

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st JANUARY 2018



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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 takes place from 18th to 25th January. Today, 21st January at 3.30pm, the **Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ballyboden**, will host the **Ecumenical Worship Service** when we will join in prayer with members of the Christian Churches in this area. The theme of the Week of Prayer is *'That All May Be Free'* recognising the serious injustice of Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, Treatment of Migrants and other contemporary issues of concern to the Christian Churches.

The monthly collection that took place on 13th & 14th for The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** was €1,826.57. Thank you - Your on-going generosity is very much appreciated.

We welcome the children who are preparing for their **First Holy Communion** to the **"Do This in Memory"** Mass **this morning at 10.30 a.m.**

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, January 27th from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

Junior Infant Applications:

Junior Infant application forms for the school year 2018/2019 are now available from the school office or on our school website www.divinewordns.ie. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th January and 1st round offers will be made by February 23rd.

Due to the prevalence of Influenza at the moment the Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre has issued the following advice:

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by influenza in recent weeks, it is opportune to remind ourselves of sensible practices. It is good to remember that those with 'flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

In times of previous 'flu alerts the Health Service Executive stated: "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus."

If some parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace they are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact, for example with a smile or a bow.

Mass can be watched 'live' from this parish at www.marleygrangeparish.ie

If you would like to take out a subscription for The Sacred Hear Messenger for 2018 for just €21 and have it delivered to your door, please contact Anne O'Donnell at 087-2943305.

Masses for the coming week:

Monday 22nd January – 10.00 am – Holy Souls.

Tuesday 23rd January – 10.00 am – Mass Intentions Book.

Wednesday 24th January – 10.00 am – Anniversary – Anna & Michael Quigney.