

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE FROM THE THREAT OF LEGALISED EUTHANASIA

Public info meeting - Guest speakers, Professor Patricia Casey, Consultant Psychiatrist and Professor of Psychiatry, and Peter D Williams of Anscombe Bioethical Centre.

Tuesday 24th January in Wynns Hotel, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1 at 7:30pm in The Abbey Room. The Luas stops directly outside the hotel and Connolly station is a short walk away also.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP.

Welcome to a Mass for healing and peace in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace Thurs 26th January
Rosary 7.30
Holy Mass 8.00pm
Chapel of the Divine Master, White's Cross

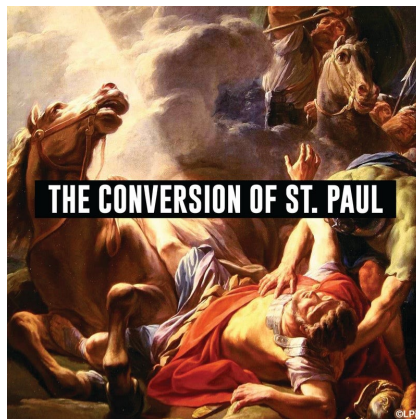
A small group from Dun Laoghaire Choral society will be singing at the 18.00 Mass on Saturday 28th January. The Mass is composed by one of our choir members, Carmel Keogh.



Pope Francis spoke to the faithful gathered in St Peters Square about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) He noted that the path to Christian unity and the Church's synodal conversion are linked. For this reason, he announced an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil, set to take place in St Peter's Square on Saturday 30 September. At the Vigil, he explained, "we will entrust to God the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops". The Pope added that for the young people who will come to the Vigil there will be a special programme throughout that weekend,

Saints of the Week

Tues 24 St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church
Wed 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE
Thurs 26 Ss Timothy and Titus, bishops
Fri 27 St Angela Merici, religious
Sat 28 St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church



FOXROCK PARISH
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



JAN 22 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men!" Mt 4

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The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear? Ps26

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil 6pm:

Maura Costello – Recently Deceased
Marie Noone -
Anniversary
Roy Smith – 55th
Anniversary
Chris McGee –
Anniversary

Sunday 10am:

Majella McCrann –
Recently Deceased
Louis and Pauline Keogh –
Anniversary
Leslie McKinney – Anniversary

Sunday 11.30am :

Michael Tyrrell – Recently Deceased
Mary Paula McGilligan –
1st Anniversary
Louis & Pauline Keogh – Anniversary
Eamon Byrne – Anniversary
Cathal Young - Anniversary

RECENTLY DECEASED

James Bartlett
Kevin Kinlen
John P Kelly
John Costigan
Thomas Whelan
Brian Hannify



May they rest in peace





**January 22,
2023
3rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “**He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali...**” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the

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As we dedicate the Pastoral Centre hall to his name this weekend, we remember Fr. Ciarán

A Tribute to a Faithful Priest

I have no doubt that the announcement of the death of Archdeacon Holahan gripped the parish with a deep embrace of shock. The dawning realisation that a beloved pastor and friend had gone to his eternal reward churned hearts, thoughts and memories. Day in and day out, both in active ministry and in retirement, Fr. Ciarán fulfilled his

priestly ministry in quiet fidelity and love and, to borrow the words of the Archbishop, in a “most rounded way”. He was an inspiring witness to the love of God in his self-sacrificing service and priestly ministry.

In losing him, we have lost a friend but also his humble way of making God present in every-day encounter. He truly took on the person of Christ – and made him present in his own inimitable way.

Always engaged, courteous, humble and kind, he touched many lives with civility and a wholesomeness and humanity that

were noteworthy. The cards, letters, texts, emails and communications of condolence indicate just how deeply appreciated and loved, he was, by so many.

The Archdeacon was no “sacristy priest” but a man fully immersed in his people, of whom it could be said, taking Pope Francis’ metaphor, – “smelled of his sheep”. He always wanted what was best for them. His pastoral administration, preaching of the Word and priestly demeanour were always grounded in reality and stood in solidarity with God’s Holy People. I for one marvelled at the acuteness and prescience of his short weekday homilies. So full of spirit and prophetically “on the money”; in tune with the ‘zeitgeist’ as one parishioner wrote.

Father Ciarán, was no stranger to suffering and was most eloquent and inspiring in enduring it. He kept hidden from many this reality in his life, though the public knowledge of them could not be completely curtailed. Other sadness came his way too, not least the death of close family, friends and colleagues. I believe that he journeyed with all of this not only stoically but as a resolute Christian bearing his cross.

I wish here to note Ciarán’s care of priests in his charge and his enormous generosity to them. He was really a priest in his heart, in his very essence and a steadfast Christian in soul.

People everywhere he served will lament him as will the people of this parish who loved him dearly. For your obvious and manifest love for him, for your prayers for him, for your generosity and kindness to him both as your Parish Priest and as Pastor Emeritus, I especially wish to thank you.

While now is not the time to eulogise, it is a time to take stock of the life that has left us. We will all miss Fr. Ciarán here, but we will rely on his continued help and support from the heavenly kingdom. We will remember him in our prayers and Masses, asking the Lord to grant him membership with the saints, and the happiness of everlasting life with the Lord Jesus and his beloved Mother.

I finish with the words of the great John O’Donohoe in *Divine Beauty*:

“At the end of its flow a river always seems to be dying into the huge embrace of the ocean. Yet there is no break between the end of the river and its flowing life. The song of its end continues to sing back up the river towards the first moments of its visible infant flow. At death the music of the heart becomes one with the unheard eternal melody.”

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Fr. Kieran Dunne
May 14th. 2020
Foxrock.