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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

20th November 2016



Parish Pilgrimage Walk

The beautiful autumn day added to the success of our Pilgrimage walk on Saturday. The Swords parishes were all very well represented as we met in St. Francis Xavier Church in Gardiner St. There the group of about 100 entered through the Door of Mercy as we began to bring this Jubilee year of Mercy formally to a close. Having said the jubilee prayer we spent some time at the tomb of Venerable John Sullivan before moving to the church in Sean McDermott Street. Once again we entered as a group through the Holy Door, said the jubilee prayer and moved to the Shrine of Venerable Matt Talbot. Here we were welcomed by two of the parish community and given a brief but comprehensive account of Matt Talbot's life. We all felt a bit sad here that while we may have visited many shrines abroad most of us had never been in this beautiful church before or prayed at this tomb. Having spent some time we moved to the Pro Cathedral, walked through the Door of Mercy which was closed officially on the following day.

Having already prayed to the Irish Martyrs we moved to the shrine of St. Laurence O'Toole, recited the jubilee prayer and finished our pilgrimage at Our Lady's altar where we recited a decade of the rosary. We said good bye to each other, refreshed and renewed and with the hope of Pope Francis in our hearts that while the official year of Mercy has come to an end we will continue to know God as a God of mercy and be that face Mercy to all we meet.

12TH Nov/13th Nov For the running of our parish

Envelope Collection: €905
Standing Orders: €370

The above are the ONLY collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of our parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so.

Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for details.

Collections for outside the parish

Common Fund: €552

(First collection)

Share €515

(Second collection)



Church gate collection last weekend in St Finian's last weekend amounted to €1,328.21. Many thanks for your support.



Baptism Dates

Baptisms on the following

Sundays at 12.30pm

November 27th

December 11th

January 8th and January 22nd

Justice and Peace Group

The Justice Group, Mercy Centre Coolock are hosting a talk on Syrian Refugees on Mon 21st Nov 10.30am to 12 noon. Anyone interested contact Sr Margo. Our parish group is recruiting new members. If you are interested in learning more, and making a difference on issues such as homelessness, come along to our enrolment evening on 30th November, 8pm at the church.

Confirmation Classes



At the 11.30am Mass next Sunday we welcome the boys and girls and their families as part of our Parish initiative as they journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. We look forward to joining with them and their families during the year and praying with them.

Eucharistic Adoration



During certain hours the Holy Eucharist is exposed in the monstrance on the altar so that anyone can come and spend some quiet moments in prayer and adoration with Jesus really present. This is made possible by our volunteers who have joined the rota and committed to give one hour a week with the Lord, so that others may come and pray too. This is a great gift to our parish. This weekend and next, we are focusing on promoting this wonderful gift. We are particularly looking for more people to commit to an hour per week or share it with someone else that could be there when you are unable. There are specific hours on sheets at the back of the church and also a sheet for people who are unable to commit on a regular basis. These will perhaps attend the church though, and may be willing to be contacted if needed. We need at least four people at any given time to have viable adoration. Many thanks to all who have given others the opportunity to drop in and say hello to the Lord.