



St Mary's
Parish
Haddington
Road

*Serving
the
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Our Family

Is a circle of strength;

Founded on Faith, Joined in Love

Kept by God, Together

forever

PARISH FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 3, 11am– 1pm

Special WMOF2018 Family Mass

Fr Tim Bartlett, Secretary General, main celebrant

Garden Party

Family day garden party in Church grounds

“At the end of the Eighth World Meeting of Families, held in Philadelphia in September 2015, I announced that the subsequent meeting with Catholic families of the world would take place in Dublin on the theme “The Gospel of the Family: joy for the world”.

One might ask: does the Gospel continue to be a joy for the world? And also: does the family continue to be good news for today’s world?

I am sure the answer is yes!

And this “yes” is firmly based on God’s plan. The love of God is His “yes” to all creation and at the heart of this latter is man. It is God’s “yes” to the union between man and woman, in openness and service to life in all its phases; it is God’s “yes” and His commitment to a humanity that is often wounded, mistreated and dominated by a lack of love. The family, therefore, is the “yes” of God as Love. Only starting from love can the family manifest, spread and regenerate God’s love in the world. Without love, we cannot live as children of God, as couples, parents and brothers.

I wish to underline how important it is for families to ask themselves often if they live based on love, for love and in love. In practice, this means giving oneself, forgiving, not losing patience, anticipating the other, respecting. How much better family life would be if every day we lived according to the words, “please”, “thank you” and “I’m sorry”. Every day we have the experience of fragility and weakness, and therefore we all, families and pastors, are in need of renewed humility that forms the desire to form ourselves, to educate and be educated, to help and be helped, to accompany, discern and integrate all men of good will. I dream of an outbound Church, not a self-referential one, a Church that does not pass by far from man’s wounds, a merciful Church that proclaims the heart of the revelation of God as Love, which is Mercy. It is this very mercy that makes us new in love; and we know how much Christian families are a place of mercy and witnesses of mercy, and even more so after the extraordinary Jubilee. The Dublin meeting will be able to offer concrete signs of this.

My thoughts go in a special way to the archdiocese of Dublin and to all the dear Irish nation for the generous welcome and commitment involved in hosting such an important event. May the Lord recompense you as of now, granting you abundant heavenly favours.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth guide, accompany and bless your service, and all the families involved in the preparation of the great World Meeting in Dublin.

Francis

From the Vatican, 25 March 2017

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Thoughts for a Day

Humility is poverty of spirit and meekness. Humility inspires an attitude of listening and of seeking out those who can give good counsel. Humility welcomes correction. A humble person is not proud or arrogant. Humility is not a denial of my value as a human being but rather seeing myself in relationship to God. Humility results from being in a state of gratitude rather than envy, resentment, or bitterness. Do I boast about myself? Do I respect others? Do I listen with attention and a readiness to learn? Do I resent good advice? Do I accept correction with gratitude? Or do I defend myself even when I am in the wrong?

Patience is calmly bearing or enduring delay, disappointment, pain, and sorrow. It is a deep confidence in God's providence and the willingness to persevere even in the face of loss and failure. Clement speaks of patience as an "interiorized monasticism." It is not resignation but the awareness that truly Christ is risen from the dead and is with us moment to moment, no matter where we go or what we are enduring.

Source: Jim Forest, *Confession: Doorway to Forgiveness*

We have to cross the infinite thickness of time and space – and God has to do it first, because he comes to us first. Of the links between God and man, love is the greatest. It is as great as the distance to be crossed. So that the love may be as great as possible, the distance is as great as possible. That is why evil can extend to the extreme limit beyond which the very possibility of good disappears. Evil is permitted to touch this limit. It sometimes seems as though it overpassed it.

Source: Simone Weill, *Gravity and Grace*

ST MARY'S BOYS SCHOOL Haddington Road



The Parish is delighted to acknowledge this absolutely outstanding achievement by Peter Lynch's fourth great team of winners, Sanjay, Benjamin, Eric and Yubo. To win it once was already great but to win it four times is incredible. It is certainly evidence of what great schools we have as both St. Mary's and St Brigid's work together already as St Christopher's on many levels. No doubt there will be girls in the team in the very near future.

This victory and much else that goes on in these wonderful schools is a testament to the work of the students and the staff. This give us great hope for the future as these great young people from different backgrounds work together with Peter and other staff members to be the best.

To Peter and the staff of warmest thanks and to the winners, our heartiest congratulations, you're all real stars.

MAKE IT FIVE, GUYS

April-May Parish Diary 2018

May 28: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

In Memoriam Recently deceased

9.30am, Catherine Crean

11am, Robert Mooney (Anniversary)

Sunday 3 June

5pm, Tim Leahy (Anniversary)

Masses and Confession

Sundays: Vigil, 6pm (Saturday), 9.30am, 11am, 5pm

-Rosary daily after 10am mass

Adoration Blessed Sacrament, Weds 10.30-12.40

Church Collections

W/e 20th May 2018

1st Collection: €1,100

Share Collection: €820

Weekday collections: €600



OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER

FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, Especially those for whom we now pray: [We pause and remember family members and others by name]. Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us

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