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The Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee may be contacted through the parish office. Children who are members of Ranelagh Rockets GAA club will celebrate their First Holy Communion here this Saturday 18th May at 12 noon and children from Scoil Bhride will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 19th May. We ask for your prayers for the children, their parents and teachers at this special time.

We hope everyone has a wonderful day!

The 9.30am Mass this Sunday 19th May will be in English.

Parish partnership working together—

- Beechwood Avenue
- ♦ Rathgar
- ♦ Rathmines
- Harold's Cross
- **♦** Mount Argus

Mass Times in Church of the Holy Name

- Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am
- Saturday 5.30pm Family Mass
- Sunday 9.30am (as Gaeilge), 11.00am
- Holy Days 10.00am
- First Friday of each month 10.00am

All our Masses are streamed on the parish webcam.

Please use https://beechwoodparish.com/webcam/to access Beechwood webcam link.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.30am

Tap and Go machines:

There is a Tap and Go machine at the back of the church to allow you to contribute to the parish. Donations made using this machine remain in the parish.

The other Tap and Go machine at the back of the church is to support the priests of the diocese and the Share diocesan services.

Thank you for your ongoing generous support.

Thought for the day

It is often forgotten that Pentecost is first of all a Jewish feast, actually a harvest festival. That sense of "in gathering" is also a theme of our Christian Pentecost, as we see the beginning of the church. By the time of Jesus, Shavuot—to give it its Hebrew name—also marked the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. This also fits our Christian Shavuot as long as we recall that Law, Torah, meant instruction and indeed a whole way of life under God's grace and guidance. It was always interior and the descent of the Holy Spirit takes this inner reality to new levels.

Send, O Father, the Holy Spirit of your Son into our lives and communities. May the joy we know in the Spirit help us to be joyful bearers of the Good News to our contemporaries.

Fr. Kieran O'Mahony

Thank you to all who have returned Easter Offerings. You ongoing generous support of your parish and diocesan clergy is very much appreciated. Acknowledgements have now been sent out. If you gave an offering and have not yet received an acknowledgement please contact the office.

Our 'Building Hope' Novena concludes this Monday 20th May with Mass at 10.00am. Thank you to all who have joined our Novena over the last number of days.

Laudato Si on Consumerism

"We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. To be serenely present to each reality, however small it may be, opens us to much greater horizons of understanding and personal fulfilment.

Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. This implies avoiding the dynamic of dominion and the mere accumulation of pleasures.

Such sobriety, when lived freely and consciously, is liberating. It is not a lesser life or one lived with less intensity. On the contrary, it is a way of living life to the full. In reality, those who enjoy more and live better each moment are those who have given up dipping here and there, always on the look-out for what they do not have"

Save the dates!

Our parish summer garden party will take place on <u>Saturday 15th</u> <u>June</u> from 6.30pm to 8.15pm.



You are all very welcome.

Rathgar-Terenure Fellowship are also hosting a community midsummer event on Friday 21st June at 7pm in Zion Church of Ireland, Bushy Park Road. This is an evening to celebrate the Natural Environment and to think about how we can all work together as a community to protect our common home, the Earth. Speakers will be Laura Madrigal-Estabas, Trocaire Laudato Si officer and Justin Kilcullen, former CEO of Trocaire and Convenor of SAGE-Shankill Action for Green Earth, an ecumenical initiative to counter climate change.

Mass intentions this week

Saturday 18th

5.30pm Ann Conlon (RD)

Anne O'Callaghan (RD)

Margaret Riordan (RD)

John Farrell (Month's Mind)

Sunday 19th

9.30am Rita Kirwan (RD)

Cyril Quigley (RD)

11.00am

Monday 20th

10.00am Mary Phelan RIP

Tuesday 21st

10.00am Noel Heslin (RD)

Thursday 23rd

10.00am Brian Murray (RD)

Saturday 25th

5.30pm Noreen Foyle (2nd A)

Patricia O'Brien (RD)

Peadar Geraghty (RD)

Sunday 26th

9.30am Noreen Foyle (2nd A)

11.00am Eithne Bennett (Month's Mind)

Mass cards are available in the parish office and sacristy. An offering is received with gratitude and is another means of supporting your local clergy. If you make an offering for Mass online, please contact the office with your intention.

The Dublin Consort of Voices will celebrate a Sung Eucharist at our 5.30pm Mass this Saturday 18th May.

There will a Choral Vespers and Evening Prayer on Sunday 19th May at 6.00pm.

You are all very welcome.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

If you took a Trocaire box at the beginning of Lent please return it to us. We will forward your donation to Trocaire.