

Parish Of Haggardstown and Blackrock

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

Parish Team

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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:

Michael Gerard Lynch

Clara Jane Mullen

Eoghan John Tobin

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 and for the following two weekends, we will publish each area and their objectives.

Mission and Outreach:

The Church exists to evangelise. In the Joy of the Gospel (2013), Pope Francis reminds us that everything we do as Church can be done "in a missionary key". Our five objectives in the Area of Mission and Outreach encourage parishes and other diocesan agencies to re-evaluate current activities in light of Pope Francis call, and challenge us to target our attention as Jesus did, on the marginalised in society.

Visitation: Many parishes have visitation teams who make contact with newcomers to our communities. All parishes can assess whether or not we consciously cultivate a genuine culture of welcome and hospitality for all. Pope Francis reminds us that we are the "Church living in midst of the homes of her sons and daughters," and he cautions parishes not to "become useless structures, out of touch with people, or a self absorbed cluster of the chosen few"

Disadvantaged: Mother Teresa always answered the 'Why?' question by replying: "Five little words, You did it for me." She was quoting Matthew 25:40. "In so far as you did this for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me." This diocesan objective calls us to keep ourselves attuned to new realities of disadvantaged in our midst, often hidden, and frequently compounded when multiple forms of disadvantage overlap.

Addiction: Addiction keeps emerging as the most pressing social challenge facing our communities. Parishes and other diocesan agencies can play a key role in providing training and raising awareness. As this objective requires particular expertise, our task will be to co-operate with the relevant professional bodies that provide the necessary services; we can support the existing drop-in centres to help recovering addicts, and we can gather for periodic healing Masses and themed prayer services throughout the diocese.

Family: We will support and promote the recommendations of the Ordinary General Synod on Marriage and the Family (2015). While marriage remains the "primordial sacrament, belonging to creation itself" (Pope St John xxiii), which mirrors the mystery of God's love for humans and of Christ's love for his Church, we also echo Pope Francis' statement that "there is no such thing as a perfect marriage/family." The objective of parish groups and other diocesan agencies must be to always support Christian marriage as the basis of family life, but to find courageous and innovative models of pastoral outreach to all families so that everyone can experience the Father's mercy.

Vocation-Christian Discipleship: In baptism we all become 'living stones' to be built into a spiritual house, to share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. We will develop programmes such as (Called and Gifted) and training that help all people of God to discover and live out their Baptismal call, and we will make a special effort to promote vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

In conjunction with our Parish Pastoral Council Plan, the Spirit of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan is unfolding with our Parish at present and will continue in the future.

Parish Offertory Collection: 19th/20thSept: €2,981.00

Today's Church Gate Collection is in aid of: M S Ireland

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

Diocesan Pastoral Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity of Love. Guide the plans and actions of Your Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh. At this time, You are calling us to a deeper understanding of our faith. You are inviting us to worship you in a Prayerful Spirit filled manner. You commission us to be courageous witnesses to the joy of the Gospel. Pour out your Spirit on us. Rekindle in us the fire of Your love. Give us courage to reach out in service to others, accompanying them with Your mercy, so that everyone can share the joy of a personal encounter with You. Saints of Armagh: St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Malachy and St. Oliver Plunkett, walk with us on our pilgrim way. Naomh Mhuire, Mathair De, gaoth orainn. **Amen.**

Friday is the First Friday of the Month:

The sick will be visited in their homes during the week as arranged.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: on Wed 30th Sept in the Legion of Mary Hall, Sandy Lane at 7.30pm.

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.

Armagh Diocesan Cursillo. Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith? Join us for our annual Cursillo weekends: Men: 15th - 18th October. Women: 22nd - 25th Oct: Servite Priory, Benburb, Co. Tyrone. For bookings or information contact: 042-9332241. email: armaghdiocesancursillo@yahoo.ie

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

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.

Good Morning Louth: is a telephone support service for older people in Co Louth and bordering areas. The service is free, confidential and informative. The main aim of Good Morning Louth is to check the older person is safe and secure in their home and raise awareness of other useful local services. If you would like to avail of this service or know someone who would benefit from a regular phone call please Tel Anne Murphy, Project Co-ordinator on 042 9330103 or email anne.murphy@netwellcentre.org With the growth of the service we are looking for new volunteers. If you are interested and can spare 2 hours per week please contact us.

Beginning Experience: Weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced 16th, 17th, 18th Oct 2015, Dromantine, Newry. For information Tel from South 042-9336393 or from North 00353429336393.

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.

Fane Development Scheme invite application for the position of Caretaker in the Community Centre, Sandy Lane & Geraldines G.F.C. Contact: Pat Rafferty 0876891588

Geraldines Lotto: Numbers drawn for a jackpot of €5,000 on Tues 22nd Sept. 3, 17, 23, 25. No winning selection. 1 match 2 selections wins €200 Geraldine Steele c/o Joan Murray. Next draw will take place on Tuesday 29th Sept for a Jackpot of €5,200

Requiescant In Peace: Una Parker, Greengates. Mona Smith (nee Callan), Dublin Road.

John (Jackie) Martin, Dublin Road. Peter Maguire, Blacrock Abbey Care Facility. Richard Stewart, Greenacres.

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses

<u>St. Fursey's Haggardstown</u>			<u>St. Oliver Plunkett's Blackrock</u>		
Sun 27 th	9a.m.	George & Bridie Byrne.	Sat. 26 th	6.30p.m.	_____
	11a.m	Henry McPeake MM. Anne Cole.	Sun. 27 th	10a.m.	_____
				12noon.	Dr. Eric Tobin.
Mon. 28 th	9a.m.	Sheila Mullen & Deceased Family Members.	Mon 28 th	10am.	Special Intention.
Tues. 29 th	9a.m.	John Callan.	Tues. 29 th	10a.m.	Special Intention.
Wed. 30 th	9a.m	_____	Wed. 30 th	10a.m.	Louise Brodigan.
Thurs. 1 st	9a.m	Emma Brothers.	Thurs. 1 st	10a.m.	John & Margartet Manning.
Fri. 2 nd	9a.m.	_____	Fri. 2 nd	10a.m.	Dermot Murphy.
Sat. 3 rd	9a.m.	Ciara Brennan.	Sat 3 rd	10am.	Betty Maguire.
Sun. 4 th	9a.m.	Mary Taggard. Rosemary Halpenny & Minnie Donnelly		6.30pm.	Dan & Ita Sexton.
	11a.m.	Michael Connor.	Sun. 4 th	10a.m.	Tony McCaul.
				12 noon.	MM. Kevin McCutcheon.

