



**St Mary's  
Parish  
Haddington  
Road**

**Serving  
the  
Community**

**Serving  
the  
Family**

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City**

## The Call to Service in the Community: Getting Involved

In his inspiring Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, written in the early days of his pontificate, Pope Francis put great emphasis on the *mission* of the Church and the need for the widest possible involvement in this by all members of the faith community. He writes: "The Church which "goes forth" is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.' (24) "The Church, [...] is more than an organic and hierarchical institution; she is first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way towards God.' (111)

An important part of the mission of the Church is expressed in the liturgy, our daily and weekly prayer; listening to the Word and sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist. Francis continues: 'Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving. '

And yet it is often the case that we simply become spectators at the liturgy rather than real participants. It can be said that we simply become consumers, going to church somewhat in the same way we go shopping, taking away with us what we need but not getting involved any more than that. But of course that is not what a faith community is all about. As in much else in life, we get out of faith what we put into it and much more.

We are fortunate in our parish in having a good liturgical tradition going back many years. We often receive positive comments from visitors. Our liturgy seeks to be participative and joyful, above all it seeks to nourish the faith life of our community. For this, however, we need people. While the priest obviously play a central role in the liturgy, it also has a wide range of roles for lay people: readers, ministers of the Eucharist, choir members, other aspects of organisation such as the collections.

In recent times, we have begun to struggle in these areas at some of the masses, notably the 6pm Vigil mass on Saturday evenings and the 5pm mass on Sunday evenings, as well as at Christmas and Easter celebrations. The numbers of people attending our parish celebrations has remained remarkably stable over the years and so there is really no reason why we should be short of people for these community services.

The word *service* is very important here. Christian life is a call to service, service of God, the community we belong to and the wider world. We are seeking readers, eucharistic ministers, choir members and collectors for all masses but particularly those mentioned above. It involves a once a month commitment in most cases as we have a rota to share out the tasks.

We would particularly welcome younger volunteers.

**PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE PRIESTS OR ONE OF THE READERS  
OR MINISTERS AT ANY OF THE MASSES.**

The best way to find  
yourself is to lose yourself  
in the service of others.

**Mahatma Gandhi**

**QuotePoints**

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**The Protection and Safeguarding  
of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

In line with well the well established policy of the Archdiocese, St Mary's is fully committed to the protection and safeguarding of children in our parish as we seek to make it a completely safe, welcoming and friendly place for children and vulnerable people to be.

Members of the PPC worked to be put place all the structures in place according to best practice and this is audited annually.

We are very grateful to our representative Paul Farrell for his commitment to the this and for the great amount of work he does.

In case there are any concerns we draw your attention to the notices in the church providing information and contact numbers.

We also draw your attention to our website related to this important issues

<http://www.stmaryshaddingtonroad.ie/ministries/child-protection/>



**CLOTHING APPEAL**

Bags will be distributed next week#

TODAY

For Collection NEXT week

All clothes clean and in good condition

Please deposit bags in the porches

Thank you for you generosity

This is a Big Help

**DIG FOR A DAY**

It is when we love the most intensely and most humanly that we can recognize how tepid is our love for others. The keenness and intensity of love brings with it suffering, of course, but joy too because it is a foretaste of heaven. When you love people, you see all the good in them, all the Christ in them. God sees Christ, his son, in us. And so we should see Christ in others.

- Dorothy Day

For the righteousness of God goes far beyond mere deeds, and requires of us love and helping mercy as our highest obligation, and justice to our fellow humans, those of them too who have done nothing for us – those even who have done us wrong. Our relations with others, God first and then our neighbours, must one day become as in true nature they are, the gladness of our being; and nothing then will ever appear good for us that is not in harmony with those blessed relations. - George MacDonald

**In Memoriam**

**Masses this Weekend**

9.30am: Paddy Hartley (Anniversary)

11am: Cara Wright (Anniversary)

Barry Farrell (Anniversary)

**Masses on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

11am: Cathal and Kathleen Mc Ivor (Anniv)

**Masses and Confession**

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

Croatian Community Mass 6.30pm

Daily masses 10am and 12.40pm, Saturday 10am only

-Rosary daily after 10am mass

Adoration Blessed Sacrament, Weds 10.30-12.40

**Church Collections Last Week**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: €1,257

Share Collection: €845

Weekday collections: €710 (2 weeks)

**THANK YOU**

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