

Parish Of Haggardstown and Blackrock

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

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses:

St. Oliver Plunkett, Blackrock :

Mon-Sat: 10am

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

Baptisms:

Aaron Philip Begley Costello

Jack David Byrne

Laya Mary Robin O'Brien

Eve Alice Davey

Baptisms:

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

World Mission Sunday: Today is World Mission Sunday. World Missions Ireland is the official mission outreach charity of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It supports missionaries and mission projects throughout the world. Your continuing prayers and generosity allow us to help missionaries make a difference that transforms peoples lives.

Sharing the Faith:

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus gives his disciples a share in his own mission.

They were sent out to preach and to heal. They were not however, to rely on their own resources, but on the authority that was given to them and on the hospitality offered them. Should the audience prove unwelcoming or unreceptive, they were to move on without delay.

Pope Francis in his message for World Mission Day 2015 has this to say: "Every baptised person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift. Since Christ's entire existence had a missionary character, so too, all who follow him closely must possess this missionary quality. As Vatican ii stated: 'The laity should cooperate in the Church's missionary work of evangelisation, as witnesses and at the same time as living instruments, they share in her saving mission' (Ad Gentes, 41)."

The first to whom the Gospel message must be preached are "the poor, the little ones and the sick, those who are often looked down upon and forgotten, those who cannot repay us (cf. Luke 14:13-14)."

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: on Tuesday 20th Oct 2015 at 7.30pm in the Legion of Mary Hall, Blackrock.

Rosary of the Grotto Blackrock: every Mon during Oct at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Sacrament of First Penance & Holy Communion

Do this in Memory Preparation Programme:

Commences with the Enrolment Ceremony:

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

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

Mass of Remembrance: for our deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated in St Fursy'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.

Towards Peace: is a new spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is always available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one to one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information please visit www.towardspeace.ie or Tel 015053028.

Parish Offertory Collection: 10th/11th Oct: €2,700.00

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

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.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith and those interested in becoming Catholics. Autumn 2015 on Mondays 7pm-8pm. Applications still being taken. For more information contact The Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, Dundalk or Tel (042) 9336393.

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 from South (042) 9336393 from North (0035342)9336393.

Geraldines Lotto: Numbers drawn for a jackpot of €5,600 on Tues 13th Oct. 8, 12, 27, 29. No winning selection. No match 3 selection. Jackpot increases by €400. Next draw will take place on Tues 20th Oct for a Jackpot of €6,000

Blackrock Tidy Towns: annual table quiz takes place on Weds 4th Nov in Dundalk Golf Club. Tables are €40 for a team of four and there will be prizes galore. All funds raised will be used to deliver the group's work programme for 2016. To book your table Tel 0872642064 or just come along on the night.

Parish of Haggardstown & Blackrock

Summary Financial Statement

For the year 1st April 2014— 31st March 2015

Income:	€
Envelope & Church Collections	165,464.00
Special Collections	7,900.00
Graveyard Fees	58,420.00
Section 45 Tax Refunds	19,213.00
Other Income	18,220.00
Total Income	269,217.00
Expenditure	€
Churches expenses	90,943.00
Parochial Houses, running & maintenance	26,491.00
Legion of Mary Hall expenses	2,958.00
Graveyard Costs	19,354.00
Special Collections disbursed	7,900.00
Armagh Diocesan Levies	35,100.00
Religious Education	5,042.00
Surplus in Clergy Income	1,391.00
Parish Administration	9,765.00
Accountancy Fees	1,845.00
Loan Interest & bank charges	47,717.00
General Expenses	8,879.00
Total Expenditure	254,603.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	14,614.00
Non Cash Expenditure	
Depreciation of Parish Buildings & Property	120,080.00
Parish debt	
The loan due to Armagh as at 31st Mar 2015 amounted to €1,403,209.00	

*The Parish Finance/Management Committee thank
all who contribute to the finances of our Parish.*

**Requiescant In Peace: Garda Tony Golden, Sandygrove. John Rogers, Kilkerley.
Carol Clarke, Bettystown. Mgr Francis Donnelly PE, Dundalk.**

