

In later life, John Henry became noted for his famous defence of the superiority of personal conscience. In correspondence for example with England's senior Duke, the Catholic Duke of Norfolk, he was asked which took precedence – the pope's teaching, or personal conscience. Newman was adamant that if a Catholic, after prayer and consultation, believed a decree of the Pope was immoral, he was duty bound to follow his conscience. And then came his celebrated declaration: "Certainly if I am obliged to bring religion into after-dinner toasts, I shall drink – to the Pope if you please, still to conscience first, and the Pope afterwards."

Became a Cardinal in 1879

As old age progressed, Newman spent his last prayerful years in the Oratory. In December 1877 he was delighted to accept Oxford University's invitation to become an Honorary Fellow of the University's Trinity College – his old College. Two years later he was honoured by the Pope with his election to Cardinal. He celebrated his last Christmas Mass in 1889, and the end came on 11 August 1890. The *Spectator* magazine declared "There was nothing in him of the spiritual pride and grandiosity of detachment from the world," whilst *The Guardian* newspaper wrote "Cardinal Newman is dead, and we lose in him not only one of the greatest masters of English style, not only an eminent example of personal sanctity, but the founder, we may almost say, of the Church of England as we see it."

Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonised in October of this year (Source: John Henry Newman by Bill McStay – St Martin Magazine, September 2019)

Fr. Michael Carey

Mass Intentions this Sunday

Sat 6.30pm Brendan & Mollie McGarry(An)

Thomas Corbett (MM)

Sun 8.30am John & Thomas McGrane (An)

Sun 11.15am Rose Howard(An)



Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Special Intention

Sat 10.00am Philip Markey

Mon 10.00am Andy Whelan

Next Sunday

Tues 8.00am Holy Souls

Sat 6.30pm Thomas O'Gorman

Tues 10.00am Rose Howard

Wed 8.00am Sean O'Connor

Sun 8.30am Phyllis O'Rourke

Wed 10.00am Patrick Moore

Thurs 8.00am Joe Gantley

Sun 11.15am Willie Rooney

Thurs 10.00am Kathleen Carney

Fri 8.00am Altar lit of the Dead

Leo Watson (1st An)

Fri 10.00am Altar lit of the Dead

Eithne Byrne (MM)

At our Masses this Sunday we also remember: Eamon Weldon, Georgina Harvey, Peadar Connolly, Bob & Bernadette McGonagle, Una Nevin

Church of the Visitation Drynam The Visitation of the BVM

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)

St. Vincent de Paul will have their monthly collection for Drynam area today after Mass.

There will be no First Friday Mass in Drynam this coming Friday.

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(Mon to Fri 9.15am-12.30pm & Tues-Thurs 2pm-4pm)

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lead Kindly Light

"Deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy"

Newsletter Sunday 29th September 2019



Lead Kindly Light, the well-known hymn of Victorian England was written by a Church of England clergyman called John Henry Newman. Born in the first year of the nineteenth century, Newman came from a large and loving family. always attracted to a vocation in the Anglican Church, he received Holy Orders in May 1825, and was appointed to a curacy in Oxford's church of Saint Mary, which included the duty of lecturing in the University. Described as a man of unimpressive stature with a scholar's stoop, he had a permanent hooked nose, looking as someone unkindly observed, like Mister Punch of the children's comic book. His preaching however to Sunday congregations was powerful and moving.

From his earliest days as an Anglican priest, he strove for closer links with the Catholic Church in England, as was a founder of the Oxford Movement to work for future unity. Whilst on holiday in Italy with a friend, he met Nicholas Wiseman, Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, who would be made Cardinal when the Catholic Hierarchy, after years of suppression, was restored in England. It was on that same holiday that Newman, on a visit to Sicily, wrote "O that thy creed were sound, For thou dost soothe the heart thou Church of Rome"

Received into the Catholic Church in 1845

As he drew nearer to conversion, Newman with a few like-minded colleagues, set up a male community at Littlemore near Birmingham, based on Catholic monastic lines. In late 1845, John Henry was formally received into the Catholic Church, alienating some family and friends, but firm in his conviction that he had finally come home. In 1850, his Oratorian Congregation was formally approved by the then Pope Pius IX.

At the invitation of Archbishop Cullen (Dublin), Newman spent seven years as rector of the new Catholic University in Dublin, where he achieved much, but was unhappy that he had not created an intellectual headquarters for Catholics. Only Trinity and Queens' degrees were recognised by the state.

