

With school starting again the **PROGRAMME** **ION AND CONFIRMATION BEGIN.** The Communion Programme 'Do this in Memory of Me' starts on Sunday 18th October with Mass at 10am. Many thanks to our Communion Team who will be giving their time and support on a Sunday.

PARISH VISITATION In late September the Parish Visitation was finished of almost 700 houses after 1 year. We received a good welcome even from those who very busy! The warm days are best for standing at doors! Many people were out but we left a letter regretting we missed them. It had a phone number if anyone wanted the priest to call back or to have it

for future use. There is no perfect time. At a later hour more people are in but having their meal. Very many thanks to the 15 lay representatives of the parish from the local area who accompanied the priest. They were a great support to us. If anyone would like the priest to come back, give us a ring or ask the lay representative to contact us.

If you would like any of the priests to visit someone who is sick at home or in hospital please let us know. We are very grateful to the few drivers who drive the priest to nursing homes that are far out from town where people from the parish stay. If any other driver would like to volunteer, please let us know.

WEBSITE: Our website is nearly finished! It has taken a lot of work to get it right. We are sure it can still be improved but we hope to get it up and running in a few weeks. There are still some technical hills to climb! Also we short-staffed at the moment. We know it will be helpful for information and to get a feel of the Claddagh past and present.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will have its October meeting on Tuesday 12th at 7.30pm in the Priory. Under the presidency of Fr Al, it will continue to plan its Outreach Programme for the Parish.

PRIOR: FR TOM JORDAN OP, PARISH PRIEST: FR AL LEONARD OP, CURATE: FR DENIS MURPHY OP



CLADDAGH HALL: The Claddagh School is getting more use out of the Hall which is a great facility especially on wet days. An afternoon club has started after school for children in 3rd and 4th Class some days in the week. This may expand in the near future. The 'Bish' students are also using the hall twice weekly. The Drummers are making good use of the Hall through the leadership of Eamon Carrick; he is also promoting the community getting together with musical evenings. Other groups using the Hall include Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Polish Sports Groups.



TIMES OF SERVICES

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.30pm,

SUNDAY: 7.30 am, 10.00 am, 12 noon, 7.30 pm

Weekdays: 7.30am, 10am, 7.30pm. Dominican Convent, Taylors Hill 10am

Confessions: Daily 7.15am. Saturday 12 noon to 1 pm; 7pm to 7.30.

Otherwise, ask in church or at Hall Door Reception

Morning prayer (Lauds): Monday to Saturday at 9.45 am. Sun at 9.30.

Evening Prayer (Vespers): Monday to Sunday at 6.45 pm

Rosary daily after 10.30am Mass and at 7.10pm.

Mass in honour of St Martin de Porres: Thursday at 7.30.

Holy Hour: Friday 8 to 9pm

Choir: sings at the 12noon Mass every second Sunday. Rehearsals each Tuesday evening from 8 to 9pm. New members welcome. **Director:** Norman Duffy. **Organist:** Fiona McGuire.

Prayer Groups: Monday night @ 8. Ark Prayer Group: Tuesday @ 8. Both groups meet in the Tertiary Hall.

PARISH SECRETARY: Noreena Palomar McDonagh.

To make arrangements for weddings, sick calls and funerals, please contact the Parish Office (091) 582 884.

NATIONAL ANNUAL DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:
Sunday 11th October: This year a number of Pilgrims from Galway travel together for the first time in a number of years. The Galway 'Faith and Light' group will also travel. The Pilgrimage prepares for the 800th anniversary of the Order — 1216 to 2016.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE DEAD

The traditional month of prayer for those dear to us who have died and all the Holy Souls. It seems a natural time when nature is dying all around us – leaves are falling – and we are heading into Winter. It starts with the



Feasts of the All Saints and All Souls celebrating all those who have died as saints and all who need our prayers. Envelopes with Lists for the Dead will be available in the week before November in the Church.

The **SUMMER:** has been busy with weddings which continue on into Autumn. Baptisms come quite often and continue through the year. We are very thankful to those who prepare the Church for weddings and tidy up also as well as to our Baptism Team faithfully assisting with the Baptisms.

GALWAY CITY TIDY TOWNS AND GARDEN COMPETITION.

In August the special award for Churches/Places of Worship was won by Br. Christy and Michael Flaherty for the beautiful grounds and flowers around the Grotto and Church. Congratulations for all the hard work! Photo shows Perpetual Jug donated by Dangan Nurseries.



THE BLESSING OF THE BAY took place with fine weather. Thanks to all who came and took part and to those organising the event.

Our congratulations and good wishes to all who were married in the Claddagh Church over the past few months. We extend our condolences to all who lost loved ones. They are remembered at Mass and in the prayer of the Community.

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ST. MARTIN NOVENA

Monday 26th October to Tuesday 3rd November, feast of St Martin

NOVENA EACH DAY: Mass at 10am and 7.30pm with **Rosary** at 7.10pm.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

Thursday 29th, morning and evening.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Friday 30th.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AT HOME. If you would like a visit please let us know.

PREACHER:

FR. JOE KAVANAGH OP.

Fr. Joe is Prior of our Dominican Priory in Kilkenny. It is known as 'The Black Abbey.' He gives many Novenas and is in demand for many retreats. He has worked in a number of houses in Ireland and also in our mission in Trinidad for many years. He was Founding Director of the Priory Institute, a Distance Learning Project of the Irish Dominicans - www.prioryinstitute.ie. We look forward to hearing him and meeting him.

JUBILEE OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER



2016 marks the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Dominicans by St Dominic. Throughout the world, members of the Dominican Family are preparing to celebrate this historic event. We hope soon to announce a number of celebrations in the Galway region and we invite all to join us. Look out for further details..



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