



CHURCH OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY PARISH OF LEIXLIP



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EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

1st APRIL 2018



CHURCH MASS TIMES:

Weekdays 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. &

6 p.m. (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday: 8.30, 9.45, 11, 12.15p.m & 7.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: After 10 a.m. Mass &

after 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

& 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

(Friday Night to 9 p.m.)

PARISH TEAM:

Fr. John McNamara, Adm. 01 - 6245597

Fr. Karl Fortune, C.C. 01 - 6243718

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Mrs. Ella Doran

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He Is Risen, Alleluia

FR. JOHN MCNAMARA, Adm. FR. KARL FORTUNE & FR. ELADIUS MUTUNZI

wish all parishioners at home and abroad every Blessing and Joy this Easter time.

Easter Reflection

Easter... Reminds us that there is for all of us the real possibility of a fresh start and a different outcome to the challenging perplexity of our lives. The forty days of Lent are behind us. The fifty days of Easter stretch out before us. As we have died with Christ so now shall we live with Him. Such is the meaning and promise of our Baptism. Our old life is at an end. There is a new beginning.

We should not understand this too naively of course. Easter is a genuine possibility for all of us, but we need to make it our own if anything is to come of it...

The journey through Lent to Easter is the journey of a lifetime. As to where we might be in that journey, for many of us it is, perhaps, still very early on the first day of the week and quite dark in the first glimmer of dawn. But that is enough to nourish our hope.

EASTER DUES

Thank you to all our parishioners who have sent in their Easter Dues. Easter Dues form part of the income of our parish and diocese and can be returned at any time during the coming weeks, through our Envelope Collectors, The Parish Office or Sacristy.

Acknowledgements will be sent out as soon as possible.

There are spare envelopes on the window sills if you have not received one.

CHURCH DIARY & MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

8 p.m. Vigil Mass
 8.30 Kathleen Quinn (A) and remembering her husband Bob, birthday remembrance
 9.45 Ivan Cosgrove - rec. deceased & Michael Lacey (A)
 11 a.m. **Helen Campbell 1st (A)** & remembering her husband Thomas
 12.15 **Conor O'Brien (month's mind)** .
 7.30pm Frances Jordan (A)

MONDAY 2ND APRIL

BANK HOLIDAY

10 a.m. Joanne Kearney - Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY 3RD APRIL

10a.m. Monica (A) & Frank Short - remembrance

WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL

10 a.m. Mass for the people of the parish & all who worship in our church

THURSDAY 5TH APRIL

10 a.m. William Heffernan (A).

FRIDAY 6th APRIL

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

10 a.m. Masses will be at 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. and will be offered for all on the Parochial Altar List of the Dead

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

10 a.m. William Merrigan (A)
 6 p.m. Noel Murray - Birthday Remembrance.
 Lucy Kenny (A). Michael Kilcullen (A) & B'day Rem.

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8.30 Sarah & Jim Casey (A)
 9.45 Larry Heffernan B'day Remembrance & his sister-in-law Eileen McMahon - rec. deceased.
 Michael & Christina Burke (A) &
 John & Kathleen Morgan (A)
 11 a.m. Alice Conroy - Birthday Rem. & James & Mary Shiel (A)
 John Buckley (A) & Kitty McNamee (A)
 12.15 **Thomas Bernard - month's mind**
 7.30 p.m.

SANCTUARY LAMP is lit this week for a special intention

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The First Collection last weekend was €1,735.00. This collection is for priests in our own parish, priests in poorer parishes and for priests who have special appointments and are on sabbatical, sick or retired.

The second collection last weekend for Share was €1,435.00, thank you for your support. **The collection for Parish Maintenance & Development** (envelopes only) last weekend was €1,303.14

Thank you for you continuing support.

GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

MON: MT. 28:8-15 TUES: JN. 20:11-18
 WED: LK. 24:13-35 THUR: LK. 24:35-48
 FRI: JN. 21:1-14 SAT: MK. 16:9-15
 SUN: JN. 5:1-6

BLESSING OF PARENTS BEFORE CHILDBIRTH

is provided on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 12.15 p.m. Mass.
 The blessing for April is Sunday Next 8th.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Your New Rota is available at the side of the Altar this weekend.

VOLUNTARY CHURCH CLEANERS

Your New Rota is available at the side of the Altar this weekend.

"CAN YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

OVERNIGHT Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Friday next 6th April after 7.30pm Mass until 10am Mass
 Saturday and Each First Friday until the referendum takes place.
 Contact Donal at 0864472605 or the Adoration Team.

