

We remember all those who died recently.

David Power
Michael Hopkins
Mary Mullins
Des Byrne



We give our loved ones back to you, O Lord; and just as you did not lose them in the giving, so we do not lose them in returning them to you.

Do you have a neighbour who is housebound? Or do you know someone who might like to hear what is going on in the Parish

We would like you to pass this Newsletter on to them

Also, if you know someone who would like to have Holy Communion brought to them in their home, please contact the Parish Office.



A copy of the Newsletter can also be downloaded from the Parish website. www.mourneroad.ie

Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh

Pastoral Area Crumlin / Mourne Rd. / Clogher Rd.

The Ascension of the Lord

17th May 2015



Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Oratory.

Would you like to spend a little time alone with the Lord in quiet prayer? If you have an hour to spare please leave your name into the Parish Office.



O Lord Jesus, I adore You, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. In the meantime, do not let me neglect the earthly task that You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfilment can I attain Divine fulfilment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.

MASS TIMES: SUNDAYS 6.30pm Vigil, 9am, 10.30 Family Mass & 12 noon Choir
7 p.m. Pastoral Area Mass St. Agnes
10 am MONDAY – SATURDAY
Morning Prayer: 9.40 each morning.
Confessions after 10 a.m. Mass Saturdays or on request.

Legion of Mary Group meet every Tuesday 2.30 p.m. in the church Meeting Room.

Gospel Reflection Every Wednesday at 9.15 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room.

Eucharistic Prayer – Every Friday 2.30–3.30pm in the Oratory

If you would like to remember a loved one who will be sitting their exams please enter their name into the book at our Lady's Altar and we will pray for them at all Masses.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
The next meeting of the Mourne Road Branch will take place on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Oratory. Commencing with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome.



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Development Fund

There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.



Congratulation to last week's winners of the three €20 Prizes

Next week's Jackpot will be €9,300.

The Draw takes place on Tuesday morning after 10 a.m. Mass in the Church Tearoom.

Entries for the Lotto draw each week must be put into the safe in the church by 11 a.m. on Mondays.

All are welcome to attend the draw.

New Parish Office Opening Hours

9.15am to 1pm. & 2pm to 5.15pm. Monday and Wednesday

9.15am to 1pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

Contact: Phone 4556105 Email: mourneroadparish@eircom.net

Website: www.mourneroad.ie.

w/e 10th May 2015

Church Collections

1st Priests: €940

2nd Share: €850

Envelope Collection

€1153

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the group takes place on Monday 18th may at 8 p.m. in the Oratory. All welcome



First Holy Communion

The children of our local schools will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 23rd May at 11 a.m.

We ask you to remember them in your prayers.

There will be no 10 a.m. Mass on the day.

Mass Times for St. Agnes

Weekdays 9, 10am & 7pm

Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm

Sunday 9.30 a.m, 11am, 12.30p.m. & 7 p.m. Pastoral Area Evening Mass

Mass Times for Clogher Road

Weekdays 10.00am

Saturday Vigil @ 7.00pm

Sunday 10.00am & 12.00 noon

VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY: The Parish of *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12* is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one year fixed term/part-time basis. Letters of application with enclosed curriculum vitas should be posted to *Canon John Flaherty, Moderator, Parochial House, Sperrin Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12*. The closing date for completed applications is: **Monday 18th May 2015**. Full details on www.mourneroad.ie

A message from Archbishop Martin concerning next Friday's Referendum will be read at all Masses throughout the Archdiocese today. The message concludes "*I remind all of you of your civic responsibility to vote. I urge you before voting to remember that marriage really matters and to reflect carefully and be informed before changing its definition.*"

Congratulations to Tom Ward of Mourne Road on being honoured by the Irish Wheelchair Association as a Volunteer of the Year. Tom is involved in many volunteer activities both in our Drimnagh Community and further afield. A very well known, esteemed and respected parishioner, Tom serves at our daily Masses and Funerals and is one of our most active outreach parishioners in taking Holy Communion to the sick and in delivering the regular parish mailings to the homes of the parish. Well done Tom on your latest award and recognition.

