

KILQUADE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd February 2020



St. Patrick's



St. Joseph's



St. Anthony's



Holy Spirit Oratory



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after our celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The feast is also known as Candlemas Day because the blessing and procession of candles is included in the Mass. Jesus Christ is the light of the nations, 'the light to enlighten the pagans' (Lk 2:32). That is why we have the blessing and procession of candles on this day.

The Presentation of the Lord brings to an end the celebration of the Nativity — although Christmas officially ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In obedience to the Law, as was customary with first-born male children, Jesus was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem by his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph.

There is an important lesson here for us. It is relatively easy to spend time in God's presence — simply because God is always with us. We are not required to be in the Temple or in a church or in another designated sacred space. We can be in God's presence wherever and whenever we choose and, enlivened and encouraged by God's presence, we can be witnesses to Jesus Christ who is the light of the world.

The tradition of lighting candles in our homes as a sign that Christ is the light of the world is one practical custom that we could easily initiate to focus our attention

on him being at the centre of this wonderful feast and at the centre of our lives.

Finally, on today's feast, all families can learn the value of giving thanks to God for the gift of children and can seek his blessing on their lives and work. Enlightened by the brightness of Christ, let us re-dedicate ourselves to God, confident that he never abandons us.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Blaise was a bishop at Sebaste (Turkey). During a persecution he was martyred in 316 AD. In the West the feast day of St. Blaise falls on Monday 3rd February. The most significant detail tells that when Blaise had been captured and was on his way to prison, a boy was brought to him in danger of choking from a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over him and he was cured. Perhaps to fill out his healing credentials, it is also reported that before he was chosen as bishop, Blaise had practised as a physician.

On his feast day people gather for the blessing of throats. The blessing is a sign of the people's faith in God's protection and love for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the priest (or other minister) touches the throat of each person, saying: Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil.

PARISH MASSES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH, GREYSTONES

Sat 6pm Vigil

Sun 11:30am

Sun 6:30pm

HOLY SPIRIT ORATORY, NEWCASTLE

Sat 8pm Vigil

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, KILCOOLE

Sun 10:30am

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

Sat 7pm Vigil

Sun 8:30am

Sun 11:30am

ST. KILIAN'S CHURCH, BLACKLION

Sun. 10am:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILQUADE

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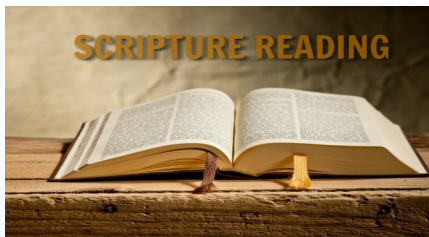
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NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Zara & Kai** who were the newest members of our community through the water of baptism on Sunday 26th January. May they continue to grow in body, mind and Spirit in the years ahead.



SCRIPTURE READING

Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you.

This week's is Matthew 5:13-16

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM:

Our new approach to preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism in the pastoral area of the parishes of Greystones and Kilquade is well in place. The purpose of the preparation programme is to support parents in reflecting on the significant step they are taking in bringing their child to be baptised into the Christian Community. Enquiries to the Office.

BAPTISM CERT REQUESTS:

Due to the new Data Protection Laws, anyone wishing for a copy of a Baptismal Cert will need to bring the Birth Cert of the person in question.

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elcome! If you are a new to this area or just visiting you are very welcome and we, the existing faith community, hope you feel at home. Our pastoral area incorporates the villages of Kilquade, Kilcoole, Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy, Delgany and the surrounding countryside in Kilquade Parish and the town of Greystones and the surrounding hinterland in Holy Rosary and St. Kilian's Parish.

If you are new to either parish, please make yourself known to one of the priests of the parish. Be sure to visit our respective parish websites www.kilquadeparish.ie and www.greystonesparish.ie.

CONSIDER YOUR CALLING

GOD IN CALLING YOU:

God calls. We respond. This fundamental, essential pattern in the life of every believer appears throughout salvation history. The Risen Lord calls everyone to work in his vineyard, that is, in a world that must be transformed in view of the final coming of the Kingdom of God; and the Holy Spirit empowers all with the various gifts and ministries for the building up of the Body of Christ.

As believers, we hear and answer the universal call to holiness primarily and uniquely in our daily lives. We live out that call in each and every one of the world's occupations and callings and in the ordinary circumstances of social and family life. All the baptised are called to work toward the transformation of the world.

As baptised, we all share in the ministry of Christ, priest, prophet and king. As baptised, we all have an active part to play in the life and activity of the church and our own parish. This is a sure sign of the Holy Spirit's movement within the faith community as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today in parishes, schools, church institutions, and diocesan agencies, people serve in various "ministries, offices and roles" that do not require sacramental ordination but rather "find their foundation in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, indeed, for a good many of us, in the Sacrament of Marriage."

