

Newsletter January 2025

Assumption Church Walkinstown



Popes Intentions for January: For the right to an education.

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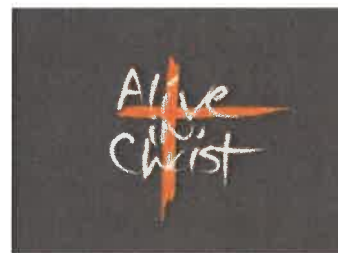
Catholic Schools Week 2025 – Alive in Christ! [Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January, 2025]

“Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!” – Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, Section 1.

Reflecting on the theme, Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. Sensitive to the age appropriateness of the various classes and years, the theme will explore how we exist for one another in Christ, building from the wellbeing of the individual, extending the notion of true wellbeing to others, to our families and communities, and to The Other, in God. The theme will mediate on hope, the true purpose and meaning of human life, and, in the more senior years, on true freedom.

As is usual, the theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents’ Day on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, and with the Family in post-primary. There will be a November ‘turning to’ remembrance moment.

“Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life”. **Pope Francis**



Sunday of the Word of God

In his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Sunday of the Word of God which is held every year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In 2025, it will be celebrated on the weekend of January 25/26.

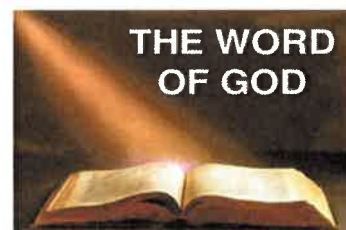
“On this Sunday, it would be particularly appropriate to highlight the proclamation of the word of the Lord and to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due” (AI 3).

“[P]astors are primarily responsible for explaining sacred Scripture and helping everyone to understand it. ... Helping people to enter more deeply into the word of God through simple and suitable language will allow priests themselves to discover the beauty of the images used by the Lord to encourage the practice of the good. This is a pastoral opportunity that should not be wasted! ... For many of our faithful, in fact, this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God’s word and to see it applied to their daily lives. Consequently, sufficient time must be devoted to the preparation of the homily. ... When we take time to pray and meditate on the sacred text, we can speak from the heart and thus reach the hearts of those who hear us, conveying what is essential and capable of bearing fruit” (AI 5).

The words that I spoke to you are spirit and life. (John 6:63)

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

Your word, O Lord, is lamp for my feet and a light for my path. (Ps 119:105)



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 **Parish Secretary**

Fr. Paul Glennon 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.

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Lectio Divina Group; Lectio

Divina is a wonderful way to go deeper with the Word of God.

Every Friday morning after mass our Lectio Divina group pray and mediate on the following Sunday's gospel. Why not join them or if this time doesn't suite you

we are interested to start an evening group too!

Please contact the office if interested.



In Memory

We remember our parishioners who have passed away recently, especially **Mary McKeon** late of Walkinstown Ave, **John (Sean) Hoban** formally of Walkinstown Green, **Anna Lee** late of Walkinstown Drive and **Kay Keating** late of Hughes Rd South, **Edmund Collins** Late of Belfast and member of the Sacramental preparation team. We will continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.



JANUARY

January is named after the Roman god Janus, frequently depicted with two faces – one looking backward and the other looking forward, presiding over endings and new beginnings. It still feels appropriate, in the depth of winter and at the beginning of a new year, to reflect on what has happened and to learn from it and to form intentions going forward. We can of course do this at any time, assuming we have time, but the only time we can actually do any thing is now. It is as yet almost imperceptible, but the year has turned, days are lengthening, and nature is renewing itself. In a similarly gentle way, God's grace works within our souls - if we allow it. So, what to do? Reflecting on the state of the world at this time, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray for the right to education during the month of January:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a more human world, might always be respected. We may also be able to provide practical support – by donating to Catholic organisations that support the provision of education. And we can seek to further educate ourselves. This is especially important in a time when misinformation and lies abound. An excellent source of information on our faith and the true God is Word on Fire. This organisation was founded by theologian, author, and broadcaster, Bishop Robert Barron who is an inspirational speaker and writer. The online link is: www.wordonfire.org or simply search for Bishop Barron on YouTube. Some of his books are available through Walkinstown Library.

A Prayer to Saint Brigid

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael,
may your protection never fail. Spread
your mantle over me, where 'ere I am,
where 'ere I be.

Cover me with God's joy and peace, let
my faith & hope never cease.
Shine your light where there is
darkness, strengthen me in any
weakness.

Heal all within that may be ill,
give me the desire each day to do
God's will. 'Till I rest, my journey o'er,
with God and you forever more.
St. Brigid, pray for us.