Can you join us for this very important element in our cause to retain our "Culture of Life"

Matt. 21:22 "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

I celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, **next Sunday 8th of April from 3 - 5 p.m.** beginning with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Image, Blessing of Relic of St. Faustina and individual confessions before Mass, which will be celebrated at 4.25pm approx. Concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LEIXLIP PARISH & FAMILY CELL MEETINGS

An invitation is extended to everyone, without exception, to come and experience a cell meeting in a home near you, morning or evening.

Cell Meetings, including for parents/grandparents/expectant parents babies/toddlers, are held on Tuesday's, fortnightly in a home near you at 8.30 p.m. and for the parents/grandparents group, in the Parish Centre at 1-2pm.

The next Cell Meeting dates for all the above are

April 10th & 24th

For evening & morning cells contact: **Bridie** 086.3807917 or **Donal** 086.4472605 & for Parents/grandparents group - contact **Kate** 0864132511.

Email: leixlipparishcells@gmail.com.

See also www.parishcellsireland.net.

"AMORIS": THE JOY OF LOVE IN LEIXLIP PARISH

In response to Pope Francis's invitation and as a preparation for the World Meeting of Families, Leixlip Parish continues with our 'Amoris' six-session conversation after the Easter break on **April 11th at 8pm & continue on 18th and 25th April also at 8p.m.** in Our Lady's Parish Centre. This is a programme to reflect on our experience of family based on Pope Francis' letter "The Joy of Love"
ALL ARE WELCOME



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**POPE FRANCIS IS
COMING TO
IRELAND FOR THE
WORLD MEETING
OF FAMILIES 2018**



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MEETING of
FAMILIES

22-26 AUGUST 2018





VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME:

The event will require the support of thousands of volunteers, as individuals or groups, to assist in the organising and running of all the events. Volunteers will be essential to the success of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Ireland.

As a volunteer you will become part of the family of volunteers, with the chance to show what Ireland is all about, excellence, passion, friendship, faith and positivity. This unique occasion will enable you to build new friendships, develop skills and play an integral role at the heart of one of the largest events to be staged in Ireland in 2018.

WHAT AGE MUST I BE?

Volunteers must be aged 18 years old or over on the 1st January 2018. There is no upper age limit! Groups of young people over 16 years old are also welcome to apply as volunteers as a group with an adult leader. All volunteers must be residents of the Island of Ireland to volunteer.

SO HOW DO I APPLY TO VOLUNTEER?

To get involved, you will need to complete an online application form www.worldmeeting2018i.e/volunteer. All volunteers will also be required to provide a photo and complete a Garda Vetting form as part of their application.

HOST A FAMILY:

World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of people from around the world. If you would be interested in hosting a family in your home you can find out more details by sending an email with “**Host a Pilgrim**” in the subject line to volunteer@worldmeeting.ie

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Visit the website www.worldmeeting2018.ie
Follow on Facebook www.facebook.com/wmof2018
Follow on Twitter www.twitter.com/wmof2018





WHAT IS FAMILY ?

“ There is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.” Pope Francis.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

(Pause and remember family members and others by name).

Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us.*





WHAT IS WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

In August 2018, Ireland will have the joy of hosting the World Meeting of Families 2018 on behalf of Pope Francis. As a nation we will be playing host to thousands of families and pilgrims from all around the globe for one of the largest events of the year. The World Meeting of Families will be running from 21st to 26th August 2018 and will take place in Dublin at a large conference venue as well as in other venues in and around the city (more information of times and venues to follow).

THE EVENT HAS AT ITS HEART THREE MAIN MOMENTS:

THREE DAY CONGRESS: (22nd to 24th August 2018). A joyful and reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as faith and fun activities for children

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES: (25th August 2018). A special concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families representing the continents of the world.

SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION: (26th August 2018) that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

TICKETS AND REGISTRATION:

meeting2018.ie/ticketswww.world

Visit the ticket section of the website for information on how to register online for the Congress and other events. Additional information and support is also available to assist with registration, accommodation etc. for individuals and groups who wish to be part of **WMOF2018**. All events will require a ticket (some events are free and some have a small fee) - log onto the website for more information.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

If you took home a Trocaire Box or Envelope for Lent

you can return it to the Sacristy or the Parish Office as soon as is convenient. Trocaire thank you for your ongoing support.

