

November

A special time to remember



November is a time of year that instils in us the gift of remembering those who have gone before us.

We remember in a special way our family members and friends and honour their memory. We give thanks for them and for their love, kindness, support and example. Those from our parish who have died or those whose funerals took place in Mary Immaculate over the past year will be remembered in a special way. We also remember the bereaved and those who carry the burden of grief.

As a community we offer our support and prayers.



Join us for the
Annual Mass for the Bereaved
on Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm
Church of Mary Immaculate

All who are bereaved are invited and most welcome to attend

To Love and to be Loved by Des O'Donnell OMI

(Dominican Publications)

Des O'Donnell has written a book that probes the mystery of love by building on his wide experience of its expression in so many human situations. He writes wisely and with great empathy for all our limitations when it comes to understanding this vast subject. I recommend this book to anyone looking for new insights or who simply needs confirmation of their personal experience of love. Willie Walsh, Bishop Emeritus of Killaloe.

This book is on sale in Fr Vincent Mulligan's Shop, House of Retreat.
A lovely Christmas gift!

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What do you think heaven is like? How would you describe heaven? What image would you use? In biblical times when they tried to imagine what heaven would be like one of their favorite images was a feast, a banquet. Just think of a celebration when all are gathered together chatting and singing with lovely food and drink – togetherness and joy – so that was their image for heaven, and that is the way Jesus describes it in today's gospel. In today's parable, the invitation is to a royal wedding feast for a king's son. Most people invited to such a banquet would feel honoured and make every effort to attend. (It is a story about God the Father inviting people through his Son, Jesus). In the story we are told that all were invited, no one excluded: 'everyone they could find, bad and good alike'. The point of the first part of the banquet parable is that if you hope to participate in God's kingdom, you must first accept the invitation. The second part of the parable insists that it is not enough merely to accept the invitation. You must behave in an appropriate manner – in a word trying to love God and neighbour. The point is that having been admitted to God's kingdom by faith and baptism, we will be expected to act in ways that befit who we have become "in Christ."

- What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?
- What has the Church/parish done to make you feel part of the community?
- How do you welcome people



Congratulations to the boys and girls who were enrolled in our **Communion Programme** for the year ahead. Thanks to everybody who helped make our Enrolment Ceremony last Sunday a very special occasion for all the families.

A Free Service is available to transport patients to and from their chemo-therapy appointments. Volunteer drivers, operated by the Irish Cancer Society, will pick a patient going to St Vincent's, Tal-laght or St James's hospital and drop them home when finished treatment. Contact **01 2310522** or visit the website **irishcancer.ie**

Mindful Meditation

Looking for an oasis of calm and space for yourself?
Join us on Monday at 10.30 a.m. in the room at the back of the sacristy— please ring the bell.

Be still and know that I am God (psalm 46:10)



The Volunteer Mission Movement (VMM)

A special word of thanks to all who contributed to the VMM envelope collection recently.

A generous total of €565.00 was given to Emily of the VMM.



World Meeting of Families (21st—26th August 2018)

You are invited to register for the **Pastoral Congress**, which includes tickets for the **Festival of Families** and the **Final Mass** by registering on-line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

A special word of thanks to all our parishioners who faithfully distribute this newsletter around the parish fortnightly. We appreciate your loyalty and generosity.

Thank you!

Oblate Connections

Pick up a free copy of *Oblate Connections* magazine at the back of the church.

A special colourful feature on the Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes
2017

Mass & Confession Times

Saturday: Vigil 7pm
Sunday: 8am, 11am, 7pm

Holy Days: Vigil 7pm,
7am, 10am, 7pm
When Holy Day falls on a Saturday, Mass times are Vigil, 11am and 7pm

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)
7am, 10am, 7pm

Saturdays: 11am
Bank Holidays: 11am

Confessions: Saturday
10.30 am-11.00am
6.30 pm.7.00 pm



Baptisms take place on the third Sunday of every month at 3pm. Contact the Parish Office Tel. 4534408 ext. 203



Run In The Dark

*Starts at Custom House Quay, 8 p.m. Tuesday 14th
November - Wednesday 15th November 2017*

Join us and thousands of fellow runners in Dublin to Run in the Dark on Tuesday 14th November and support our ongoing research to find a cure for paralysis. For the first time, Dublin will lead the way of this global event, followed by runs in 40 cities around the world the following night. Take part in this unique multi location event and run in the dark for 5k or 10k. If your trainers are a little dusty you can even walk the route. Everyone who takes part on the night will be playing a big part in finding a cure for paralysis.

Fall

*The leaves are falling, falling as if from far up,
as if orchards were dying high in space.
Each leaf falls as if it were motioning "no."
And tonight the heavy earth is falling
away from all other stars in the loneliness.
We're all falling. This hand here is falling.
And look at the other one. It's in them all.
And yet there is Someone who holds this
falling endlessly gently in his hands*

Rainer Marie Rilke (1875-1926) - translated from German

Need a little advice?

Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS)
MABS runs a Helpline 0761 07 2000
Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm

Lotto Results: 6, 7, 18

Next Draw: Monday 16h October 2017

Jackpot €2,550

Family Offering 1st October: € 481.82
Family Offering 7th October € 857.56
Thank you for your support

World Mission Sunday 22nd October 2017

A special collection will be taken up at all masses.