Newsletter

19th - 25th September 2021

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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Our website has our Mass Schedule as well as the link to our online Mass which is streamed on our Facebook page.
Readings for Mass are on our Sacred Space page.
www.pastoralareagnr.com

Saturday 18th/Sunday 19th September
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm ***(Saturday 18th, Vigil Mass)*** **BALLYMADUN**
✠ Betty Sutton *(3rd Anniv)* - Seamus Friery *(Anniv)* - Aidan Phillips, *RIP*

9.20am BALLYBOUGHAL
✠ *Missa pro populo*
10.30am GARRISTOWN
✠ Vera Hand *(A)* & the DFM - Brendan Elliott *(A)*
12 Noon NAUL
✠ Hurley Family, *Deceased Family Members*

Tuesday 21st September at 10.30am NAUL
St Matthew
✠ Special intention

Wednesday 22nd September at 10.30am BALLYBOUGHAL
Wednesday of the 25th week of Ordinary Time
✠ Special intention

Thursday 23rd September at 10.30am GARRISTOWN
St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
✠ Special intention

Friday 24th September NO ONLINE Mass

No ONLINE Mass as First Holy Communion Masses are taking place today in Naul & Ballyboughal.

Please contact the Pastoral Area Office by phone or email if you would like to request a Mass intention. Mass cards are also available.

Sacred Space

Visit the Sacred Space page of our website for daily prayer/retreat resources and suggestions for different ways to pray with children.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Our churches are open again for private prayer. It is important that you wear a face mask at all times in the church, use the hand sanitiser as you enter and leave, stay within the designated area and avoid using the benches, and try to keep your visit as short as possible. If you feel unwell or have any of the COVID symptoms we kindly ask you to stay at home.

If you have any time to help us keep our churches clean & open then please contact us.

Garristown:	Mon - Wed & Fri	10am - 4pm
Ballymadun:	Mon - Fri	5.45pm - 6.45pm
Naul:	Mon Wed Fri	9am - 3pm 10am - 4pm 12pm - 3pm
Damastown:	Mon - Fri	10am - 4pm
Ballyboughal:	Mon - Thu	9am - 1pm

GATHERING IN CHURCH FOR MASS

NEW

The Government has begun the next stage of easing the COVID restrictions. Whilst numbers are now restricted to 50%, the size of our churches and maintaining social distance means numbers are still very reduced.

Please be aware that the following conditions in place:

- MAXIMUM of 50% capacity of churches
- Social distancing of 2m
- Sanitising hands on entry and exit
- Wearing mask covering nose & mouth while inside
- Church doors will also need to be left open to provide the necessary ventilation
- Follow the direction of the Stewards

Please keep checking our website for further updates: **www.pastoralareagnr.com**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Please pray for all our children & young people who will be receiving the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion, & Confirmation this week:

First Confessions
Tuesday 21st - Naul

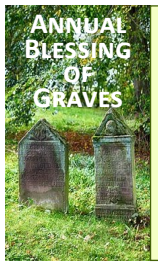
First Holy Communions
Thursday 23rd - Ballyboughal
Friday 24th - Naul & Ballyboughal

Confirmations
Saturday 25th - Garristown

Ministers of the Word

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A READER PLEASE SPEAK TO FR DEREK OR PETER (PASTORAL WORKER) TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED

ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES



Again, current restrictions mean we are unable to gather in person for this year's Blessing of Graves. Private blessings have already been recorded in **WESTPALSTOWN, BALLYMADUN, GRALLAGH, BALLYBOUGHAL, NAUL, & GARRISTOWN CEMETERIES** *(Hollywood still to come.)* Videos are available on the **Sacred Space** page of our website. All those buried in our cemeteries will also be remembered at Mass.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice. The support line is **open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

cross care ANNUAL SOCIAL CARE COLLECTION

will be taken up at all Masses THIS weekend, **18th/19th September 2021** in place of the second (SHARE) collection. Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else. In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.
Please give generously or on line at www.crosscare.ie

Families Walking Together in Hope

The next idea in this new Diocesan initiative is to celebrate **Mercy Day-Friday 24 September 2021** which commemorates Catherine McAuley and her companions opening the first House of Mercy in Baggot Street, Dublin on that date in 1827. *Mercy in action is the charism of the Sisters of Mercy. How can we translate our merciful thoughts into acts of repentance and outreach where we are today? What about*

- *making the first move to mend fences with family and neighbours*
- *taking time to listen to the needs of those around us*
- *donating vaccines as a family/community to a country where people need them*

For more ideas and to keep up to date with this important initiative please use the **Families Walking Together in Hope** link on: www.dublindiocese.ie

Bayside Alpha are running a free 7-week course '40 Days of Prayer' starting on **Wednesday the 22nd September at 7.30pm**. The course involves a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation and a time for prayer and sharing.
If you'd like to join please email Paul at **alphabayside@gmail.com**

If you would like to receive a copy of our Newsletter by email then please contact the Pastoral Area Office