



### Family Offering Envelopes

Still a lot of Family Offering envelopes waiting to be collected

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

### 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**

**Confessions: 6.00pm—6.30pm Saturday**

**Mass in Cherry Orchard Hospital**

**@ 8.15pm every Saturday**

### Readings for this Sunday

1st Reading: **2 Samuel 5: 1-3**

'They anointed David king of Israel'

2nd Reading: **Colossians 1: 12-20**

'He has taken us out of the power of darkness.'

Gospel: **Luke 23: 35-43**

'Today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### Changes in Sunday Mass Times

**The 9.00am Mass on Sunday will cease from the last Sunday in December (29th December 2019).**

**From Sunday 5th January 2020 the Sunday Masses will be at 10.30am and 12.00noon.**

### Family Mass

**Next Sunday 1st December @ 10.30**

All Welcome!! Music, Song, Story, and Drama in the Presence of Jesus. This is a really good experience of Mass for families/young children.

### 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.

### First Class Relic of St. Bernadette

On Monday 2nd December during 10.00am Mass there will be an opportunity for members of the congregation to be blessed with a First Class Relic of St. Bernadette. There will also be a talk about St. Bernadette.



*Feast of Christ the King*

### Afternoon Retreat for Parish Volunteers

There will be an afternoon retreat led by Fr. Piaras for all Parish volunteers on Sunday 8th December from 14.00 to 17.30. All volunteers are invited:

- Eucharistic Ministers**
- Readers**
- Cleaners**
- Collectors**
- Sacristans**
- Servers**
- Choir Members**

**Notes from Fr. Piaras**

I remarked that the way things were done in St Matthew's was different from what I was used to and that I found this difficult. I suppose that getting used to different people was what was at the back of it, though I have to admit that all the people helping out here are very good indeed. In any case, some of the differences I experienced were good, and most of the other differences I experienced were but small things. Some were in relation to the preparation of children for the Sacraments. I will be available to hear confessions on Saturdays at 6pm.

I would like to explain some of the other changes that I have made particularly in regards to the Mass. For funeral Masses we will be offering people the option of the family clothing the coffin with a funeral pall. This signifies the union of the deceased with Christ since the time of the Baptism.

The Book of the Gospels is brought up in the Entrance Procession at Sunday Masses by the reader. This reminds us of the importance of the liturgy of the Word, that we first feed at the table of the Word and our faith is enkindled before we go on to the liturgy of the Eucharist. It doesn't make sense to me, however, bringing the Book of the Gospels up unless we read the Gospel from it. So whoever is doing the other readings should place the lectionary underneath to make room for the Book of the Gospels.

The ministers of the Eucharist come up on the sanctuary at the Lamb of God. I will in future consecrate gluten free hosts and these will be available at all Masses for those who need them. I will have them in a separate pix and those who wish to receive Holy Communion in this way should come to me. I will only need to use one chalice in future on Sundays. One doesn't **take** Holy Communion. One is **given** Holy Communion when they respond 'Amen' (So it is; so shall I be) to the minister who says 'the Body of Christ'.

Crumbs from the ciborium are emptied into the chalice, not into the large ciborium. Otherwise the large ciborium would have much crumbs, which would likely fall to the ground during distribution of Holy Communion. In the chalice the crumbs are easily consumed when the chalice is purified.

After this we are reminded of our brothers and sisters who are part of our community and house-bound, and those commissioned to do so collect their pixes from the altar and are sent to them. Any Mass-goer may arrange to bring Holy Communion to a member of their own family in the parish.

On the first Friday of each month the host in the tabernacle in the adoration chapel will be changed and the newly consecrated host will be brought in procession after Mass to the adoration chapel. People may write their petitions which may be brought up at the Offertory on Sundays and then brought to be prayed for in the adoration chapel. All are encouraged to organise a time during the week that they may spend time in prayer there.

I hope all this helps and will enable people to understand. As regards the inevitable dropping of one of the Masses on Sundays, the decision to drop the 9am Mass was purely because this would cause the least number of people to be upset. I'm sorry that this will not suit everyone.

**Fr. Piaras**

**Recently Deceased**

We remember in our prayers:  
**Brian Elliott Martina Lynch**  
whose funerals took place recently  
in St. Matthew's.

We offer our sympathy  
to their families and friends  
May they rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday 6.30pm:** Thomas Davis, Annie Dunne, Leslie & Sindy Fenessy, John Kelly, Joseph & Brigid McCluskey, Eileen, John, Mary & Vera Murphy

**Sunday 9.am:** Mass Card Requests

**Sunday 12.00:** Maura Cummins, Jean Gleeson, Eileen Hynes, Frances Moloney, Evelyn & Gerry O'Duffy, Gerard O'Duffy

**Wednesday 10.00:** People of the Parish

**Thursday 28 10.00:** Rosaleen Brennan, Tom Burke

**Friday 29: 10.00:** Molly & Thomas Ritchie

**Church Gate Collection**

This weekend  
Student from King's Hospital School  
going to do aid work in Kenya

St. Vincent DePaul  
October Collection  
€270

**GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon	25/11	<b>Lk 21: 1-4</b>	The widow's mite
Tue	26/11	<b>Lk 21: 5-11</b>	The destruction of the temple foretold
Wed	27/11	<b>Lk 21: 12-19</b>	'Your endurance will win you your lives.'
Thu	28/11	<b>Lk 21: 20-28</b>	There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars
Fri	29/11	<b>Lk 21: 29-33</b>	'My words will never pass away.'
Sat	30/11	<b>Mt 4: 18-22</b>	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b>

**Church Collections**

<b>10 Nov</b>	
1st Collection	750
2nd Collection	555
Family Offering	535

**St. Vincent DePaul**  
Church Gate Collection  
after all the Masses  
Next Sunday