

26th & 27th April

6pm **Diogo Miranda (RD)**
Eusebia Miranda & Agapito Miranda (A)
Kevin Considine (RD)
Gerry McDonagh (2nd A)
Phil & Sean Woods (A)
Mary Cleary (6th A)
Joan Barry (6th A)

11.30am **Alan McPhilips (3rd A)**
Teresa Duke (2nd A) & Michael Duke
Margaret McCarthy (25th A)
Kitty Ryan (A)
Jarlath Cunniffe (MM)
Betty Field (MM)

3rd & 4th May

6pm **Lily, Joe & Bobby Curtis**
Christine Stapleton Mooney (2nd A)
Benny & Rita Charles (A)
George & Bridget O'Malley (A)
William O'Sullivan (MM)

11.30am **Jim McCabe (23rd A)**
Elizabeth Delmar (A)
Joan & Maurice Dore (A)
Mary Randles (A)
Charles & Mary Stewart (A)
Michael & Clare Walsh (A)

Stillorgan & Kilmacud Active Retirement

The next meeting will take place on Monday
 28th April @ 2pm

Hospitality

You are invited to join your fellow parishioners for a cup of tea after Mass this weekend - 26th & 27th April

Birthdays in April

We will pray, in a special way, at **all Masses this weekend** for all those who celebrate birthdays in April
 You are invited to attend and receive a special blessing.

Excerpt from Archbishop Farrell's letter

Pope Francis's death comes during the *Jubilee of Hope* which he inaugurated on Christmas Eve last. In his acceptance of people as they are, and by his constant going out to encounter the other in their own place (see Mark 1:38 and John 12:27), he himself became the great pilgrim of hope. In his preaching and teaching he has given the Church a rich treasury from which we will be drawing sustenance long into the future. From the outset he insisted on sharing the "joy of the gospel" and put those on the periphery at the centre of his ministry. The Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*—the *Joy of the Gospel* (2013), established the horizon, and set out the programme for his papal ministry. The joy of the gospel, and its hope, came to shape his life and ministry, and was the centre of his teaching: "Rather than offering the healing power of grace and the light of the gospel message, some would indoctrinate that message, turning it into dead stones to be hurled at others." (*Amoris Laetitia*, n. 49). Witness to the acceptance, healing, and hope of Christ is what the Church is really about, and Pope Francis gave himself to it with every fibre of his being.

Come and visit our Easter Garden



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.....

A huge word of thanks to the many parishioners and parish staff, who shared time and talent to prepare, resource and provide all our liturgies in these past few weeks. There has been a tremendous sense of wanting to do our best and get the most out of this most holy and important time in our year. We have such a lot of gifted and talented people, with huge hearts and great generosity, working together in a selfless and joyful collaboration.

Thanks too for the many people who simply made it to ceremonies and participated so fully, well done to one and all.

Thursday 1st May - Feast Day of St Joseph the worker

The novena starts 23rd April – 1st May.
 Novena prayer cards are available in the Church

Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri & Sat @ 10am
Liturgy of Word Thurs@10am
Saturday vigil 6pm
Sunday 11.30am

Confessions/ Reconciliation

After 10am Mass on Saturday morning (10.30)

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Fr Brian O'Reilly AP
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A few words from Fr Joe

What a difference a week makes! Last Sunday morning Pope Francis graced the world with his presence in St Peter's Basilica, appearing first on the balcony to give his blessing to the city of Rome, his diocese, and the world, from where we watched. His voice was weak, his hand barely raised from his lap, but the love that flowed from his heart gave this blessing as much power and effect as any of his pontificate. This was followed by a long drive through the throngs of pilgrims gathered in the square below, his head hardly turned, but there was enough movement that everyone present knew he came among them to celebrate the joy of Easter and to proclaim the Lord risen. He could have stayed all morning in the sanctuary of his room, taking the rest prescribed by his doctors, but unsurprisingly he was motivated to mission, one last encounter with the flock that had been entrusted to him by God, for he was our leader and our servant. Then he died suddenly, in the early morning, just as the darkness of the night ended, he entered into the light of his heavenly home, returning to the house of the Father. All week we have been praying for the happy repose of his soul, asking God to give him the eternal rest that all of the just desire. He now has completed his earthly task and the world reflects on his gifts, his teaching and his witness and the consensus is that he made a huge contribution to the church and indeed the world. Some commentators have reflected on his moral courage, others his pastoral zeal, more on his gifts as a teacher and all seem to agree that his heart was rooted in love for the poor and marginalised and his effect was to raise the moral standards for each and every one of us.

In our ordinary lives, we often speak of those we admire, at the end of their lives, as having been a 'legend' and Pope Francis certainly deserves that accolade. We all adopt the common courtesy of not speaking ill of the deceased and even his more fervent critics have found elements of his life and witness worthy of praise and appreciation. There is of course still a lot more to come from his pontificate, because above all he was a sower of seeds of hope. He has initiated process and ways of reflecting, in the style of Synodality, that will continue to bear fruit in the years ahead. Some were slow to align with his radical thinking, yet convinced by his sincerity and vision, who then began to explore his thinking about the peripheries, the marginalised, the systems that oppress and the paths to full and authentic faith expressed in love. He will live on in our hearts and minds as we continue to reflect on his legacy and work towards being the church that he dreamed of.



For all Young People between 18 and 40 Years of age

Come join us to share FAITH AND LIFE

Where: St. Laurence O'Toole Parish Centre

When: every Friday @ 7.00PM
 Contact: Kilmacud Parish Office – 012884009 or Fr Peter Ewaoche Johnson - 0899512948

Divine Mercy Sunday – 27th April

Where: Disciples of the Divine Master, White's Cross, Newtown Park Avenue, Blackrock

2pm Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
 2.15pm Holy Hour
 3pm Divine Mercy Chant
 3.40pm Holy Mass

Veneration of Divine Mercy Image
 Blessing with St Faustina Relic