Viatores Christi Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 23rd May at 12.00 pm at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. Tel. 01-8689986, email: info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

Blessing of Remembrance in Glasnevin Cemetery, Sunday 24th May at 3.00 pm. Each year hundreds of bereaved parents and family members come together for a Blessing Service at the Old Angels garden. Many parents travel from all over Ireland to attend and we hope to see you all again this year. We welcome in particular parents whose babies died long ago and who may have only in recent years traced their babies' grave or to those parents who have no grave. A Little Lifetime Foundation.

Experience Counts - Share yours through volunteering. A Volunteering Information Fair for over 55s is being held on Thursday 28th May. Come and chat with groups providing charitable services across Dublin, to learn how you can share your life or professional experience as a volunteer. Organisations such as Barnardos and Crosscare are looking forward to speaking with you. Tea and scones will be provided. Thursday 28th May, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm in the Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2. Contact: Dublin City Volunteer Centre, 01 473 7482, info@volunteerdublincity.ie

Open Evening for BA in Theology Are you interested in studying Theology? You are welcome to attend an Open Evening on Thursday 28th May, from 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm, for a BA in Theology and Lifelong Education (part-time) on Thursday evenings over 24 weeks and 4 academic Saturdays in Mater Dei Institute of Education. Offering a foundation in Systematic Theology, Ethics, Scripture and Pastoral Theology. If you have any questions please contact Mary Jones, email mary.jones@dcu.ie or call 01 808 6513.

Volunteers needed for local Meals on Wheels. Details from Parish Office.

Summer Sunday schedule begins June 7th: Masses 6.30 pm, 9am and 12noon. 10.30 Mass will resume mid-September.

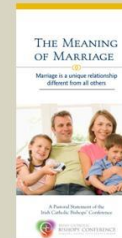


The Meaning of Marriage

Newsletter for dioceses and parishes

Issue 9, Sunday 17 May 2015, The Ascension of the Lord and World Communications Day

Bishops' pastoral statement:
The Meaning of Marriage



Please read the full text of *The Meaning of Marriage* which is available in English, Irish and Polish on meaningofmarriage.ie



"The family must always be defended as the main source of fraternity, respect for others and the primary path of peace."

Pope Francis
9 May 2015

Produced by the Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. See www.catholicbishops.ie

Bishops' guidance on the marriage referendum

Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference: Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society – all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications which this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood.

Archbishop Eamon Martin: The Church's vision for marriage and the family is based on faith and reason and it is shared by many people of all faith traditions and none. Since time immemorial, Church and State have recognised marriage to be of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society. To interfere with the definition of marriage is not a simple or a trivial matter.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin: Marriage is not simply about "two individuals who are in love". The Christian teaching about marriage stresses the complementary relationship between male and female, which is not just a social construction. Marriage is also about a stable and loving relationship where children are generated and educated. Family is also an intergenerational reality. The stability of marriage contributes in a unique way to the stability of society. It is important in our discussions about marriage and the family in these days that people should stop for a moment and reflect carefully on what marriage and the family mean within society and on what a change in our understanding of marriage across society would entail.

For full list of bishops' statements see www.meaningofmarriage.ie

Archbishop Michael Neary: "Are we going to be the first generation in human history to say that mothers and fathers don't matter any more in the upbringing of children?"

Bishop Leo O'Reilly: "I ask you to think of the wider consequences of this referendum passing. I have serious concerns about the blunt refusal to give any real guarantees regarding freedom of religion in relation to the referendum."

Bishop John Kirby: "Marriage should be reserved for the unique and complementary relationship between a man and a woman from which the generation and upbringing of children is uniquely possible."

Bishop Ray Browne: "The future of humanity passes by way of marriage and family". This phrase has its origins in words spoken by Pope John Paul II. Is there anything more vital to the wellbeing of society than 'marriage and family'?"

Bishop Brendan Leahy: The forthcoming Referendum is a call to Christians to rediscover the deep foundations of marriage based on the union of a man and a woman who are created to complement each other and, where possible, bring new life into the world.

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan: "Will the terms 'father' and 'mother' have any real meaning in the future? "

Website: www.meaningofmarriage.ie Twitter: @marriagesmatter and on FB.