



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd October 2017

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of priests of this parish, shared with the priests of the Diocese through the Common Fund.



SECOND COLLECTION - MISSION SUNDAY 2017 The Annual Collection for the *Pontifical Mission Societies* will replace the *SHARE* collection this weekend. Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special Mission Sunday collection. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas missions.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD During the month of November we are encouraged to remember the communion of Saints and to pray for the Dead. The Parish Altar Lists of the Dead are prayed for at all Masses offered on All Souls Day and the first Friday of every month. Lists and envelopes are available at Church doors. The November Mass for all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends who died during the past year will take place at **6:00pm on Saturday 4th November.**

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (30th October) There will be one morning Mass only at 11:00am.

OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY DUBLIN MARATHON This year again the Dublin Marathon will take place on **SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER** and the route will come down Foster Ave onto *Stillorgan Road, Nutley Lane and Merrion Road.* The N11 remains open in both directions – please see the Route Timetable on notice boards.

CONGRATULATIONS to Deborah Maher and Martin Dowd who were married here yesterday.

BLACKROCK HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: At Elm Park Golf Club on Friday 27th October - 10:00am to 1:00pm. Admission €5 – All welcome!

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER Available at doors; please take a copy home with you!

FEAST THIS WEEK:

- **SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES (Sat, 28th)**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Paddy Dolan and Patrick Keenan RIP

- 6:00pm: Deceased members of the McDaid family (*Anniversaries*)
- 9:00am: Dr Brendan Murphy (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: John McArdle (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Fr Martin Clarke and Peggy Woods (*Anniversaries*)
- 5:30pm: Noel McKeown (*Anniversary*)

Also: Margaret Browne, Tony and Martin Gleeson, Babies Bill, Harry and Jack Grace and Nora Fegan (*Anniversaries*)

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death.

Death is the end of earthy life, but 'not of our existence' (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. 'Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life' (CC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, 'death is the end of man's earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly, life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny' (CCC, 1013).

In one light death can seem natural, in another it can be seen as 'the wages of sin' (*Rm* 6:23). Authentically interpreting the meaning of Scripture (cf. *Jn* 2:17, 3:3, 3:19; *Wis* 1:13; *Rm* 5:12, 6:23), the Church teaches that 'death entered the world on account of man's sin' (CCC, 1008).

'The obedience of Jesus has transformed the curse of death into a blessing' (CCC, 1009).

Death is the passage to the fullness of true life. The Church, subverting the logic of this world, calls the Christian's day of death his *dies natalis*, the day of his heavenly birth, where 'there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness [for] the world of the past has gone' (*Apoc* 21:4). Death is the prolongation, in a new way, of life as the liturgy says: 'For your faithful, O Lord, life has changed nor ended; while our earthly dwelling is destroyed, a new and eternal dwelling is prepared for us in Heaven' (Missal, Preface).

The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having, as it does, a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ. Scripture teaches that: 'Life to me, of course, life is Christ, but then death would bring me something more' (*Phil* 1:21); here is a saying you can rely on: if we have died with him, then we shall live with him' (*2 Tm* 2:11).

According to the faith of the Church, 'to die in Christ' begins at Baptism. In Baptism, the Lord's disciples sacramentally die in Christ so as to live a new life. If the disciples die in the grace Christ, physical death seals that 'dying with Christ', and consummates it by incorporating them fully and definitively into Christ the Redeemer.

The Church's prayer of suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed implores eternal life not only for the disciples of Christ who have died in his peace, but for the dead whose faith is known to God (see Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The just encounter God in death. He calls them to himself so as to share eternal life with them. No one, however, can be received into God's friendship and intimacy without having been purified of the consequences of personal sin. 'The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent' (CCC, 1031).

Hence derives the pious custom of suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed, which is an urgent supplication of God to have mercy on the souls of the dead, to purify them by the fire of His charity, and to bring them to His kingdom of light and life. This suffrage is a cultic expression of faith in the communion of saints. Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sin' (*2 Mac* 12:46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy, and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed.