



The Easter Garden has been a lovely feature at the entrance to our church for the 50 days of Easter. After today it will be taken away. Thanks to those who brought plants for it and to Moya for setting it up and looking after it.



Please pray for those who died recently

Bridget (Bridie) Cowan
Anthony (Tony) O'Hara
Gillian O'Reilly



Baptisms

Saturday June 11th 12.15
Sunday 3rd July 1:15
Saturday August 13th 12:15

www.goodshepherdchurchtown.ie

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

We look forward to the Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

here on Saturday 21st May
at 11.00 am.

Please note there will be **NO 10am** Mass on 21st May. All are invited to join in the Confirmation Mass at 11am

(Please note Rathfarnham have First Communion on 21st at 11am)

The Ceremony of Light will be on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm

The candidates preparing for Confirmation will join us for mass today, Pentecost Sunday.

CrossCare

The **Annual Collection for CrossCare Youth Services social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin** will be at **all masses this weekend** (14th & 15th May) It will replace the normal **SHARE** Collection

Crosscare provide a wide range of focused supports and programmes aimed at empowering people to achieve their own potential. Our work is person centred, rights based and supports peer led **initiatives that give people the power to make changes in their own lives.**

Pope Francis has brought out a new book "Amoris Laetitia -The Joy of Love", which is on sale in the parish shop at a cost of €5.

Church Refurbishment

This time two years ago we moved from the sanctuary end of the partition to the front entrance with the new sliding doors and front sacristy, new porch coloured lights and new sound etc.

Many have taken a moment to look at the hardback photobooks of the progress. **There is a softback photobook** which is a summary of the three hardback books which is available in the parish shop for €20.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association annual summer raffle will take place in June.

Tickets are now available 2euro per ticket, 6 for 10 euro.

First prize 2000 euro, second prize 500 euro and 3rd prize 250 euro.

Contact Anne Lyng for information

Parish Lotto

Has now reached **€2000**

Results of the draw held on

Monday 9th May 2016

The numbers were

2 ♦ 10 ♦ 16 ♦ 21

No Jackpot winner

Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection at weekend Masses beginning in July 2016

What are the benefits of such a system and how will it work?

As you may be aware, a tax scheme exists whereby those who contribute €250 or more to a charity in a given tax year can allow the charity claim an additional sum (equal to almost 45% of the donation) from the Revenue Commissioners which is sent directly to the charity concerned. The Good Shepherd Parish, Churchtown has the status of a charity for tax relief purposes. And so any donation that is given to Good Shepherd Parish is classed as a charitable donation. It is important to say that there is no loss or cost incurred by any taxpayer who is willing to be part of this scheme and that confidentiality will be assured in all aspects of this process.

With an envelope system in place we can then generate possibly substantial extra revenue for our parish at no extra cost. For example a person who contributes €5 per week in the envelope system for the 1st collection, it is possible for the Parish to receive up to an extra €2.25 per week on that donation. An information letter giving further details of how this scheme works will be inserted into the Parish Newsletter on the weekend of May 28th/29th. Thank you to members of the Finance Committee for their support in this initiative.