

Parish Of Haggardstown and Blackrock

Church of St. Fursey & Church of St. Oliver Plunkett

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Parish Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council of Haggardstown and Blackrock is to be a faith group that aims to promote the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ within our parish community. Recognising the diversity of our parish community, we commit to do this by reaching out to all our parishioners in an open and compassionate way.

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council plan and vision is to focus its energies in the following 4 areas:

1. Reaching Out 2.Community Building 3. Faith Formation 4. Liturgy.

Sunday Mass Times:

St.Oliver Plunkett's, Blackrock:

Saturday Vigil: 6:30pm

Sunday:10am & 12 noon

St. Fursey's, Haggardstown:

Sunday:9am & 11am

Weekday Masses:

St.Oliver Plunkett, Blackrock :

Mon-Sat:10am

St. Fursey's, Haggardstown:

Mon-Sat:9am

[Av. Masses may be offered at any Mass. Months Mind Masses can be booked for Sundays at 11am in St. Fursey's Church or 12 noon in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church. In case of an Anniversary booked the Mass will be shared]

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Each Friday after 10.00a.m. Mass in St. Oliver Plunkett Church.

Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament: Every Friday at 6pm in St. Oliver Plunkett Church.

Novena Prayers

in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal are said at morning Masses each Monday.

Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday in St. Fursey's Church, from 6pm until 7pm and on Friday in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church from 10am until 6pm.

Baptisms:

Cara Louise Lennon

Harry Gerard Daly

Caela Foley

Baptisms:

1st and 4th Saturday of each month in St. Fursey's at 5pm and the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month in St. Oliver Plunkett's at 5pm. Registration for Baptism may be given to either priest with a minimum of three weeks notice.

Confession

Every Saturday at 6pm in St. Oliver Plunkett Church.

Marriage:

At least three months notice must be given to the Priests of the Parish.

The New Diocesan Pastoral Plan (2015-2020) was launched in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Wednesday 8th Sept. 2015.The Diocesan Pastoral Plan is particularly Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). The plan will focus on three main areas (A) Mission & Outreach, (B) Spirit-filled Worship (C) Catechesis (Understanding our Faith). Today, we publish the second each area and its objectives.

Spirit Filled Worship

When we gather in worship, the Father pours into our hearts the gift that contains all gifts, the Holy Spirit, who helps us enter into personal relationship with Jesus as Lord and with God as Father. In our liturgies, we express in our lives the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church. In this plan we focus on five aspects that can enhance our worship and deepen our prayer lives, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters" (*Isaiah 55:10*)

Singing: "Sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs among yourselves, singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, always giving praise to God" (*Ephesians 5:19*) Many of our parishes are blessed with excellent choirs and cantors. We strive for beauty and dignity in the liturgy together with the key liturgical objective of congregational participation.

The Word: When the disciples recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread at Emmaus, they asked? "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us" (*Luke 24:32*). We intend to help all our ministers of the word, priests, deacons and parish communities, to ensure that the word is effectively proclaimed and fruitfully broken open in our public worship.

Touching the Sacred: The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian faith. There are other ways of "touching the sacred" which can be encouraged and explored. Many parishes have regular Eucharistic Adoration; some have formed teams of laity trained to lead weekday liturgies in the absence of an ordained minister, and this is likely to become more commonplace over time. Praying with icons, devotional prayers, pilgrimages, etc all need to be supported and encouraged.

Prayer: Nothing in this plan can succeed without prayer. We wish to promote a ministry of prayer and adoration throughout the diocese, and to channel it as an Apostolate of Intercession for this pastoral plan, and for our Church in the world.

Youth: At every level in our diocese, we wish to be on the lookout for new opportunities to engage and involve younger people in the faith life of our Church, especially when we gather to worship.

The final area '**Understanding our Faith**' will be published next weekend.

Parish Offertory Collection: 26th/27thSept: €3,075.00

Today's Church Gate Collection in aid of: St Vincent de Paul.

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a contact name and telephone number. All notices must be left in by Wednesday evening at 6p.m. to be included in the bulletin

Padre Pio Prayer Group: Mass in honour of St Pio in St Oliver Plunkett Church, Blackrock on Mon 5th Oct at 7.30pm. Rosary at Grotto at 7pm. Blessing with Relic after Mass.

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary: Wed 7th Oct 2015. Rosary Beads will be blessed and available at Masses.

Rosary of the Grotto Blackrock: every Mon during Oct at 7 pm. (The month of Mary) All are welcome.

Sacrament of First Penance & Holy Communion

Do this in Memory Preparation Programme:

Commences with the Enrolment Ceremony:

St. Oliver Plunkett N.S. Sun 11th Oct at 10am Mass.

St. Francis N.S. Sun 18th Oct at 10am Mass.

St Fursey's N.S. Sun 25th Oct at 11am Mass.