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses

<u>St. Fursy's Haggardstown</u>			<u>St. Oliver Plunkett's Blackrock</u>		
Sun 18 th	9a.m.	Katie & Pat Lynch.	Sat. 17 th	6.30p.m.	Kosina Family.
	11a.m.	Roisin O'Hare. MM. Una Parker.	Sun. 18 th	10a.m.	Michael & Lisa Crosby.
				12noon.	Peggy McQuillan.
Mon. 19 th	9a.m.	Julia Murphy.	Mon 19 th	10am.	_____
Tues. 20 th	9a.m.	Frank Tooher.	Tues. 20 th	10a.m.	_____
Wed. 21 st	9a.m.	Special Intention.	Wed. 21 st	10a.m.	_____
Thurs. 22 nd	9a.m.	_____	Thurs. 22 nd	10a.m.	_____
Fri. 23 rd	9a.m.	_____	Fri. 23 rd	10a.m.	_____
Sat. 24 th	9a.m.	Mary & Pete McGahon.	Sat 24 th	10am.	Patrick Toner.
Sun. 25 th	9a.m.	Richie Stewart.		6.30pm.	Teresa & Gerry Douglas.
	11a.m.	Mollie Malone.	Sun. 25 th	10a.m.	Patrick Cotter.
				12 noon.	Maureen McArdle.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 95:3-4)

**Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples,
for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.**

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.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us
in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your
people,

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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 (Is 53:10-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has been pleased to crush
his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

**R May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

SECOND READING (Heb 4:14-16)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the
supreme high priest who has gone through to the high-
est heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we
have professed.

For it is not as if we had a high priest who was
incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we
have one who has been tempted in every way that
we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confi-
dent, then in approaching the throne of grace, that
we shall have mercy from him and find grace when
we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mk 10:45)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Son of Man came to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL (Shorter Form) (Mk 10:42-45)

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said to them,
'You know that among the pagans their so-called
rulers lord it over them, and their great men make
their authority felt. This is not to happen among you.

No; anyone who wants to become great among
you must be your servant, and anyone who wants
to be first among you must be slave to all. For the
Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to
serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever. **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,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon (Mk 16:15)

**Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel,
says the Lord.
I am with you always.**

Parish Newsletter



A CHURCH IN THE WORLD

*Go ye afar.
Go teach all nations;
Bear witness unto Me,
On earth in every clime;
And I with you shall be,
Until the end of time.*

ONE of the most touching
experiences I have seen
was a gathering of fairly
elderly religious singing the above
lines in their former novitiate chapel
as their remaining community was
withdrawn. It was the Congregation
hymn of Cluny's and Spiritans sung
by generations of religious as they
set off as young religious for their
first appointment overseas. It was
such a different world. With modern
technology, things have got closer.
We may feel that the world is a
lot less safe – or is it more that our
awareness of events is far greater
due to this same technology. The
Missions perhaps similarly, are a
lot closer, more “in here” than “out
there.”

Maybe that is what we are called

THIS WEEK (19-25 October)

Mon	19	St John de Brébeuf and comp., martyrs
Tue	20	St Irene of Portugal
Wed	21	St Hilarion, abbot, St Celina
Thur	22	St John Paul II
Fri	23	St John of Capestrano, priest
Sat	24	St Anthony Mary Claret
Sun	25	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

to do on Mission Sunday. To actually
live our basic Christian values is a
very powerful response to the root
causes of terrorism, trafficking and
violence.

**Mission: being
in and with the
world**

Such a return
to basics may
actually help us
with the issue
of why we have
refugees and
asylum seekers
and the need
to feel safe,
have a place
to call home,
loneliness, isolation, and the need to
have a sense of belonging, value and
respect. In a phrase – be the change.
Mission is increasingly more about
a way of being in the world and in
relationship with the world than
going “out there.”

Nostalgia and gratitude

A parishioner from this parish of
Ferbane and Dominican priest for

20 years Fr. James Claffey wrote this
for a parish gathering and display
for this Year of Consecrated Life.
“To have grown up in a parish so
rich in religious life and Christian
missionary activity was a grace. I am
deeply grateful to the religious who
formed my outlook on the world.
Unknowingly, they prepared me for
my life and I follow their footsteps.
I will name just a few. When I look
at the vineyards which surround the
German Dominican house where
I now live in the Mosel valley, I
think of Sister Anne Claffey (RIP).
She spent most of her religious life
in the St Joseph of Cluny convent
in Bordeaux. When I was learning
German, not an easy language, I



thought of Columban Father Kevin
Fleming (now in Tullamore parish)
from Ferbane who managed to
learn Korean. And working here at
a Marian shrine again, I cannot but
fondly remember Sister Mary from
the Priory, one summer's evening
on the Shannon on my father's
boat. At a magical sunset near
Shannonbridge, with a corncrake
crying, she wiggled her way to
the bow to be alone and say the
rosary. I give thanks for having been
“surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses” (Heb. 12:1). ■

– Tom Cox