

NEWSLETTER Late Sept 2021

FIRST COMMUNION: SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER at 2.00pm

The boys and girls of First Communion Class 2021 have been preparing for their 'special day' for some time. A series of 'Do this in Memory' Masses have been celebrated with the children and parents as they complete their preparation programme.

Now their Special day arrives and we will celebrate the special occasion with them.

ROSARY SUNDAY (1st Sun October)

Annual Rosary Sunday Collection for the education and training of Dominican students will be taken up. We have been blessed by welcoming 4 young men who received the Dominican Habit in our noviciate recently, while 3 Novices made their first profession and moved to the House of Studies in Dublin. Please keep up your prayers for vocations.

ALL DAY ROSARY: Thurs 7th October

Beginning after 10.00am Mass until evening. Do please, drop into the Church to share the rosary during the day.

DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: SUNDAY 10th Oct

The National Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sun 10th October. The preacher and principal celebrant will be Fr. John Harris, OP our recently elected Prior Provincial.

As there are still restricted numbers, we will not be running our own pilgrimage coach this year. People may wish to travel privately.

ST. MARTIN 'NOVENA'

Our St. Martin 'Novena' begins on 3rd November until Tuesday 9th November, each day at 7.30pm and at 3.00pm on the Sunday. The preacher: Fr. Benedict Moran, OP

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

This Church has been in frequent use since the re-opening in the summer (with restrictions):

Baptisms and **weddings** are being celebrated— many of them re-arranged for second or third time. Congregations at Sunday Mass have almost reached the capacity we were allowed. Now that our capacity is expanded to 50% of capacity, there is ample space to welcome all who wish to come. We look forward to the return of all who were regular before the original 'lockdown'.

AS RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED ...

Precautions are still advised in the church -Communion arrangements; Hand sanitizing; social distancing – use your own judgment, cleaning of the church until further notice. We are so grateful to all who continue to help – Ushers, collectors, Ministers of Music; Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Cleaning volunteers etc, etc. It is because of your generous help that we continue keep our church as a safe place for all who come to pray.

COLLECTIONS, DONATIONS

All your contributions are valued and appreciated.