

## TwentySixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Please pray for those who died recently:*

**Eileen O'Brien  
Gary Corcoran**

Welcome to Fr Dennis Hartnett from Mill Hill Missionaries who will speak at all masses this weekend, and take up a special envelope collection.

(This is part of the Coordinated Parish promotions Programme in which the Diocese allocates different missionaries to different areas of the Dioceses each year. This is separate to Mission Sunday which is end October.)

## Baptisms



Sunday October 2nd at 1:15  
Saturday November 19th at 12:15  
[www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie](http://www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie)  
NB. Please bring booking form & birth cert when booking baptism

## Last chance to book Autumn Liturgy Seminar Clonliffe College

Saturday 1 October 2016  
Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm  
A choice of five excellent workshops

1. RCIA:
2. Confirmation:
3. The Liturgical Year
4. Singing the Mystery of Faith
5. Emmanuel 2017

**Full information and yellow booking forms at the entrance to the church. Please return to Niamh in the office by Monday 26th September**

## Parish Lotto

Has now reached €3800  
**Results of the draw held on  
Monday 12th September 2016**

**3 ♦ 10 ♦ 28 ♦ 30**  
**No Jackpot winner.**

## Mass to ask God's blessing on the new school year.

Next Wednesday September 28th at the 10am Mass we will welcome the pupils and teachers from the Good Shepherd Primary school as we pray God's blessing on the new school year ahead.

**Accord Templeogue** – would you be interested in doing voluntary work. We are looking for volunteers one night a month for 3 hours, if you are interested please ring this number 4908739 and talk to the secretary.

## Full host or broken host?



At the recent meeting of Communion Ministers last weekend, the issue that was most talked about was that of running low of communion, which sometimes means that the priest or minister has to break hosts as they are distributing the Eucharist. **Apparently some people are not happy to receive a broken host, or a half a host, which begs the question, what is half a host? Is it the body of Christ?** What about a quarter? Is a small piece of communion the same as a big piece? We need more education about this. Most people probably know that in the early church the gathering of the community, that we call mass, was known as the **"Breaking of Bread."** There was no such thing as a full host or a half host or any host indeed for hundreds of years. The small round hosts are a relatively modern idea, and they do a **great disservice** to the understanding that we are the Body of Christ, that we share the body of Christ, the broken body, and that this sharing in the broken body unites us as one body, His body.

There are **two handouts** on this subject available at the entrance to the church, please take a read.

1. **Breaking Bread: An Easter Event**
2. **Why are so many pre- consecrated hosts given out as masses in Ireland**

## Thank You July/August Collections

### Family Offering for the running of the parish

	July	Aug
Envelopes	€4288	€3299
Standing Orders	€4744	€3362
Total	€9032	€6661

**The above are the ONLY collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of the parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so. Please contact Niamh in the parish office for details.**

Collection at Mass	July	Aug
First Collection -		
Priests of the Diocese	€6260	€5693
Share Collection -		
Admin of Diocese	€5120	€3422
Special Collection		
Italian Earthquake (Aug)		€3425

This week we were delighted to receive from **Revenue the sum of €18,894, which is part of our TAX reclaim for 2015**

This tax reclaim is vital income for our parish. Many thanks to all who participate in this very worthwhile scheme.

**Thanks again to all who have contributed to all of the above for the running of the Parish & Diocese.**

### Chair exercises

as usual on Monday in parish centre at 2.30 All welcome.