In 1864, Newman began his acclaimed *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, explaining his efforts to reconcile the Anglican and Catholic Churches, a work admired by, among others, George Eliot the celebrated author of *The Mill on the Floss*.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

*How much better our family life would be if we used the words....
Please. Thank you...and I'm sorry. Pope Francis*

DO THIS IN MEMORY-Enrolment Mass-

I welcome the boys from St. Colmcille's BNS, the girls from St. Colmcille's GNS and the School Principals; Ms. Burke-Logue and Ms. Brangan to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass for their enrolment into the Do This in Memory/Bridge Programme, which is part of their Parish based preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare for these Mass.

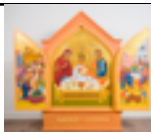
Safeguarding Sunday

Last Sunday was Diocesan safeguarding Sunday. I didn't manage to put anything into the newsletter – below is an extract from the Archbishop's letter

“This year marks the tenth anniversary of the publication of the Murphy report and we are reminded of that dark and pain-filled chapter in our history. For many of those who were abused as children in the Church and for many of their loved ones that pain is a constant reality, one which will endure for the rest of their lives. We cannot undo the past. We can, however, honour the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse by doing all in our power to ensure a better and safer Church for the children of today and of tomorrow. As Pope Francis has instructed us in his recent Apostolic Letter, *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* we have an equal responsibility for the welfare and protection of vulnerable adults...I say to you: your children are dear to us, as they are to you, and we will do all in our power to ensure their safety and protection from abuse.

We wish to encourage and promote the participation of children, young people and vulnerable adults in the life and work of our parish. Safeguarding is about creating an environment which facilitates such involvement so that all of us who are members of this parish community can grow together in love of God and service to his Church. Everyone who ministers in the parish is a representative of the Church and must observe safeguarding practices and guidelines. Good safeguarding practice is part of what it is to minister in the Church. **It is not an optional extra**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Safeguarding Policies are on the Parish website



The Liturgical Office, Dublin Diocese

Autumn Liturgy Seminar will take place in Clonliffe College on Saturday 5th October 2019 (9.30am to 1.30pm) Registration 9.00 to 9.30am.

1) **Walking With** - **Patricia Carroll and Donal Harrington** will continue to explore the important journey of accompaniment to which Baptism teams are called. Their themes will include the sponsoring community, prayer walk and the role of Godparents.

2) **Read Al About It- Dr Jesse Rogers** has a way of bringing scripture to life for those who hear her inspirational talks. A research topic of interest to hers is 'Scripture and Justice' which will be woven into her presentation.

3) **How Beautiful- Fr Damian McNiece** has a very good sense of art and colour. He will open up the possibilities for creating beautiful liturgies with a biblical and theological underpinning.

4) **Feasts and Seasons- Dr John O'Keefe** published the second collection of Feasts and Seasons which he will share in a interactive workshop. He will include references to Canaimis, the new collection of material for Irish Masses. Bring your choirs with you

5) **Another Idea- Pat O' Donoghue** will share community Prayer Services when a Priest is not available to celebrate the Eucharist. His approach will outline how such a service can be conducted by way of contemplative prayer and scripture reflection

Please contact Colette in Parish Office to book (chose two workshops)

Faith for Life

This is an adult faith course designed to help you to discover new ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world, within relationships, family, home, workplaces and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change. The course is experienced as a journey of four 'Movements' inviting you to explore the call you received in Baptism. The process for each weekend includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy. Participants are required to attend all four weekends. This course has taken place in Dublin Diocese for the past six years and is designed and delivered, through a partnership agreement between the Archdioceses of Dublin and the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

The course will take place again this year starting in October or require more information please email: rlavelle@dublindiocese.ie or evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group.

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? Are you suffering the pain of that loss? Would you like to talk to a trained bereavement support person who will listen and help you understand your grief and distress? You are welcome to attend our bereavement support meetings on the second and last Mondays of every month at - The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. Start time 7.30pm. This is a free, confidential service and is offered to all Fingal residents." Date of next meeting, 30th September . Further information please phone Terri 8403243".

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Anne Gallagher

Santry

John Flanagan

Formerly Oaklands

We welcome the following newly Baptised to our Parish Community:

Jacob Bobby Cash, Frankie Stephen Daniel Collins McFarlane, Kyla Ann Cherotich Kip, Lucy Lorna Meagher, Christina Shania O'Donnell, Brian Anthony Timlin



A day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families". Consecrate your families to Our Lady on Saturday, 5th October in Knock Shrine at the 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. Followed by testimony, food & music in the Rest & Care Centre, concluding with Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. To book your seat on the subsidised Bus (€10, booking Essential) please contact Human Life International in Knock on 094-9375993/085-8608835 or email: mail@humanlife.ie