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Mass Times

Monday to Friday 9.00am

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.15pm with Nomine Sanctus Choir

Sunday 9.00am (Irish/bilingual) with Choir

Sunday 11.30am (Family Mass) with Beechwood Avenue Childrens/Youth Choir

Holy Days

Vigil Mass of the Holy Day 7.30pm with Mass on the day at 9.00am

Confessions : Saturday 5.45pm

Baptisms

Parish baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 12.30pm.

If you would like to arrange baptism for your child please contact the parish office.

Wedding bookings are by appointment with one of the priests of the parish.

The parish Child Safeguarding and Protection representatives may be contacted through the parish office or at

childprotection@beechwoodparish.com

Ministers of the Eucharist 1st March

Vigil Mass Donal McCarthy

9.00am Yvonne Cooney

**11.30am Mary McCormack, Carmel Shanahan
Gascoigne Home Mary Keane**

Our Parish Confirmations



We ask for your prayers for the 5th and 6th class children from Lios na nOg who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here next Friday 6th March. 6th class children from Scoil Bhríde will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 13th March. We pray for the children, their parents, families and teachers as they take this important step on their faith journey.

Donald Trump and Danny Healy-Rae many not believe in climate change. I beg to disagree with them. I'd like to ask both of them have they been cycling a bicycle in the last six months. Right through autumn and early winter there was seldom a day when I did not have to use my rain gear. Then again, I doubt the two Ds depend on a bicycle to get from A to B.

But the changes that are happening to our climate are not having any effect on the 'rising and setting sun'.

My mother died on February 12th 1988. I can still see and her talk with excitement at this time of the year about the stretch in the day. She was ecstatic the first day Dad arrived home from work in the daylight. These days, it's bright in Dublin after 6pm. Every day, darkness is being pushed back. And mornings too are beginning to succumb to daylight. It's bright these days leaving home at 7am. Maybe my imagination is running away with me. But wasn't it Robert Louis Stevenson who said 'To travel hopefully is better than to arrive..'. And it makes sense. Did you every notice in the middle of summer how we all take the brightness for granted.

Did you know that there is approximately 15 minutes of a difference between sunrise in Dublin and West Kerry? Kerry gets an extra 10 to 15 minutes extra daylight in the evening. I'm not saying that winter is over but all around us right now are glimpses of what is to come.

In four weeks we will be putting the clocks forward. It seems with Brexit we'll be holding onto the practice of changing the clocks in March and October. In winter it will be GMT and in summer GMT plus one. Have you noticed there is a move away from GMT, Greenwich Mean Time, to UCT, Universal Coordinated Time? A good table quiz question—'how many time zones are there?'. There are more than 24. And just in case you forget to do with your clock—remember it's 'spring forward, fall back'. Then again, most time-pieces these days change automatically.

My mother's joy at the days getting longer is one of my abiding memories of her. Simple, wonderful too.

Fr. Michael Commane

Volunteering Sunday

Next weekend is Volunteering Sunday in the parish. Perhaps you could take some time to reflect this week as to whether you would be prepared to volunteer to help the parish, joining with all those who are currently volunteering and whose help and support is very much appreciated.

We will be circulating leaflets at our Masses next weekend letting you know of the areas where the parish could do with extra help.

Caring for others

Sign of peace

Due to the ongoing concern regarding the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), we would kindly remind our parishioners that during the sign of peace it is fine to simply smile, wave or bow to another to convey Christ's peace to them.

The Way of the Cross will be led by Sr. Teresa each Friday morning during Lent after the 9.00am Mass. There are leaflets available at the back of the church to assist you with praying the Stations on Friday mornings or at any other time.



A big thank you to all who helped make the pancakes in the Parish Centre on Shrove Tuesday such a success for our youngest parishioners. It was great to hear all the wonderful things the children were doing for Lent. One child was giving up palm oil as he explained that palm trees endanger the habitat of Orangutans! Bless.

We ask for your prayers for the 2nd class children from Sandford Parish National School who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time here next Wednesday evening. Our Do this In Memory of Me Masses for preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated here at the 9.00am and 11.30am Masses next Sunday 8th March.

Mass Intentions for coming week

Sunday 1st March

9.00am

11.30am Catherine Carew (Month's Mind)

David Casey (A)

Liam Carton (50th A)

Monday 2nd March

9.00am Bridget Mannion (RD)

Tuesday 3rd March

9.00am Nikki Dignam (RD)

Wednesday 4th March

9.00am

Thursday 5th March

9.00am

Friday 6th March

9.00am

Saturday 7th March

6.15pm Kathleen Malone (A)

Sunday 8th March

9.00am

11.30am

Signed Mass cards are available in the sacristy and the Parish Office. An offering is received with gratitude and is another means of supporting your local clergy. Thank you.

Anam Cara Dublin along with Feilacain and Pieta House will be hosting a Bereavement Support Evening for bereaved parents on the 11th March in the Aisling Hotel, Park Gate St, D08 P38N. This event starts at 7pm.

This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. However, to help the organisers please RSVP to

info@anamcara.ie

or 085 288 8888 before 10th March.