



The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection



2. The Ascension



**3. The Descent of
the Holy Spirit**



**4. The Assumption
of Our Lady**



**5. The Coronation
of Our Lady**



Month of the Rosary

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

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

It is intended to relaunch a family based initiative in the parish called
**The Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal**

A number of shrines have been prepared and these can be taken to family homes. A family will keep the pilgrim shrine for a month. There will be a prayer booklet accompanying the shrine with prayers suitable for families. If you would like to participate please leave your name in the sacristy.

Parish Centre
Phone: 626 56 95

Mass Intentions

6.30 Saturday

Tony Mountaine
Noel Trulock, Marie Wilson
Nicholas, Kathleen Moore
Larry O'Reilly, Alan Skeen

10.30 Sunday

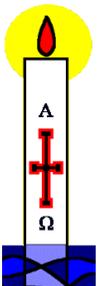
Padraigh Sexton

12.00 Sunday

Lily Sweeney
Christopher Boylan

7.30 Tuesday

Frank Kane Snr.
Frank Kane Jr.
Helena Doyle



IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: SAFEGUARDING

I trust we all accept the importance of continuing to make sure that we as a Church provide a place that is safe for children and vulnerable adults. With this in mind I want to bring to your attention the following:

Everyone who has any role in the church, salaried or voluntary, must be Garda vetted. Even if this has been done in the past, it must now be done again. I appreciate this process can be stressful for some, but given the importance of the area, I would ask for your patience. In fact this is a relatively simple exercise and the relevant form can be obtained from the Parish Office.

It is important that all of us who work in any capacity in the church attend the Safeguarding Course being held in the Assumption, Ballyfermot at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th October.

Here in St. Matthew's we will celebrate Safeguarding Sunday on November 6th.

I am very grateful to Ann Sweeney, our Parish Safeguarding Representative. Ann can be contacted through the Parish Office. We need to appoint a second Safeguarding Representative, who will work with Ann.

My sincere thanks to all who continue to volunteer in our parish. I

LETS JOIN WITH THE DE LA SALLE BROTHERS AND ALL IN ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE IN MARKING A SPECIAL DAY CANONISATION

A De La Salle Brother will be canonised a Saint by Pope Francis on Sunday 16th October in Rome. He is Brother Solomon Leclercq, who was put to death in Parish in 1792 during the French Revolution, age 46. His Feast Day is celebrated on September 2nd. This is an occasion of great joy, for which we should give God thanks. Let's celebrate this with the De La Salle family.

Church Collection Totals Week Beginning 2/10

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| First Collection | 705 |
| Second Collection | 555 |
| Family Offering | 765 |

PARISH SHOP

Cards, Calendars, Candles
at the shop in the Parish Centre



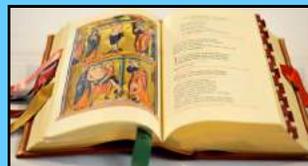
Rest in Peace

Thomas Knowles
Cathleen Donnelly

*Blessings and Sympathy
to the Families*

Gospel Readings for the Week

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| Mon | 17/10 | Lk 12 13-21 | Watch and be on your guard |
| Tue | 18/10 | LK 10: 1-9 | FEAST OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST The Lord appointed seventy-two |
| Wed | 19/10 | Lk 12: 39-48 | You too must stand ready |
| Thu | 20/10 | Lk 12: 49-53 | I have come to bring fire to the earth |
| Fri | 21/10 | Lk 12: 54-59 | How is it you do not know how to interpret these times? |
| Sat | 22/10 | LK 13: 1-9 | MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN PAUL II Unless you repent |



For Your Diary

25 November @ 8.00pm
St. Matthew's Church
(Doors Open @ 6.30pm)
**Dublin Gospel Choir
With Special Guests
Bro. Kevin Singers**

Tickets €12
Contact Ken Byrne
@ 086 236 52 88



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ASIAM Charity

On Monday 31 October
a parishioner of ours
Michael O'Flanagan will run
a marathon in aid of the
ASIAM Charity
to raise awareness
about Autism.