Vocations Evening: is God calling you to live the life of a Priest in the Archdiocese of Armagh? An evening of prayer and reflection will take place in the Servite Priory, Benburb, Co Tyrone on Mon 12th Oct 2015 from 5pm-7pm. For information see www.armaghpriest.com or Tel Fr. Peter McAnenly on 028-37522802.

Vintage Tractor & Car Run: on Sun 18th Oct at 1pm commencing at Cooley Hall in aid of Palliative Care.

Home Composting Workshop: Blackrock Tidy Towns have arranged a home composting workshop in Blackrock Park next Sat 10th Oct. There will be two sessions one at 2pm and at 3pm. Members of the tidy towns and the park committee will demonstrate how easy it is to turn both garden waste and kitchen food waste into highly nutritious compost to improve your soils fertility as well as saving you money on waste disposal. The workshops take place in the new home composting demonstration site in the park.

The Committee of the Community Centre: would appreciate additional assistance from anyone who would be prepared to give some time in assisting to run the activities in the Community Centre. Members of the Committee would be pleased to discuss with anyone interested what is involved. Contact can be made with Paul Forrester 087/2870149 or Denis Hogan 087/1253151.

Autumn Parish Dues

The parish Dues are collected 4 times a year. We are indebted to the work of the dues collectors and the support of parishioners. The Autumn Dues books are now available for collection in the sacristy of the churches. A number of areas in our Parish are not being collected or have not been collected for some time. We would appreciate the help and support of any parishioner who would be willing to give of their time in assisting as dues collectors in these areas. If the dues are not collected in your area and you wish to contribute you can do so by placing an envelope in the collection basket with 'Autumn Dues' written on the outside. Once again we sincerely thank all parishioners for their support and generosity.

World Youth Day 2016, Krakow Poland 25th July - 1st August: The trip of a lifetime! Visit the homeland of St. John Paul II and celebrate our Catholic Faith with Pope Francis and millions of young people from all over the world. The Archbishop of Armagh will lead a pilgrimage to World Youth Day. The diocese have reserved 100 places. One must be 16—35 yrs old. It will cost €900.00. To fund the cost, fundraising and parish contribution to same will be offered. If you are interested please contact Fr. Pádraig or Fr. Brian. Five young people have already committed to the youth pilgrimage. Three places still available.

Day for Life: Sun 4th Oct 2015 is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Blackrock Tidy Town AGM: hold their AGM in the community centre at 7.30pm on Tues 6th Oct. Everyone in the village is invited to come along to appoint a new committee who will take responsibility for the appearance and presentation of Blackrock for the next 12 months. Anybody who is interested in joining the Tidy Towns as a committee member or volunteer, will be especially welcome.

Geraldines Lotto: Numbers drawn for a jackpot of €5,200 on Tues 29th Sept. 1, 4, 26, 30. No winning selection. 4 match 3 selections shared €200 1. Gerry Callan, Knockbridge. 2. Brian Kelly, c/o Michael Lynch Menswear. 3. Ronan McIntyre Rock Rd East, Blackrock. 4. Bernadette Lynch, Greengates. Next draw will take place on Tues 6th Oct for a Jackpot of €5,400

Free Computer Classes: in DKIT from 15th Oct. Contact martha.hogan@dkit.ie or Ann Egan 042-9321699.

Requiescant In Peace: Rosie Belton, Scotland. Martin Mulligan, Lower Point Road.

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses

<u>St. Fursey's Haggardstown</u>			<u>St. Oliver Plunkett's Blackrock</u>		
Sun 4 th	9a.m.	Rosemary Halpenny & Minnie Donnelly	Sat. 3 rd	6.30p.m.	Dan & Ita Sexton.
	11a.m	Michael Connor.	Sun. 4 th	10a.m.	Tony McCaul.
				12noon.	MM. Kevin McCutcheon.
Mon. 5 th	9a.m.	_____	Mon 5 th	10am.	Christopher & Catherine Leonard And Family.
Tues. 6 th	9a.m.	_____		7.30pm.	_____
Wed. 7 th	9a.m.	_____	Tues. 6 th	10a.m.	_____
Thurs. 8 th	9a.m	_____	Wed. 7 th	10a.m.	_____
Fri. 9 th	9a.m.	_____	Thurs. 8 th	10a.m.	_____
Sat. 10 th	9a.m.	Robert McAdam.	Fri. 9 th	10a.m.	Special Intention.
Sun.11 th	9a.m.	Rosaleen Byrne Kevin, Patrick & Brian McQuillan.	Sat 10 th	10am.	Michael & Sissy English.
				6.30pm.	Mary & Peter Curtis.
	11a.m.	Paula Woods.	Sun. 11 th	10a.m.	Kay Russell.
				12 noon.	John McArdle

