

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Next Sunday we begin Holy Week

The most important week in our Church year. We will all gather outside the front door for the Blessing of Palm and the Entrance Procession. Please come a few minutes early and gather for this important start to Holy Week. Please note that the side doors will be closed at the beginning of mass.

Sign up sheets for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist for Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday. Please sign up at entrance to Adoration Chapel.

The children of **The Good Shepherd** School will present the Stations of The Cross at 10.30am in the church next Thursday 6th April.

Minister of WORD

Meeting Monday 10th April at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the office.

Church Gate collection next weekend

Advocate collection for the Sunshine house takes place on the 8th and 9th April.



Baptisms

Easter Vigil Sat April 15th 21:00pm
Sunday April 30th 13:15pm
Saturday 13th May 12:15pm
Sunday June 4th 13:15pm

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NB. Please bring booking form & birth cert when booking baptism

We welcome to the 12 o'clock mass today Joshua Brien & Patrick Sean Curtis, & their families, who will be baptised during the 12 o'clock mass on Easter Sunday.

PARISH SHOP

Wide selection of Communion and Confirmation;

- Cards
- Gifts
- Resources
- Holy Water Fonts
- Mass Cards and Cards for other occasions.
- Hand Made Cards €3
- Religious Publications
- Rosary Beads, Prayer cards
- ORDO and Guidebook for sale

Parish Lotto

Has now reached **€1500**
**Results of the draw held on
Monday 27th March 2017**

12 ♦ 23 ♦ 27 ♦ 28
No Jackpot winner

Easter Post

The Easter Post is being distributed over these days, thanks to those who deliver the post, it is much appreciated.

This year the Financial statement and receipts for 2016 are included with the Easter post. This is later than usual, but with the financial year end now Dec (was June) it is likely that we will send financial newsletter and receipts at Easter going forward. Please note that Christmas Dues for last Christmas 2016 are not included in the receipt for 2016 as they were not lodged until 2017.

You will note that the parish costs in the newsletter were €200, 000 with income €210,000 - but this surplus is only due to the Tax Reclaim of 28,000 and Bequests of €10,000, so the actual normal income does not meet the running costs. We are very grateful for all bequests, and of course for the tax reclaim, but we really need to ask more people to contribute to the Family Offering by way of weekly or monthly envelope or standing order or direct donation.

Easter Cards and Dues envelopes available for those who are not on mailing list, from the entrance to the church. If anyone would like to be added to the mailing list please contact the office.

Second National Collection
for WMOF2018



Please support the Second
National Collection for the
WMOF 2018 which will be taken
up on 1/2 April 2017

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018.

Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway.

Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding.

In this regard a second national collection will be held this weekend.

Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your support for last year's first national collection.

Congratulations to Louise & Jason who are getting married here next Saturday 7th April at 1pm. We wish them the best for the future.