A bucket collection at the
Church gate will be taken up
on the weekend of
22/23 October

Bethany Bereavement Support Group Living with Loss For Bereaved Adults

A Public Talk by
Patrick Kavanagh MIACP
West County Hotel
Chapelizod, Dublin 20
Tue 25 Oct 2016 @ 8pm
All Welcome — No Charge

Gorta

Church Gate Collection
This Sunday

Rumblings from the Bunker



WOUNDS

Have you any wounds? I mean a physical wound. Big or small. Maybe you got your appendix out. Maybe you are a mother and you have the singularly noble wound of a C-Section. I got my appendix out. I also have a little scar on my second smallest finger on my left hand. It reminds me of happy days as a kid growing up in West Belfast. I got this little scar from catching my hand on glass climbing over the wall between the City cemetery and the Falls park in West Belfast, as a few mates and myself were running from some mischief. They were carefree days and the blood ran rich and free. There were no concerns then about blood pressure or sugar level. When I think about wounds I think about my Dad. When we were small children he went off to work in the bakery one morning and around midday when they were clearing up to go home he had an accident. Like most accidents it was very simple. He was leaning down into a large bowl-like container, wiping it clean. It was in this that the milk, flour, eggs and other ingredients for making the bread were mixed. It spun on a wheel. As my Dad leant down into it, his knee accidentally hit a button and a blade shot across cutting through his hand. The months of hospital and surgery and various medical appointments, not to mention the loss of his job had a huge impact on him and us.

Twenty five years later, the night he left us, too soon at sixty-one, after a valiantly fought battle with pancreatic cancer, I encountered his wounds again. This time I saw them in their entirety and understood them better. Five wounds in all. Like Jesus. The wounds of Jesus, were in his hands, his feet, and his side where the lance pierced. My Dad's wounds were different. There was his hand, his wound in his tummy where they inserted his hand to keep the nerve endings alive, his cancer wound, his appendix wound and the wound on his legs where they took a skin graft again for his hand. As I looked at his lifeless body I observed the wounds and thought of two things. I thought of his various sufferings and I thought of the immense love he had for us. There was a real gentleness in him and yet beside that a toughness. A sort of tender warrior.

Of course many of our wounds are not physical, though those that are not, are certainly no less deep or significant. Many of us carry the wounds of abuse or loss. Perhaps the scars of rejection or abandonment. Many live in the darkness of depression or the slavery of addiction. Sometimes these things are made worse by the lack of understanding on the part of others. What many fail to realise is that in all these things Jesus has something to say. For example Jesus says, 'Come to me all you labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest,' These are beautiful words, but do they fall on deaf ears? Do we actually go to Jesus with our burdens? Oftentimes we go everywhere else except Jesus.

Has Jesus anything else to say to us in our woundedness? Actually he has, and it may well be that the time that he speaks most profoundly to us, is in the silent agony of his own wounds. The answer to all the torture and suffering that he endured is the triumph of the Empty Tomb. The Empty Tomb on Easter Sunday morning is the victory Jesus has over his wounds, his suffering and his death. Put simply, wounds are changed by Jesus. All wounds can now be seen in the context of the woundedness of Jesus. Jesus is the Wounded One. Of course we must remind ourselves that he did not deserve his wounds and yet he chose to accept them. He freely accepted them and all the suffering that they entailed. The reason he took on all the suffering and ultimately the Cross is spelt out to us clearly every time we go to Mass. Jesus suffers all that is part of Calvary for the forgiveness of sins. That is the forgiveness of our sins. This is not general or vague though. In fact it is in our common woundedness that we are united with Jesus in a very special way. Perhaps to look at it this way will help: the Cross was a cruel instrument of torture until the body of Jesus hung on it. After he dies on the Cross it ceases to be the instrument of torture and becomes the great hope, the great comfort of humanity. The Cross is now the gateway to paradise. So the wounds are no longer simply wounds, but channels of God's grace that wash away our sins and also carry to us God's grace, or special help, to live a full and happy life. As people of faith let us remember that whatever our wounds are, we need to reflect on them in the context of the Wounded One who beats all suffering and death forever. That is not only good news, it is the best news.