30 Nov 2019

The Week of Guided Prayer begins on Sunday 24th Nov in the **Assumption Parish Centre Lower Ballyfermot** at 4.00pm with a group session to introduce participants to the format of the week. You will be introduced to the prayer guide that you will meet on a daily basis to help you direct and deepen your prayer life. The structure for the week is simple and everyone is invited to participate.

For further information contact:

John Graham.....086-3721841
Ann Marie Murray085-8755664
Siobhan Ni Maoilmhichil087-7707529

Family Offering Envelopes

The new Family Offering envelopes are available for collection.

They have been placed in the church with the name of the household on each envelope.

This money goes directly to the parish

**and is crucial to the
financial upkeep of the parish.**

Thank you for supporting this collection.

If you are not a contributor perhaps you would like to commit to taking a box and giving a small amount each week. To get a new box contact the Parish Office at 01-6265695

Hospice Harold's Cross Annual Light up a Life Event December 1st @ 1.30 – 6 p.m.

Volunteers required to act as stewards at the Event.

**Contact: Mary Brien on 01 4911072 or
email mbrien@olh.ie**

Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to assist in supporting and providing information to patients and families in their Dublin Daffodil Centre's. Please contact Deirdre Murphy on 01 231 0564 or dmurphy@irishcancer.ie for more information

The Miscarriage Association of Ireland

Annual Service of Remembrance
Sunday 10th Nov 2019 @ 3.00pm
St Teresa's Church,
Donore Avenue

Altar Lists of the Dead

Altar List of the Dead Envelopes are available throughout the month of November at the right-hand side of the Altar. Please hand in your list of the deceased that you wish to be prayed for at Mass on the First Friday of every month.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	11/11	Lk 17: 1-6	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Tue	12/11	Lk 17: 7-10	St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Wed	13/11	Lk 17: 11-19	'Were not all ten made clean.'
Thu	14/11	Lk 17: 20-25	St. Lawrence O'Toole, Bishop
Fri	15/11	Lk 17: 26-37	St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Sat	16/11	Lk 18: 1-8	The Parable of the Unjust Judge

Church Collections

27 Oct

1st Collection	975
2nd Collection	600
Family Offering	800

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