

St Michael's Parish Gorey Newsletter 9 June 2019

REFLECTION 8TH & 9TH JUNE

Next we will explore The 7 Sacraments. The sacraments are 7 meeting points, where God Himself is present, waits for you, blesses you and leads you into the community of the Church. Some sacraments are unique and have a lasting effect on your life, other encounters happen repeatedly. *Why do we need the sacraments in the first place?* We need the sacraments in order to outgrow our broken human life and to become like Jesus through Jesus: children of God in freedom and glory. In Baptism the fallen children of men become cherished children of God; through Confirmation the weak become strong, committed Christians; through Penance the guilty are reconciled; through the Eucharist the hungry become bread for others; through Matrimony and Holy Orders individualists become servants of love; through the Anointing of the Sick the despairing become people of confidence. The sacrament in all the sacraments is Christ Himself. In Him we humans, lost in selfishness, grow and mature into the true life that has no end. *Why is faith in Jesus Christ not enough? Why does God give us the sacraments too?* We can and should come to God with all our senses, not just the intellect. That is why God gives Himself to us in earthly signs – especially in bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ. People saw Jesus, heard Him, could touch Him and thereby experience salvation and healing in body and soul. The sensible signs of the sacraments show this same signature of God, who desires to address the whole human – not just his head. Finally, a quote from St. Leo the Great (400-461, Pope and Father of the Church): *“What was visible in our Saviour has passed over into His mysteries.”*

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PARISH PRAYER GROUP: meets every Monday from 8pm - 9pm in Pastoral Centre.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Believers across Nigeria—are following Jesus at great risk. In short, northern Nigeria is on fire with unrelenting persecution. Since the beginning of 2019, reports of violent attacks on Christians in Nigeria are on the rise. Multiple threats—including Boko Haram, Fulani militants and other extremist groups—are looking to stamp out Christians or profit from their abductions. **On May 18**, extremists kidnapped 17 Christians during choir practice at their church. These believers are currently being held for ransom. **Monday, April 29**, Boko Haram fighters invaded the Christian community of Kuda in north-eastern Nigeria. The terrorists went door to door, killing as many as 25 believers. **On Palm Sunday, April 14**, Fulani militants invaded the village of Kochum-Numa in north-central Nigeria, killing 17 people during a late-night naming ceremony (christening) for a child. These are just three of the many devastating reports coming from our partners on the ground in Nigeria so far this year. Join your Christian family in Nigeria through fervent prayer during this intense season of attacks and ongoing pressure.

[Your help and support through prayer are critical for our Christian family in Nigeria today!](#)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Mon 7.30am: Angela Morris (9th Anniv)	10am: Frank & Catherine O'Brien
Tues 7.30am:	10am: Rita McCarthy
Wed 7.30am:	10am: Tommy Molloy & daughter Nuala Hardacre
Thurs 7.30am:	10am: Christy & Vera Gavagan, Sheila McDonald & her daughter Alice
Fri 7.30am:	10am:
Sat 10am:	

WEEKEND MASSES 15-16 JUNE

Sat 6pm: Peter & Kathleen Kennedy
7.30pm:
Sun 8.30am:
10.30am: Special Intention
12 noon: Ellen & Peter Nolan

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Sun 10.30am: Jim McEvoy

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2 June 2019

CHURCH	AMOUNT	NO. ENV
GOREY	€1,255.47	188
TARA HILL	€155.30	25
2nd Collection	€1,153.91	

ST PATRICK'S SPECIAL SCHOOL: would like to thank everyone who donated to their recent Church Gate Collections. Amount raised in total for diocese €10,849.17/€85.60 Tara Hill. All donations greatly appreciated.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS. Any girl/boy who would like to become an altar server is asked to come to the church on Tuesday at 5pm. Anyone who has made their First Communion or older is welcome.

MISSION AWARENESS AND APPEAL: Srs. Leonie O'Callaghan and Cecelia Sweeney Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa who have worked in Africa for many years will speak at all masses on weekend 29th/30th June. They will give first hand information on the spreading of the Good News in the African countries in which the sisters work.

WEXFORD MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION: are holding their 41st Annual Church Gate collection on Saturday 29th June and Sunday 30th June 2019. Wexford Mental Health Association is a voluntary organisation concerned with the rehabilitation of psychiatric patients on one hand and promoting a Mental Health Education Programme on the other. All donations greatly appreciated.

CONCERN WORLDWIDE: who work with the world's poorest people to transform their lives and to try and end world hunger are holding their annual church gate collection on Saturday 15th & 16th June. Any donations greatly appreciated.