

We remember all those who died recently.

Catherine Darcy
Dan O'Neill



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.



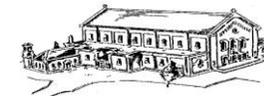
A copy of the Newsletter can also be downloaded from the Parish website. www.mourneroad.ie

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

Pastoral Area Crumlin / Mourne Rd. / Clogher Rd.

Third Sunday of Easter

19th April 2015



Eucharistic



Adoration

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.

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

Trocaire Boxes: We thank everyone who returned their Trocaire Boxes. Boxes can still be returned to the Parish Office.

First Penance

Takes place on Monday 20th April at 7.30 p.m. for all the children in our Parish who will be making their First Holy Communion this year.

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the group takes place on Monday 20th at 8 p.m. in the Oratory.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19 What difference does believing in the resurrection mean? Peter expounds Christian faith with an eye to the consequence.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 As we hear this passage, it may help to remember that there is only one commandment in the Gospels and letters of John: to love! We are commanded to "do" what we most need and want.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 The gospel today invites us to acknowledge our own experience of faith and to become bearers of the good news in our time. The last line of the Gospel puts it up to us all.

CHRIST IS RISEN



PARISH LOTO

Development Fund



There was no winner of last week's Jackpot.

Numbers 2, 6, 21, 27.

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

Next week's Jackpot will be €8,900.

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.



Parish Office Opening Hours

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

9.15am to 1pm Thursday & Friday (Closed both afternoons)

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w/e 12th April 2015

Church Collections

1st Priests: €1,026.00

2nd Share: € 759.00

Envelope Collection

€ 957.00

Annual Collection for the support of Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood takes place next weekend at all Masses.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: If anyone is interested in a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes departing on 21st June please give your name to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Full details will be available when level of interest is known

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



CHURCH UPGRADING



As many of you know, an upgrading of the church building including rewiring, redecorating, improved wheelchair access and provision of extra pastoral space has been pending for some time now. Following discussions with the Buildings department of the Archdiocese, *Clonliffe Architects* have been engaged to oversee the proposals which have been approved by the Parish Finance Committee in recent months. An information meeting for anybody wishing to know the scope and details of the upgrading will be held in **Our Lady's Hall on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm**. All Welcome. A display of the Architect's drawing will be placed in the back of the church shortly. We hope that work will begin in August or early September and be completed in about 12 weeks.

ANAM CARA monthly Parent Evening takes place this evening, Monday 13th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Dominic's Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24. All Anam Cara services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY IRELAND is a national commemoration event taking place in Dublin on 28th April. Between 2010 and 2014, 253 people in Ireland have been killed in work-related accidents. Inviting parishes to remember those killed or injured in the workplace in Prayers of the Faithful, or at another appropriate time, during Masses on Sunday 26th April. www.hsa.ie

THE IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION is currently organising its annual training course on children and loss. The course, a Professional Certificate in Children and Loss (Level 9), takes place between September 2015 and May 2016 and is certified by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The course is for teachers, chaplains, social workers, and others who meet bereaved children in their work. The closing date for new applications is Friday 8th May. Tel. 01-6793188. Irish Hospice Foundation, Morrison Chambers, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2. www.hospicefoundation.ie

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through death, separation or divorce. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next residential weekend from 15th - 17th May 2015, in All Hallows, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com

'EDUCATION IN CRISIS' - McAuley Conference 2015 in Mary Immaculate College this May. Beginning with an Emerging Scholars' Colloquium on Thursday afternoon, 21st May and concluding on Friday afternoon, 22nd May. The event will be of interest to primary and secondary teachers, college lecturers, clergy, parents, members of boards of management and trustees, and church leaders. For further enquiries please contact Rev. Eamonn Conway, Mary Immaculate College, by email: eamonn.conway@mic.ul.ie

VOCATIONS SUNDAY 26TH APRIL: "We can all do our part in planting seeds, by encouraging men and women to explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Many vocations have grown from a tap on the shoulder, an encouraging word or a question to a man or woman who you see has the qualities of a vocation."



The Meaning of Marriage

Newsletter for dioceses and parishes

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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 catholicbishops.ie.

"The family is the greatest treasure of any country. Let us all work to protect and strengthen this, the cornerstone of society."

Pope Francis



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Prayer by Pope Francis for the Synod on the Family

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May the upcoming Synod of Bishops
Re-awaken in all an awareness
Of the sacred character and inviolability
of the family,
Its beauty in the project of God.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
Hear and answer our prayer.
Amen.

Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it

Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society - all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. Ahead of the referendum on 22 May, bishops ask the faithful to carefully consider that:

- A woman and man united in marriage are witness to God's plan for both life and love in a way unlike any other relationship of human persons.
- Central to the current debate on marriage is the very nature of marriage of itself and the importance that society places on the role of mothers and fathers in bringing up children.
- The union of marriage provides for the continuation of the human race and the development of human society.
- The proposed amendment would radically change the current protection offered to marriage by the *Constitution of Ireland* - the foundation stone of society.

The Teaching of the Church on Marriage Today



On 19 March last Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, spoke on *The Teaching of the Church on Marriage Today*, saying, "There is something irreplaceable in that relationship between a man and a woman who commit to each other in love and who remain open to the transmission and the nurturing of human life, within an intergenerational framework which contributes to the stability of society.

"It is also true that no person exists who is not the fruit of a male and a female. Even if it were possible to clone a child, that child would still bear the genetic imprint of a male and a female. Genetic parentage is not irrelevant. Some people sadly have to spend their entire lives seeking their genetic parents: not just out of a natural emotional desire; knowledge of one's genetic make-up is important - and indeed it can be vital when planning to have children.

"We are all children of a male and a female and this must have relevance to our understanding of the way children should be nurtured and educated."