

Our spiritual, sacramental and pastoral life in St. Brendan’s.

Response to the Psalm: “Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.”

The hymn numbers for Mass are displayed on the two Boards, please join in the singing at both Masses today. Let us show to Bishop Nolan our willingness to engage with the choir in singing our praise to God during Mass today and every Sunday.

Entrance Hymn:

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you; allelu, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it will be *given* unto you, seek and ye will find; knock and it will be opened unto you; allelu, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name I am there in their midst; and whatever you ask I will do, allelu, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

A summary of thoughts about our Parish from the Retreat at Manresa.

- Grateful thanks to the Holy Ghost Fathers for their presence here and at OLHS.
- Grateful thanks to the many parishioners who helped maintain the cohesion of the parish.
- Christianity is about relationships and gratitude - The Jesuit Spiritual Director at Manresa.
- Leaving aside all the things we do in this parish - what is the quality of our relationships?
- What about our relationship with Jesus Christ? The answer impacts on all our relationships.
- What of our relationships with one another, and in our families and with our neighbours?
- As a parish should we now turn our focus to how we are and not on the things we do?
- Is it time to end initiatives in the parish and give attention absolutely to our spiritual life?
- Should we be happy to let God be God - *let it be done unto us* - according to thy Will.
- We want everyone to feel they can belong here and can participate fully in our life which many people do, but others only want *the parish to be a shelter* - *read the insert* on Church as shelter.
- The three-legged stool - the *review of sacramental practice in Dublin as printed on the insert* - does it help us understand ourselves and our families better? Are the three legs of our stool fully in place or are they wobbly - parents [Home], teachers [School] and priest [Parish]? Can we find a new way here of being Church into the 21st Century before it’s too late?

We are called to be a welcoming community. Some families won’t know what is available from parish and what is planned by us for their children:

- Sacramental preparation for P3 and P4 children has started and it will continue every Sunday into March and May next year and beyond
- Those families who have requested the Sacraments for their children are invited to participate fully in this preparation programme. There will not be a Mass of Enrolment or a Mass of Commitment. Promises are not needed from parents - only a genuine response.
- For those parents who didn’t get the Guardian Angel Prayer Card and photograph stand for their child at the meeting with Fr. Ness, please collect one today from the Children’s Liturgy Leaders.

PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

Mass on Monday will celebrate the Feast Day of Padre Pio. The relic held by the Parish will be offered for veneration at the end of Mass and hymns will be sung on this great saint’s Feast Day.

On Tuesday morning the Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion will be presented by several parishioners. Leadership by lay persons in collaborative ministry with Fr. Ness needs instruction from him to allow the community to have confidence in its liturgies. If you are part of the morning Mass community and feel called to lead the Tuesday liturgy, please speak to Fr. Ness to be given advice and instruction on how to follow Evelyn and Elspeth as a leader.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE PARISH.

- Fr. Ness will meet the Head Teacher and the School’s Senior Management Team on Tuesday to plan how to give seven more hours each week to OLHS.
- Mrs. Oates and Fr. Ness met on Friday to agree the detail of how Fr. Ness can participate in the Primary School between now and Christmas. They have agreed that at morning Mass on Sunday 6th October the wrist bands which mark participation of children in the Pope Francis Award Scheme will be blessed and distributed to the P6 children who have enrolled this year. The parish will give each child an appropriate marker of enrolment in the Award Scheme celebration through Mass in this church.
- This Wednesday we will begin the meetings with a prayer in the church at 7pm *to explore and explain our Catholic Christian faith* for those who would like to do so. The subjects between now and Christmas will be decided by consultation among those who attend on Wednesday. Each week will be a different topic, such as Church History, the changes of Vatican II, Sacraments, Scripture, the hierarchy and the laity, the celebration of Mass, the Saints, spirituality and personal prayer. The topic for each week will be published and week by week those who attend will be welcomed.
- From the first Thursday in October, in honour of Our Lady the rosary will be recited at the beginning of the Holy Hour followed by silent prayer. Benediction will start at 7.45pm with veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and the hour will close with the singing of the Salve Regina.
- The bishop wishes priests to lead parishioners in the Novena Prayers [4th-12th October] leading up to the Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman, convert from Anglican Church “I have a part in this great work. I am a link in a chain.” We will do this here.
- *The Church wants to improve the knowledge people hold of their faith* so they can defend themselves against criticism or ridicule because of their belief and can enter more deeply into the mystery of God in Jesus of Nazareth. Bishop Toal has set up an Office for Mission and Evangelisation within this Diocese and has instructed all priests to give attention to this within the parishes. We will give out to children who attend the Children’s Liturgy a copy of the special My Day by Day Advent booklet for Infants and the Junior booklet for older children. We will give a print of each to every teacher in the Primary School for use in class.
- **If you also want to be kept up to date with all that’s going on or is planned, please complete the form asking only your family name, whether you have children or young people at either school. We also ask for your mobile number for text messaging to you.**

PRAYER INTENTION REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS

those whose Anniversary or Month Mind remembrance occurs about now: Anna Connelly; Annie Higgins.

and those who have died recently: Canon John Healy [88]; James Rooney.

