

Newsletter September 2024

Assumption Church Walkinstown



Dear parishioners, I want to thank all those who contributed to the special collection last weekend [24/25th Aug] to help send sick pilgrim go to Lourdes with the diocese. I will be praying for you all and the people of Walkinstown parish while there as chaplain to the sick. Fr Paul.

History: St Bernadette was born the eldest of nine children into a poor family at Lourdes. On 11th Feb 1858, when she was 14, she had her first vision from the Blessed Virgin Mary. In total, there were 17 visions recorded.

She joined the French Sisters of Charity in Nevers where she performed routine duties humbly. She suffered severe asthma and in later life, she contracted tuberculosis of the bone. She died at 35. Her body was found to be incorrupt and is now laid in the Chapel of St Bernadette, Nevers. Her Feast day is 16th April, the day of her death.

The message of Lourdes:

1 It is a heavenly confirmation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception that had just been defined by the Church a few years before.

2 It is an exaltation of the virtues of Christian poverty and humility that are perceived in Bernadette.

3 The spiritual message is that of personal conversion. Our Lady tells Bernadette that the important thing is to be happy in the next life. To attain this we must accept the cross in this life.

4 Mary stresses the importance of prayer, especially the rosary. Our Lady appeared with a rosary hanging from Her right arm. Penance and humility are also part of the message, as well as a message of mercy for sinners and compassion for the sick.

The Relics of St Bernadette will visit; Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Rd, September 25th-26th; Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23rd-24th; and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25th-26th. See www.stbernadette.ie



Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes; Fr. Paul will be travelling with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 5th-10th September. If you would like to write a petition to Our Lady of Lourdes, please write your petition on a folded piece of paper and place your petition in the box available on the Church Altar Rail. The petition will be brought directly to the Grotto and placed in the receptacle there. For this reason, we ask **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR PETITION IN AN ENVELOPE OR PUT MONEY WITH YOUR PETITION.**

From the Paris Olympics straight to the Vatican

Adriana Ruano Oliva has made history for Guatemala, both by winning the nation first-ever gold medal in clay pigeon shooting and by setting a new Olympic record in her sport. Following her triumph in the 2024 Paris Games, she made a heartfelt visit to Pope Francis in Rome to share her achievement, holding the medal while expressing its significance for her country. Her journey to this moment has not been easy. Adriana faced a devastating setback at the age of 16 when a spinal injury ended her gymnastics career. Turning to shooting as a new path, she has not only excelled in her new sport but also demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination. Despite her success, Adriana carries the memory of her late father with her, who passed away just a month before she competed in her first Olympics in Tokyo. His presence weighs heavily on her thoughts, and she often reflects on how he would have reacted to her accomplishments, especially given his deep devotion to God and the importance of family in their lives. The story of Adriana Ruano represents more than just an individual achievement; it also highlights the role of personal faith and the shared values that unite people on a global stage, reflecting the deeper connections between faith, sport and family.



We would like to welcome baby **Donavan** who was baptised recently. May God look over him.

Mass Times

Monday — Friday 10am

Saturday - 6pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 11:30am

Holy Days – Mass at 10am

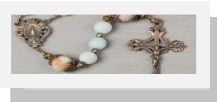
Vigil Mass 7pm previous evening.

Confessions before weekend masses or on request.

Adoration takes place every Thursday morning after 10am Mass in the Church. All are welcome.

Rosary

We say the rosary every



morning from 9.30am until Mass at 10am. You are all welcome to come and join in.

Parish Priest Fr. Paul Glennon. **Parish Secretary** Ann Conway
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Baptisms are the **3rd** Sunday of every month. If you would like to book a baptism please contact the

Parish Office: 01-4502649.

Mon - Fri 9.30am– 1130am.

Out of hours please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish website;

www.walkinstownparish.ie

Email;

walkinstownchurch@gmail.com

Sunday Gospel Reflection



Lectio Divina continues in the church every Friday after the 10.00 o'clock Mass. You are very welcome to drop in and check us out – you might like it! If you'd like some information beforehand call John on 087 615 7795.

In Memory

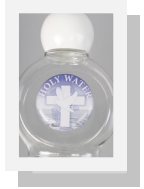
We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently, especially, Catherine (Cora) Kelly, Rita Gannon & Patrick McCluskey

We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.



Holy Water

We have holy water at the side entrance of the Church, if you would like to bring some home with you.



Holy Water has been blessed by a priest and is called a sacramental as it is a visible sign that imparts invisible grace. It is extremely effective at protecting us from evil and temptation. Sprinkle yourself with it before leaving home in the morning and before you go to sleep.

A New Saint

There is nothing remarkable about receiving First Communion at the age of seven. Unless the parents are lapsed, and the child requests the sacrament out of personal devotion to the Eucharist. Saints are not usually thought of as football loving, computer game playing teenagers. Yet Pope Francis is about to canonise such a one who died from leukaemia in 2006, aged just fifteen.

Despite his very short life, Carlo Acutis became known as God's Influencer. Inspired by his own love for God and his devotion to God's Real Presence in the Eucharist, he created an online catalogue of Eucharist miracles. Carlo was convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realise that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass. Because of the example of his life, many people returned to the faith and good practice, including his parents, while others were converted. You can find out more at: www.carloacutis.com

We don't need grand gestures to be saints, it is our daily faith, our love for God and neighbour, and living the gospel in small things that brings us closer to God. Holiness is not reserved for a few chosen ones but is a universal call. As Carlo said, *All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies. We are all uniquely called by God.*

Carlo is certainly in heaven (officially declared so in 2020 when he was beatified) so we can already ask him to help us.



Our Millenium Saint

The Primary Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis (soon to be Saint) will visit City Quay Church from Assisi, Italy on Tuesday 17th September 2024 from 10am until 6pm.

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