What Pope Paul VI said of the laity—and what the Catechism of the Catholic Church specifically repeats—has now become an important, welcomed reality throughout Dublin diocese: "The laity can also feel called, or in fact be called, to cooperate with their priests in the service of the parish community, for the sake of its growth and life. This can be done through the exercise of different kinds of ministries according to the grace and charisms which the Lord has been pleased to bestow on them."

Furthermore, Saint Pope John Paul II as he led the Church across the threshold of a new Christian millennium, said: "The unity of the Church is not uniformity, but an organic blending of legitimate diversities. It is the reality of many members joined in a single body, the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12). Therefore, the Church of the Third Millennium will need to encourage all the baptised and confirmed to be aware

of their active responsibility in the Church's life. Together with the ordained ministry, other ministries, whether formally instituted or simply recognised, can flourish for the good of the whole community, sustaining it in all its many needs: from catechesis to liturgy, from education of the young to the widest array of charitable works.

During this month of February, we are asking all our parishioners to think about how you can contribute to the building up of your parish community. Over the Sundays of February we will be focusing on the importance of ministry within our parish and giving you the opportunity to reflect on and discern what ministry God is calling you to. On the last weekend of the month we will be inviting you to consider engaging with one of the many ministries within our parish.

The common good is achieved when we cooperate together in service



ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD: Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ, has urged Irish voters to keep social justice issues to the fore and seek to advance the common good when meeting candidates and voting in Election 2020.

He stated that any future government must prioritise the common good. "It must also be steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the best outcome from Brexit for the whole island and remain committed to peace in Northern Ireland to developing and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours in the UK and Europe," he stated.

"While the Catholic Church does not support or align itself with any political party, the issues of justice and peace are important issues facing our society at this time which all politicians seeking election should aim to address," he stated.

He highlighted the need to provide more housing and address homelessness and called for the right to housing to be inserted into the Constitution of Ireland.

He said that action should be prioritised in caring for the environment, as this issue not only affects us nationally but has global consequences, especially for those in the developing world. However, he cautioned that vulnerable sectors such as agriculture and those in poverty should not be disadvantaged by new climate-related policies. With regard to society, he urged the provision of the most humane accommodation for asylum seekers and refugees and that local communities be consulted when new centres are being set up. He called for intolerant language to be removed from political discourse.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



WHO ME? In February we will be looking closely at the call to ministry each of us have as a result of our Baptism. In this picture by Caravaggio of the calling of Matthew, he, Matthew, is surprised that Jesus is calling him. There is a 'who me?' moment. We are all called to be more. As we begin our new year we ask you to think about how God is calling you and to be open to hearing that invitation as we explore together in February what it means to be a disciple.

A poster for the 'World Day of the Sick Mass' for February 2020. It features a bottle of oil and some flowers. The text reads: 'DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA', 'WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS', 'FEBRUARY 2020'. Below the poster is a black box with white text: '6pm Holy Rosary Church Saturday 8th February'.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2020: The World Day of the Sick Seminar will take place on Saturday, February 8th from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Newtown Parish Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co Dublin. This year's theme is on *Hope in the Face of Suicide* - (agenda attached). The World Day of the Sick Mass will take place on Sunday 9th February at 3.00pm in Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock. **There will be anointing of the sick at a MASS of HEALING next SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY, at the 6pm Vigil Mass in Holy Rosary Church. This is to facilitate as many people as possible, who may wish to bring family and friends for this special Mass of Healing.**



SOCIAL HOBBY & CRAFT AFTERNOON: Our next craft social afternoon is Sunday 2nd February 3/5.30 pm. We have some new crafts, jewellery making and Art. So do come along and try out making some jewellery or painting that masterpiece! Kilian House Family Centre.

THURSDAY DELGANY CLUB: Event: New Year get together with a talk by George Jones on the story of the Delgany branch of the La Touche family followed by tea/coffee & light refreshments. Date; Thursday 6th February, 2020. at The Old Schoolhouse, Delgany. **Start time: 3.00pm.** There is no charge but donations welcome in aid of Dogs for the Disabled. To Book, please contact **Peter on 086 8307644 or John on 086 3566527.**



QUIZ NIGHT: Presbyterian Church Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 8TH FEB. Cost is €10 per person, you can come with a team or join a team. All are welcome.



CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION OF ACCORD: the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up all Masses on the weekend of 15 & 16 February. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin offers Marriage Preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. ACCORD Dublin needs your support so please give generously if you can.



GREYSTONES ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION : SHOPPING OUTING to Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords. Wednesday February 12th 2020. Cost €25. Bus leaves Church car park 10.00am. Booking Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am.

TRIP TO DÁIL ÉIREANN Tuesday 25th February 2020. Lunch in Dáil Restaurant and transport. Cost: €30. Bus leaves Church car park 11.30am. Booking Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am.

GAIETY THEATRE OUTING. THE MOUSETRAP' Wednesday April 1s 2020. Tickets and bus transport: €48. Bus leaves Church car park at 1pm. Booking Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am.

TEA DANCE Saturday 4th April 2.30 – 5.30pm. Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy. Price €7.50.