



NEWSLETTER



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Reflection on St Francis Xavier

26th March 2017

example challenges us all to be missionaries in our own times. And, while Francis chose to travel to Asia for his missionary work, we do not need to go that far to find people to evangelise. The Chinese character for crisis also contains another word which is opportunity. I honestly believe that the shortage of priests opens up opportunities for many lay ministries to flourish in our parishes as people take on roles and responsibilities that were previously reserved for priests. Many parishes have a large number of committed people involved in a wide range of ministries from Baptism, to funerals to liturgy to church decoration to music and ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist.

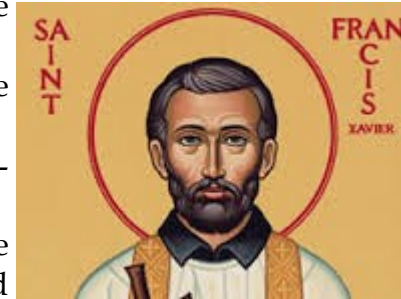
The challenge that we face in the years to come is to encourage the next generation of people in our parish to get involved and to put into practice the priesthood that we have all received at our Baptisms by sharing our faith. I see great hope with parish RCIA programmes where 15 adults have participated in Donaghmede over the past few years. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides an opportunity for people to receive the sacraments later in life and, with their commitment and enthusiasm, to bring new life and energy to the church.

Each and every one of us has a duty and responsibility to share our faith with others. It should not, as the Gospel says, be hidden away. Of course, each of our lives and our circumstances are different. But whether we are at work, at home or at school, there are many ways that we can respond to our Gospel calling by reaching out to others and helping those in need. St Vincent de Paul once said *"Do whatever good lies at your hands"* and St Teresa of Calcutta often encouraged people to find Calcutta in their own communities.

It is important for us to focus on small acts of kindness that can mean so much to people, allow a little more time for prayer and reflection, perhaps reading a piece of scripture and reflecting on how our skills and abilities can assist our local community. As Church, I think we can only move forward together in the coming years by working collaboratively as lay people, catechists, youth workers, priests, sisters and deacons as we try to respond to the call of the Gospel in our times.

Source: Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

NASA, the US space agency, recently discovered a new solar system filled with planets that look like earth and could support life. Three of those planets appear to satisfy many of the most important requirements for life – they are the right temperature, about the same size as Earth, and may have water.



Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492 just a decade before St Francis Xavier's birth in 1506. So, he was born into the excitement a world of great discovery of new countries and new continents. The mission territories that Francis later sought to evangelise were to the people of his time as mysterious and exotic as the new solar systems are to us. St Francis was a missionary who took literally the great parting words of Jesus to his disciples to

"go therefore make disciples of all the nations baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

He spent much of his missionary life in India and Japan. The Christian churches which exist in these countries today

can trace their roots back to St Francis Xavier.

Francis Xavier devoted his life to missionary work in Asia and could not possibly have imagined how the fruits of his labours would be seen 500 years later. In the words of a tribute to the late Archbishop Oscar Romero: *"We are workers, not master builders, ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."*

Francis Xavier's life and

Eternal City, Rome

Thurs 28th Sep -Tues 3rd Oct 2017

Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome
Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3*

is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. **Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office . Tel: 01 8375274**



Adult Faith Development Team Lenten Meditation Private Mindfulness Class for a group from our Parish (*number restricted to 20*) followed by tea/coffee. Mon, Mar 27th, Margaret Aylward Centre for Faith and Dialogue. Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. Cost €10. If you are interested please leave your contact details Reception in the Parish Centre. (Ph. 01 8375274)

Parish Pastoral Council:
 The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Ministers of the Eucharist:
 The Roster for April is available in the Reception area of the Parish Centre

Holy Child Church Organ Fund
 The Organ Fund has been nominated to take part in the Tesco Community Fund. But we need your help! We're asking you to simply drop into our local Tesco store and pick up a blue token to Vote for us. Our local Tesco store is in Omni Park.



Recently Deceased:
 You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Angela Wynne
Sheila Connoughton
Philomena Welby



May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.

WMOF 2017 Special Collection: The World Meeting of Families Collection will take place next weekend **1st & 2nd April 2017 at all Masses.** This collection will replace the SHARE collection. The National Finance Committee thank our Parishioners who gave so very generously to the First National Collection last year.

We welcome in Baptism:

Faye Patricia Gately
 Samuel Jeremiah O'Hara
 Kenzie AJ Purcell

May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.



Divine Mercy Sunday 23rd April Pilgrimage to Knock
Coach from the Church of the Holy Child at 8.30a.m. For details and to book contact Marie McAllister at 01 8425678

St. Vincent de Paul Collections
 There is no collection for St. Vincent de Paul on Sat/Sun 1st/2nd April. Instead there will be a Church Gate collection on the 8th/9th April in aid of Sunshine House



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 7th -12th September 2017

Hotel Solitude ****

5 Nights – Full Board – Fully Inclusive Price €725

Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney

In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)

To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 8 10 16 24 2nd Jackpot: 8 23 24 25

There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: T. Purdue; H. McGeough;

M. McNamara; M. Mullery; B. Mahon; N. Mac Gabhann; Dowling

Next Week. 1st Jackpot €6,000 2nd Jackpot €2,000 plus consolation prizes of €25



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Monday 27th March	9.15a.m.	Margaret Noone R.I.P.
	7.00p.m.	Michael Brady R.I.P.
Tuesday 28th March	9.15a.m.	Margaret Vogelsang (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Marie McGrath (Anniversary)
Wednesday 29th March	9.15a.m.	Rose Coffey Faulhaber (R.I.P)
	7.00pm.	Bernadette Feeley R.I.P.
		Mary O'Connor (Anniversary)
Thursday 30th March	9.15a.m.	Michael & Margaret Padden (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Lena Walsh (Month's Mind)
		Stephen, Kathleen, Stephen Kennedy Jnr.
Friday 31st March	9.15a.m.	Azmat Choudhry (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	John Breslin (Anniversary)
		Deceased Staff Members of St. Mary's Holy Faith School, Killester.
Saturday 1st April	10.00a.m.	Marie Feenan (Anniversary)
Vigil	7.00p.m.	Mary (Babs) Clarke (1st Anniversary)
		Sheila & Joseph Hanratty(Anniversary)
		Charles Frederick Gorman (Anniversary)
		Richard Carrick (Anniversary)
Sunday 2nd April	11.15a.m.	People of the Parish
	12.30p.m.	Catherine (Kay) Mullen (Anniversary)
		Josephine Bonny, Paddy Leonard (Annivs.)
	6.00p.m.	John Spellacy (Anniversary)
		Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 29th March	10.00a.m	Available for Intention
Sunday 2nd April	10.00a.m.	Betty Carroll & George Manson (Annivs.)
		Brendán O hUallacháin (Anniversary)
		Deceased members of the Philbin & of the Durcan Families (Anniversaries)