

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CHURCHTOWN

Sunday 25th March 2018. **Palm Sunday**

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am – 2 pm

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Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday 24th March 2018

10am Anne McNutly (R.I.P)

7:15pm Anne Kelly (A)

Margaret and Nate McCann (A)

Tom and Eileen Hurley (A)

Sunday 25th March 2018

10am Mary and John Byrne (A)

Kathleen Lemas (A)

Sheila O'Connor (A)

Margaret and John Wall (A)

Angela Lynch (A)

12pm Peggy Dwyer (A)

Brendan Twyford (A)

Hannah Geraghty (A)

Joe Bentley (A)

Marie Breslin (RD)

Monday 26th March 2018

10am

Tuesday 27th March 2018

10am Martha Sweeney (R.I.P)

Gerry Collins (R.I.P)

Wednesday 28th March 2018

10am Jean Kennedy (A)

Please pray for Gerard Coyle who died recently. May he rest in peace

World Meeting of Families Dublin 2018

It was confirmed last Wednesday morning that Pope Francis will visit Dublin on August 25th and 26th for the World meeting of Families. The Meeting begins on August 21st. Many thousands of people from all over the world will visit and participate in this unique gathering.

The two events for which Pope Francis has confirmed attendance are the Festival of Families on 25th August and the Final Mass on Sunday 26th August. Both of these events are free but ticketed – every adult and child in attendance will need a ticket to access the venues.

Places are subject to availability. Please see www.worldmeeting.ie for further information and to complete registration for some or all of the events.

Holy Week and Easter 2018 Timetable of Masses and Services Churchtown

Palm Sunday March 25th

Mass Times 7.15pm. (Vigil). 10am and 12noon

Monday March 26th

Mass 10am

Tuesday March 27th

Mass 10am

Service of Reconciliation 10.30am

Wednesday March 28th

Mass 10am

Holy Thursday March 29th

Morning Prayer of the Church 10am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

Holy Hour at the Altar of Repose 9.00pm

Good Friday March 30th

Morning Prayer of the Church 10am and

12noon. Stations of the Cross led by the Children of the Parish

3pm. Commemoration of the Lord's

Passion.

8pm. Way of the Cross led by the young people of the Parish

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 10am

Easter Vigil 8.30pm

Easter Sunday

Masses at 10am and 12noon

Church Gate Collection is for Advocate collection for the St Vincent de Paul Children's Sunshine Fund

The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the society of the Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting outside all churches in the Dublin diocese to fund a holiday for up to 1,000 young guests in Sunshine House. For the past 80 years these holidays have been dependent on the generosity of the people of the diocese. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

Parish Lotto

There was no lotto this week due to the Bank Holiday

Choose Life

During the Spring General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, a statement entitled 'Our Common Humanity' was issued reaffirming their support for the equal right to life of the unborn. The statement reads, 'As pastors we are aware that the conversation about unborn life is sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful for many. We offer our reflections with the greatest of respect for everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.

'Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it "as of right", whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.

The Statement concludes, 'Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future.' The full text of 'Our Common Humanity' can be found on www.catholicbishops.ie. It is also available at the back of the Church along with the weekly publication entitled 'Choose Life'. More information can be found on www.chooselife2018.ie

EASTER DUES

The Easter Dues envelopes are ready for distribution. We invite those who kindly help with the distribution to call into Niamh in the Parish Office. Thank You.

Financial Corner Collections last Weekend

1st Collection For the support of the priests of the parish and diocese € 750.90

2nd Collection Crosscare Youth Services: €785.19

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.