

Parish Of Haggardstown and Blackrock

Church of St. Furszy & 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. Furszy's, Haggardstown:

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses:

St. Oliver Plunkett, Blackrock :

Mon-Sat: 10am

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

Baptisms:

1st and 4th Saturday of each month in St. Furszy'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.

Today's Readings

First Reading: (1Kgs 17:10-16). Guided by God, Elijah escaped drought and famine, as a stranger he begged for water and food in return for a promise of divine mercy.

Second Reading: (Heb 9:24-28). Always we focus attention on God's greatest gift, present among us, Jesus assures us that his obedience brings hope for his perpetual intercession.

Gospel: (Mk 12:38-44). Do some leaders and teachers in society twist their role into self-service? Such people are condemned by Jesus, who points out the extraordinary generosity of a poor widow as an example of placing all we have at the service of God.

Reflection

We give but little when we give of our possessions. It is when we give of ourselves that we truly give. There are those who give little of the much they have, and they give it for recognition, and this casts a shadow over their giving. And there are those who have little and give it all. There are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffers is never empty. Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles on the earth.

Mass of Remembrance: for our deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated in St Furszy's Church on Tues 10th Nov at 7.30pm. It will be a time to remember all who have died, especially since Nov 2014 and bring a spirit of comfort and peace to all who remember them.

A warm invitation and welcome is extended to all for the Remembrance Mass.

The Parish List of the Dead:

November is a special month in which we remember our departed relatives and friends. We remember them through our personal, family and communal prayers and praying for them at liturgies and by visiting the cemetery. The November Dead list and envelopes are available in the entrance to our Churches during November. We invite you to take one and return it. The deceased will be prayed for during upcoming liturgies and Masses.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association: November is traditionally dedicated as the month of the Holy Souls when we pray in a special way for family members, relatives and friends who are no longer with us. By a longstanding Irish custom, many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer this sacrificial act for the benefit of their deceased loved ones, for all the Souls in Purgatory as well as someone they know and/or love with addiction.

Pre Baptismal Course Meeting: on Tues 10th Nov in the Legion of Mary Hall, Sandy Lane, Blackrock at 7.30pm.

Do This in Memory Mass:

St Oliver Plunkett N.S. Sun 15th Nov at 10am.

St Furszy's N.S. Sun 15th Nov at 11am.

St Francis N.S. Sun 22nd Nov at 10am.

Parish Offertory Collection: 31st Oct/1st Nov: €3,224.00

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

Another Pair of Hands: The Armagh Diocese are running an evening of song, prayer and worship on Weds 11th November at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. Performing artists are, Malachi Cush, Andrea Begley (winner of the Voice UK), Byrne and Kelly from (Celtic Thunder), Plunkett McGartland and Rise of the Roses. Admission is £10. All proceeds are going directly to the refugee crisis. For more information or to purchase tickets Tel Bosco McShane on 07900955655 or Lynette McShane on same number.

Louth County Community Development

Committee: is responsible for delivering the new Leader Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 in Co Louth. The programme funding is worth €6.1 million to the county and a strategy is currently being prepared which will give everybody in Co Louth the opportunity to have their say on what should go into the strategy and where the funding should be spent. A meeting will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk on Tues 10th November at 7pm for anyone interested.

Armagh Diocesan Charismatic Conference:

Nov 14th/15th 2015. Facilitated by the '12'

Theme: Seek First the Kingdom of God. Guest speaker Marie Beirne. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin D.D.

Venue: Benburb Servite Priory. **Cost:** £30 (meals incl)

Haggardstown-Dublin Road Community Alert:

would like to thank everyone who supported them in their recent church gate collection and bag packing both with donations and helping on the day. The annual Christmas party will take place on Sun Nov 29th in Dundalk Golf Club. Members will be calling with tickets in the coming weeks. For more information Tel Amy at (086)2268606

The Popes Intentions for Nov:

Universal: Dialogue. That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelisation: Pastors. That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Trócaire Armagh Pastoral Area Ambassadors Programme

2015: Would you be interested in becoming a Trócaire Ambassador in your parish/pastoral area? Can you see yourself helping with the Trócaire Lenten campaign or using resources that encourage faith and action throughout the year?. If the answer is yes, please email gemma.mccourt@trocaire.org or Tel Trócaire's Belfast office on 02890-808030 for more information on the programme and details of next training session.

Grief Hurts: You are warmly invited to a talk on Mon 23rd Nov 2015 at 11am or 7.30pm in the Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk. Tel 042-9336393. No cost involved.

Bereavement Support

One to one Bereavement Support. Confidentiality assured. Appointment not needed. Thurs mornings (10.30a.m.—12.30p.m)

Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, Dundalk. Tel. 9336393

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor:

Monastic Experience Weekend (Men 18-40) Fri 20th-Sun 22nd Nov 2015. For more information Tel Br. Thierny at (048)41739979

Beautiful Blackrock Awards 2015: in the Clermont Arms on Mon 9th Nov 2015 at 8pm.