OUR NEW CHURCH WEBCAM

We are delighted to announce the provision of our new WEBCAM facilities for our church services. Please Note; The webcam will only broadcast during services and will be of great assistance to people who wish to follow services from abroad and for those who are ill and cannot attend regular church services.

See www.ohn.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras

ACCORD DUBLIN - RECRUITING!

ACCORD Dublin - Catholic Marriage Care Service, is currently recruiting volunteers as Marriage and Relationship Counsellors and Marriage Preparation Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.

If you know anyone in your parish community who you think would like to be part of a dynamic team and can relate easily to people in a sensitive and genuine way, we in ACCORD Dublin would greatly appreciate you approaching them and asking them to contact us by 16th April 2018. **Training will be provided** for both roles through the Pontifical University in Maynooth.

Potential Marriage Preparation Facilitators: contact Frances Stephenson on 01 4784400. For information on Counselling Roles: please contact **Jennifer Griffin** on 01 4784400.

MARRIED COUPLES

An opportunity to enrich your marriage on a very special weekend break away! Presented by **Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland** the next such residential weekend takes place at *The Cork International Hotel*, Cork from 13th to 15th April 2018.

For enquiries and / or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408.

LEIXLIP PARK RES. ASSOC. AGM

Will take place on **Monday 9th April** in Our Lady's Parish Centre at **8pm**. This is your opportunity to have your say and influence the work of the committee as we start into a new year.

OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE

FUNDRAISING EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

held on Wednesday last 28th March:

The Prize Winners

<u>1ST PRIZE</u>	Sadhbh Roche	<u>2ND PRIZE</u>	Mary McHugh
<u>3RD PRIZE</u>	Kieran Hickey	<u>4TH PRIZE</u>	Nuala Cregg
<u>5TH PRIZE</u>	Oisín Ellis	<u>6TH PRIZE</u>	Assunta Lavelle
<u>7TH PRIZE</u>	Ella Doran	<u>8TH PRIZE</u>	Lulu Reynolds

HOLY COMMUNION SUPPLIES IN OUR LADY'S PARISH SHOP

We have Holy Communion Rosettes, Medals, Necklaces, Prayer books, Missals and much more in our Parish Shop and all at much reduced prices. We also have the

THE MAGNIFICAT, THE CURATES DIARY, THE MESSENGER
April editions THE IRISH CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
Do drop in and have a browse.

Coolmine Theradudic Community Church Gate

Collection takes place this weekend after all Masses.

Coolmine is a drug and alcohol treatment centre providing community, day and residential services to men and women with problematic substance use and their families in Ireland.

Your Support will be very much appreciated

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A Service of Remembrance for Babies who died at the Coombe Hospital will be held on Sunday next 8th April at 3.00pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Dolphin's Barn, Dublin 8.

PARISH TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

23rd -31st October 2018

The pilgrimage will visit **The Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Dead Sea and much more.**

A deposit of €250 will secure a place on the pilgrimage.

Would you like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus?

This promises to be a wonderful pilgrimage, if you would like to join it or would you like to know more, Information leaflets and booking forms are available from the parish office.

Or call MAP Travel 01878311 www.maptravel.ie

From *Choose Life* newsletter www.catholicbishops.ie/

Your Questions

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

The Eighth Amendment protects the right to life of pregnant women and unborn babies *equally*. Without it, Ireland's abortion rate will rise dramatically. Statistics from the Department of Health UK reveal over 185,000 abortions were performed in 2016. When abortion was legalised in the UK in 1967, no one could have predicted that in just 50 years 1 in 5 British babies' lives would end in abortion every year. Similar rates are seen in Sweden (1 in 4), France and Spain (1 in 5), Italy and Portugal (1 in 6).

WHY DO ABORTIONS TAKE PLACE?

In 2016, 97% of abortions were performed in England and Wales for social reasons. Some 38% of the total number of abortions were performed on women who had at least one previous abortion. The rate of abortion was highest among women aged 22 ?

Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the unborn,)

Pray for us,

Of all the many manifestations of Mary's loving presence among us throughout the centuries, in this apparition alone does she appear to us in the manner of a pregnant mother.

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

to mind children in her own home. 20 years experience. Leixlip area. References available. Phone 086 2024832/01-6246126

LEIXLIP & CONFEEY - YES TO LIFE CANVASS

Meeting Tuesday evening in

RIVERFOREST CAR PARK. 6.30p.m.

If you would like to join us, please come along and meet us there Alternatively contact **Donal** at 086-4472605, **Mike** at 086-0536490



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