

## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### **First Holy Communion**



The First Holy Communion will take place today at 12.00 mass. We look forward to celebrating with the children as they receive the **"Bread of Life"** for the first time.

***Please keep them in your prayers!***

**Congratulations** to the boys and girls, and their families.

A big thank you to the teachers, to Mary and Niamh in the office and all who have helped in their preparation.



*Please pray for those who died recently*  
**Anthony Bolter**  
**Laurie Burdge**

**May they rest in peace**

### ***Ecumenical Bible week***

*4th to 11th June*

*23 events, 25 presenters, 14 venues*

*Blue handout / leaflet available at entrance of church*  
*www.bibleweek.ie*



### **Baptisms**

Saturday June 17th 12:15pm  
Saturday July 15th 12:15pm  
Sunday August 6th 13:15pm

www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie  
NB. Please bring booking form & birth cert when booking baptism.

### **Parish Lotto**

Has now reached €2100  
Results of the draw held on  
Monday 8th May 2017

4 ♦ 6 ♦ 18 ♦ 23  
**No Jackpot winner**

### **SVP Collection this weekend**

The Blessing of Graves in Cruagh Cemetery, Rockbrook, will take place on Saturday 27th May @ 3.30pm.

Chair exercises every Monday as usual in the Parish centre at 2.30



### **To Liam & Kathleen O'Brien**

who celebrate their 40th wedding Anniversary today. We are delighted to mark this wonderful occasion with a special blessing during the 10am mass today



### **Tom Carney retired from the Finance Committee last week.**

We thank him for all his dedicated work on the Committee over the thirty years, through which time he completed and oversaw the Annual Audit .

We appreciate greatly his invaluable service all through those years and wish him and Dymphna every health and happiness in the years ahead.

### **World Meeting of Families**

**21-26 August 2018**

**Check out their website and promotional videos**

**www.worldmeeting2018.ie**

**I am sad and sorry to announce that** my 9 years in Churchtown is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful experience, with many challenges and demanding days. I have had the privilege of journeying with people at very important moments of their lives, some very sad and others more joyful. In my early days here I often used one of my favourite quotes "Good Liturgy deepens faith while poor liturgy weakens or destroys faith" This is something that I truly believe in. With this in mind I have spent most of my time preparing and working on the Liturgy, which is mainly Sunday and weekday mass and the sacrament of Baptism. Over these 9 years I have met amazing people here in the Good Shepherd who actively helped to implement the Vatican II desire for the "Full active and conscious participation of all people" Thanks to so many people who give of their time and talent and energy for the building up and sustaining of this faith community.

**There will be a special mass followed by refreshments on Saturday 3rd June at 7.15pm, the Vigil of Pentecost. More details to follow**

**Fr Dermot**