

## *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Mass Times in Good Shepherd**  
**Monday - Friday 7.30am and 10am**  
**Saturday - 10am and Vigil 7.15pm**  
**Sunday 10am and 12pm**

**The 7.30am has now resumed**



### **Baptisms**

Sunday September 4th  
Saturday September 17th at 12:15  
Sunday October 2nd at 1:15  
Saturday October 15th at 12:15  
Saturday November 19th at 12:15

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



Please pray for those who died  
recently

**Eamon Woods**  
**James Fitzpatrick**  
May they rest in peace

## **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

**Annual Appeal** for second-  
hand clothing.

Distribution of the bags next  
weekend 13th/14th August

Collection of the bags  
20th/21st August

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

Church gate collection  
**this weekend**

### **Feast Days this week**

**Mon** - St Dominic Priest  
**Tues** - St Teresa Benedicta  
(Edith Stein, Patron of Europe)  
**Wed** - St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr  
**Thurs** - St Clare Virgin

## **Parish Lotto**

Has now reached €3200  
**Results of the draw held on**  
**Monday 1st August 2016**

**16 ♦ 18 ♦ 23 ♦ 30**  
**No Jackpot winner.**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

### **CHURCH REFURBISHMENT**

This time two years ago the church re  
opened after being closed for three  
Sundays. Before that, most will  
remember that we used the top half of  
the church from January to April 2014,  
and then the entrance half from May to  
July 2014. There was great excitement  
at the re-opening of the church. The  
five years before that were certainly  
not plain sailing. There were many  
plans, different views, and  
disagreements. In the past two years  
however I think most people have  
come to appreciate what a marvellous  
building we have, for the next 50  
years. Most parishioners seem to be  
very happy with the outcome, and  
people who visit for baptisms,  
weddings and funerals pass positive  
and complimentary comments.

(photo book of the story of refurbishment  
available from the shop for €20)

The refurbishment has made a  
huge positive contribution to the  
liturgy. One of the calls from the  
second Vatican Council was the "**full  
active and conscious participation of  
the faithful**" - this is certainly  
happening here in The Good Shepherd  
and many visitors often comment on  
the good participation here.

## **So where to from here?**

The work of the parish is never done  
of course, we have to open our eyes  
and hearts and minds to the future.  
Due to financial restrictions we had to  
leave many things out of the  
refurbishment, now two years later it is  
time to move on.

Amongst the many things we have to  
decide are, which of the following do  
we do next?

- I. Add the ramp access to the  
parish office (esp. for buggies)
- II. Fix the Good Shepherd  
window (needs serious work  
to protect it)
- III. Replace the very poor kitchen  
facilities in the parish centre
- IV. Pay off the refurbishment debt  
which is €180,000

Next year marks the 60th anniversary  
of the church. Which of the above  
projects would be a suitable way to  
mark this occasion?

Please think about the above. Are you  
in a position to help with time or  
money? Many were very generous  
leading up to the refurbishment, but  
others were unable or unwilling at the  
time, maybe you are in a different  
position now to help out?