

The Rosary History

The rosary has roots in several early Christian prayer traditions. They share similar formats to the rosary with repetitive structures and prayers. For example -Third-century Christian hermits and monks in Egypt (known as Desert Fathers) used stones and later prayer ropes to keep track when praying the 150 Psalms.

The Hail Mary Prayer

The Hail Mary prayer came together slowly. It took more than a thousand years. The earliest version simply added Mary’s name to the message delivered by the angel Gabriel to Mary: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee” (Luke 1:28).

Around 1050 AD, the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary during the Visitation were added: “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb” (Luke 1:42). In 1261, Pope Urban IV added the name of Jesus to the end of Elizabeth’s words.

St. Peter Canisius published the Hail Mary in his 1555 Catechism with almost the entire final petition: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.”

Eleven years later, the Catechism of the Council of Trent included, for the first time, the entire final petition, concluding with the words “now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

The version of the Hail Mary we pray today was given official approval in 1568.

The Story of St. Dominic

It is widely believed that in 1214 St. Dominic had a vision of Mary. She is said to have presented him with the rosary, both the beads and the prayers to be prayed.

Dominic had a tremendous devotion to Mary and the rosary, He encouraged Catholics to gather in small groups to pray together what was an early form of the rosary together.

The Growth of the Rosary

The earliest form of the rosary developed when Pope Gregory the Great (590-604) popularized an earlier version of the Hail Mary prayer by asking it to be prayed on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Many individuals began praying the Hail Mary in a repetitive fashion using a string of beads to keep track of the prayers.

After the full development of the Hail Mary prayer, the term “rosary” was finally given in 1597. For 320 years, from 1597 until 1917, the form of both the Hail Mary and the rosary remained the same

The Fatima Prayer

On May 13, 1917, Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Mary told the children to pray for world peace by reciting the rosary every day. On July 13, 1917, Mary asked the children to add a short prayer to the end of each decade of the rosary:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

Many Catholics incorporate this prayer into the rosary as Mary requested

On October 16, 2002, almost 600 years after the original Mysteries of the rosary were established, Pope John Paul II introduced a new set of mysteries called the Luminous Mysteries (the Mysteries of Light).

From DynamicCatholic.com

Mon 18	St John 1, pope and martyr.
Wed 20	St Bernadine of Siena, priest.
Thurs 21	Ss Christopher Magallanes, priest and Companions, martyrs.
Fri 22	St Rita of Cascia, religious.

“To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.”
Pope John Paul II



Venerable Archdeacon Ciarán Canon HOLAHAN
Ordained Clonliffe College 21st May 1961
Died 12th May 2020
MAY HE REST IN PEACE



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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Recently Deceased

Venerable Archdeacon
Ciarán Canon Holahan
Mons John Fitzpatrick
Imelda O' Brien
Chriss Benton
Josie Callan

Noel Montayne

May they rest in peace



MASS INTENTIONS

11.30 Sun 17th May

Petronella Buzatu /
(Rec. Deceased in Romania.)
Brigid Fallon (Months Mind)
Michael Henry (Anniversary)
Barry Henry (1st Anniversary)
Mary Galvin (2nd Anniversary)
Joseph Clare (Anniversary)

Month's Mind:-

Eoin O' Malley

Anniversaries:-

Ken Duncan
Monica O'Connor

Birthday Remembrance:-

Viv Kelly

Wedding Anniversary:-

60th Wedding Anniversary
Paddy & Una O' Callanáin

This is a brief summary of the 2019 Income and Expenditure accounts for Foxrock Parish ,compared with 2018.

Full report available at
<https://bit.ly/Foxrock2019Accounts>

	2019	2018
INCOME		
Donations and bequests	13379	14565
Family offering incl tax refund	295213	286016
Other	148428	92063
Total	457019	392644
EXPENDITURE		
Staff salaries	108422	97255
Repairs /renewals	490103	17763
Maintenance	12496	16760
Depreciation	41622	41622
IT professional fees	12375	7163
Heat and light	29123	18698
Choir/music expenses	13317	13457
Other	128840	225545
Total	836298	438263
Diff (Loss)	379279	45619

ROLE OF THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Every parish is expected to have a Finance Committee to help the parish priest on any matter in relation to the finances of the parish. The key advisory roles of the committee include The maintenance of proper books of account as well as effective internal financial controls The preparation of annual income and expenditure accounts as well as budgets for the forthcoming year. Control of capital and current expenditure budgets.

Financial arrangements for new projects including securing agreements with the diocese. Responsibility for fund-raising to meet bank loans and other debt commitments. A clear role in communicating the financial needs of the parish to parishioners and reporting on the financial health of the parish Present members of the committee are Fr Kieran, Margaret Keane, John Fitzpatrick, Pat Molloy, Billy Murphy and Kieran McGowan.

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group wish to convey their condolences to Fr. Kieran, Parish Team, Fr. Ciaran's family, friends and parishioners.



What's Your Story?

own personal stories. We are inviting parishioners to write something uplifting about your faith story and we will put your story into a basket for presentation at the Offertory during Mass on 24 May. Afterwards, a selection of the stories we receive will be published on the Parish website. Please send us your story and let us know if we have permission to publish it, with or without your name. Stories can be emailed to Maeve Davidson at maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie

World Communications Day is on 24 May and in preparation for celebrating that day, Pope Francis has spoken about the importance of our



Foxrock Parish Youth Club is among the finalists in this years EcoUnesco Young Environmentalists Award

footprints can be credited for beating defined norms. We are talking to retailers, companies and government agencies about turning such consumer environmental credits into coins (low VAT, loyalty discounts, sale discounts). The project hopes to move consumption patterns to more sustainable products that generate credits that "Coin the Planet" and induce a system change in the production of goods and services that people buy".

Voting will be by representatives of the Environmental Sector and by members of the public. Voting closes on 18 May so there is still time to vote online. Log on to the Foxrock Parish website –follow instructions and scroll down to our entry at no 58 to vote.

Project Title:
Coin the Planet: 2020-333
Junior (Ages 13 -15) Award Category:
ECO-Innovation

“When people show they do well on safe driving using apps on mobile phones, they can get discounts from car insurance companies. When people buy products that care for the planet, why can't they get credit? We develop an application that maps supermarket products into environmental footprints. Reducing environmental (carbon, water, waste, minerals)



With no collections being taken up at present at Sunday Mass, it is very

important that we continue to support our priests especially in these most difficult times. For Easter dues :

- Envelopes may be dropped in the letterbox at the entrance to the Pastoral Centre .
- Cheques sent to Fr Kieran Dunne PP, Foxrock Parochial House, Bray Road, D18

- Online payment—bank details from secretary@foxrockparish.ie
- Also check www.foxrockparish.ie for payment via website
- Payment can also be made via Dublin Archdiocese website.

The urgent need of these contributions is underlined by the recent reduction of 25% in the incomes of all priests in the Diocese.



May 17th,
2020
Sixth
Sunday of
Easter

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on

striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them.

Acts (8:5-8.14-17)

PSALM

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
Oh, sing to the glory of his name.
(Ps 65:1-7.16-20)

SECOND READING

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.
(1Pt 3:15-18)

GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments'
(Jn 14:15-21)