

## NEWSLETTER – 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021

### **“CHURCH FULL”**

What a joy it has been to welcome you back to Public Mass. So far it has been possible to accommodate everyone who comes to Sunday Mass. However, it is important to remember that we are subject to a restriction in numbers; We can facilitate two pods of 50, by still observing the requirements of ‘social distancing’. When capacity has been reached, “CHURCH FULL” billboards will appear at the church doors- meaning that no one else can be fitted in. So, it is a ‘first come, first served’ policy. We are **not** operating a booking system. We look forward to a further easing of restrictions in the coming months.

### **GROTTO FLOWERS BLOOMING**

The colourful display of flowers at the Grotto is a fitting testament to the memory of Bro. Christy; and is due to the voluntary loving work and attention of the ‘friends of Bro. Christy’.

### **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

The First Communion classes celebrated their First Confession last week: a simple family/parish ceremony. The Programme of preparation continues with a ‘Do this in Memory’ Mass on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6.30pm in Claddagh Church.

### **‘CEREMONY OF LIGHT’: CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

The programme of preparation continues in the school and in the homes of the boys/girls. On this Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm The *Ceremony of Light* will take place in the Church. This ceremony marks the childrens’ journey of faith Baptism to Confirmation – when they are welcomed as young adult Christians.

### **WELCOME BRO. JAMES RYAN, OP**

A big welcome to Bro. James Ryan, OP who arrived in Galway to take up his position as a member of our ‘Claddagh Dominican Community’. Bro. James, a native of Tallaght, Dublin has previously held appointments in our Communities in Tallaght, Limerick and most recently in St. Saviour’s, Dublin – our house of studies. Welcome and best wishes!

### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Please continue your prayers for vocations to the Dominican Order. Interviews for admission to the Order took place during the week. It is our hope that the four people who have been accepted will be courageous and enter the Noviciate in September.

### **FUNERALS, WEDDINGS ETC.**

Limit of 50 at present. BAPTISMS – still small numbers.

### **REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS**

We endeavour to be positive in response to each request for a priest to be available for Baptisms, Weddings, Memorial Masses etc. There have been many extra requests (double the normal), as a result of postponements due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

### **PARISH VISITS, SICK CALLS ETC**

Should you require a visit from a priest, please let us know: Please phone 091 582884