In the Stall: *A-Z Living for Christ* and the **My Day by Day** booklets for **October** and in advance for November before the Advent special edition arrives; **the *Magnificat* booklet** which is a level beyond *My Day by Day* is now available, as is the ***Sacred Heart Messenger*** booklet produced in Dublin and edited by the Jesuits. It contains very good articles on faith, prayer and practice suitable for all of us of all ages.

Looking back and looking forward:

Our Sick List: will be closed today to link in with the Mass of Anointing. Families wishing the names of loved ones to be included the Sick List which will open next Sunday - please give a note in writing to Fr. Ness.

St. Margaret's Church of Scotland parish [across the road] have been asked if they would like to join with us in a Service either in their building or in ours to celebrate the Feast Day of their patron [16th November] and the Feast Day of St. Andrew, the patron of our country [30th November] and to join with us in a joint Carol Service.

Morning Mass on Sunday 6th October followed by shared hospitality in the Hall - is next Sunday. It will follow the presentation to the children enrolled in the Pope Francis Award Scheme and we hope that many will support this sharing in our life of the parish. Only a donation is asked. There is no ticket for entry.

Something for all children of the Parish: Hallowe'en Party in our Hall on Sunday 3rd November immediately after Mass. You can come in fancy dress to Mass that morning. **Keep the date free, children.** There is no charge for this nor for the Christmas Party planned for Sunday 22nd December.

Netherton Court Care Home: Fr. Ness celebrates a Liturgy of the Word and distributes Holy Communion to the Catholic residents there each Saturday at 3PM. He welcomes help each Saturday pm from anyone who feels able to offer this. Mass will be celebrated there at 2.15 on the first Monday of each month and parishioners are very welcome to participate at this Mass. **This is truly Mission and Evangelisation.**

Mass for the Sick and Housebound with Holy Anointing: will be celebrated on ***Saturday 5th October at 11 AM in the church***, followed by tea and refreshments in the Hall. If you can help with transport for parishioners who want to come - please give name to Fr. Ness or one of the pass keepers. Fr. Ness will try to visit and anoint at home that day those who can't attend. **Mass will not be celebrated at 9.30AM that day.**

The Church Carpet: thank you to those who have confirmed they will help Richard and John lift the carpet after Mass this PM and then help to clean the exposed floors. **Thank you also to Cameron Dalziel** of the family from North Motherwell who has supplied a clearance skip to us free of charge in recognition of the relationship between Fr. Ness and his business partner, Michael Gallagher with the Dalziel family over many years.

Thanks also to John McConnell who like Jim and Robert has quietly carried out joiner work for the benefit of the community and will now take on the boxing in of the exposed pipework in the new bathroom in the church.

Warmest and best wishes to Margaret, the mother of Kathleen Cosgrove who will receive the Bene Merente Medal from Bishop Toal today at Mass in St. Thomas' Church.

Parish Web site: we will open our web site shortly. If you have items on parish history to be posted on this site please lend it to Fr Ness or email scanned copies to him at ojness@hotmail.com. Keep in touch on our media.

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Twenty sixth Sunday in the Ordinary Season, 30th September 2019.

The week ahead: we will enter *Living the Extraordinary Mission Month* - an initiative of Pope Francis for the Church - please take an Information Pack.

Friday is the First Friday with Mass led by a Class from the Primary School.

Saturday at 11AM we will celebrate the Mass of Anointing for the Sick and Housebound of the parish, followed by hospitality in the Hall

Sunday the P6 children who have enrolled in The Pope Francis Award Scheme will receive the wrist band of enrolment at morning Mass.

Mass times: Sunday at 10.30AM [with Children's Liturgy] and at 4.30PM and: Monday to Saturday at 9.30AM.

Holy Hour: at 7pm on Thursday each week with October Devotions - Rosary and Benediction, closing with Salve Regina [sung]