Geraldines Lotto: Numbers drawn for a jackpot of € 6,400 on Tues 3rd Nov 3, 24, 25, 30. No winning selection. No match 3 Selection, jackpot increased by €400. Next draw will take place on Tues 10th Nov for a Jackpot of €6,800

Requiescant In Peace:

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses

St. Furszy's Haggardstown			St. Oliver Plunkett's Blackrock		
Sun 8 th	9a.m.	Raymond McCabe.	Sat. 7 th	6.30p.m.	Kieran Nevin.
	11a.m.	May Murphy.	Sun. 8 th	10a.m.	Bernard Cafferty.
				12noon.	Hugh, Teresa & Hugh McKeown
Mon. 9 th	9a.m.	_____	Mon 9 th	10am.	_____
Tues. 10 th	9a.m.	Mona Smith.	Tues. 10 th	10a.m.	_____
Wed. 11 th	9a.m.	Pat McKeown.	Wed. 11 th	10a.m.	_____
Thurs. 12 th	9a.m.	Joseph Hearty.	Thurs. 12 th	10a.m.	_____
Fri. 13 th	9a.m.	Canon Desmond Campbell.	Fri. 13 th	10a.m.	_____
Sat. 14 th	9a.m.	Susan Kelly. Brian & Olive MacGuinness.	Sat 14 th	10am. 6.30pm.	Rita Mulvihill. William Coakley.
Sun. 15 th	9a.m.	Jeanette Keaskin.	Sun. 15 th	10a.m.	Joan & Michael Walsh.
	11am.	Margaret Ward.		12 noon.	Noel, Dr. Paul, Margo & Mary Grimes.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 87:3)
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act
Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (1 Kings 17:10-16)
A reading from the first book of the Kings.
Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth".'
The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just

as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145:7-10)
R My soul, give praise to the Lord.
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING (Heb 9:24-28)
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Apoc 2:10)
Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mk 12:38-44)
(For Shorter Form, read between ♦ ♦.)
♦ The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

♦ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'
The Gospel of the Lord. ♦
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

Sanctus
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

After the Consecration
The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
Our Father, who art in heaven, ... Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Lord Jesus Christ, ... **Amen.**
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins ... Behold the Lamb of God, ...
Lord, I am not worthy ...
Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 22:1-2)
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Parish Newsletter



I started thinking of my mother just now, November does that to you. She had a small widows pension back in 1980, I was finishing secondary school and she'd give me £1 of what I think was a £23 pension. I rarely spent it and she'd borrow the £5 I had accumulated for this and that bill. She always "paid" it back. God knows why she gave the £1, she needed it. It was just her nature.

When our possessions possess us

She's not alone in that generous spirit. There is a movement that has the title "Pay It Back", which encourages people to do something spontaneous for another person to help them out. It's in the spirit of the Widows' Mite. Ironically you can purchase a "Lepton" or Widows' Mite coin from coin collectors – for considerably more than its original worth! But truth is often strange. As strange as the statistic that the

THIS WEEK (9-15 November)		
Mon	9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tue	10	St Leo the Great, pope and doctor
Wed	11	St Martin of Tours, bishop
Thur	12	St Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Fri	13	St Frances Xavier Cabrini, religious
Sat	14	St Laurence O'Toole, bishop
Sun	15	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

remarkable happened. I did not fall under a burden too heavy to carry. Instead in reaching out I instinctively knew I was meeting Christ in the one needing help, and from the encounter the rest of my day was blessed. I cannot explain it but knew it instinctively.

Giving up our treasure

Christ calls us into situations of need and invites us to give from our treasure, and to give all that we have. Each of us has treasure, what we value most, and for each of us it is uniquely ours. The only question is – is our treasure wealth or God? If it's the latter, well like the oil and meal of the widow of Zarephath there is always enough.

Maybe you're asked to care for

poorest 20 per cent of the population give over twice as much as the richest 20 per cent of the population. In a funny way poverty means generosity. It certainly means a heart that is more open and spontaneous. Sometimes it really does seem that possession actually ending up owning their owners.

Sharing is gaining

There will always come pinch points in life. When we feel just too much is being asked of too little. Cutbacks are not just a government imposed reality as we know. There was one time when I was on my own in the house. I was feeling very overwhelmed with what I had to accomplish. The doorbell rang. There stood someone in crisis and I was "it" in terms of helping. So I invited the person in and offered what hospitality I could, and in doing so something



someone incapacitated, maybe you're asked to give back someone you deeply treasure. I hope that the two widows of this Sunday give you a glimmer of hope that someday you will be filled again. Carry that hope into your today. ■

– Tom Cox