

Some reflections on what we profess in the Creed – something to think about, perhaps, during the coming week!

For our sake this Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

He suffered death and was buried,

What awareness have I of these facts? And this was not the beginning of his suffering. He suffered all through his public life through being misunderstood by his followers and rejected by the priests and other so-called upholders of the law of Moses! But he never compromised! What a champion we Christians have!

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures

This is the very nub of our faith. As St Paul says in his first Letter to the Corinthians, v.17, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." But every genuine Christian really does believe in the Resurrection of Jesus. And even if the evangelists' accounts of this marvellous event are difficult to reconcile, it is quite clear that the apostles all believed Jesus to be risen because overnight they shook off their cowardice and became fearless champions of the risen Christ. Lord, help our unbelief.



Lay Retreat Association

A day Retreat for men and women will be held on

Sunday 15th February, 2015

at Milltown Park Conference Centre from 10.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

(under the spiritual direction of the Jesuit Fathers)

Suggested offering - €30 (includes coffee, dinner & evening meal).

For further information please contact:

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Parish Newsletter

St Mary's & Ladychapel, Maynooth

25 January, 2015



Dear Reader,

The Gospel for the third Sunday of Ordinary Time describes Christ's call to the disciples to abandon their fishing nets and follow Him. This is the call to the priesthood and religious life to which large numbers still respond globally despite a decline in Western Europe.

We cannot all join religious orders, but, as Pope Francis reminds us, we are all called to be disciples. The word 'disciple' means a learner or a close follower of another person's example. In a Christian context it means having a close relationship with Christ. The basis of a relationship is good communication. Do we leave aside some time to talk to and listen to Christ in prayer or to get to know Him better by reading the Gospels?? If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.

In our work and relationship with other people are we guided by the principles of honesty and truthfulness? Would our colleagues and friends notice our commitment to these principles in such a way that they would be inspired to follow our example?

Some people might like to take commitment to discipleship a step further and do something extra for the Church. If so, they could perhaps start with their parish which Pope Francis calls 'the local Church'. They could consult our parish website www.maynoothparish.dublindiocese.ie and click on 'Church Groups'. There they will find information on thirty-two groups and may consider joining one which suits them.

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Mass times

St Mary's Church
Saturday Evening:
7.00 pm (The Folk Group
every 2nd week)

Sunday
08:45, 10:00 (Family
Mass Group), 11:30
(Choir) 1.00, & 6:00
(Maynooth Gospel Choir
1st Sunday of the Month)

Ladychapel
Sunday 10:00
(Adult Choir)

Live streaming available
@
www.maynoothparish.org
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Parish Pastoral Council Report

At their meeting on Wednesday 26th November, 2014, members of the PPC reflected on a busy month in the parish, the highlight of which was the **Parish Ball**.

The **Week of Guided Prayer** was very successful. Participants reported that the exercises were spiritually challenging and beneficial. An initial meeting has been held with a view to setting up Parish Prayer Cells. Further information will follow.

RTE radio and TV Masses were broadcast from our parish on the 1st and 16th November respectively.

The **rosary and remembrance prayers** were recited in Laraghbryan cemetery on 2nd November.

Masses for deceased members from the Community Nursing Unit, the GAA Club and the ICA were celebrated.

A **Mass for deceased parishioners** was a very prayerful celebration during which all those who died during the year were prayed for.

Maynooth Churches Together held a Stressbusters function in the Glenroyal Hotel. Although the attendance was quite small, those present benefited from the guidance and information on offer.

Confirmation and First Communion enrolments were held for pupils in the four primary schools.

A **Ministers of the Word Seminar** was held on 15th November. New Ministers were commissioned on the weekend of 22nd/23rd November.

Twelve new **altar servers** are now being trained and commissioned.

The **Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults** (RCIA) continues its programme, with three adults preparing for the Sacraments.

Members of the present Parish Pastoral Council will have completed their three years in office in March 2015. Succession planning is now in progress. Parishioners who would like information on what membership of the PPC involves, are asked to contact Martina in the parish office or any member of the PPC.

	
Sunday 25 January	End of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Monday 26 January	Parish Finance Committee Meeting – Parochial House at 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 27 January	Liturgy Team Meeting – Parochial House at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 28 January	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Parochial House at 7.30 p.m.
Sunday 1 February	Feast of St. Brigid
Sunday 1 February	Baptism Mass – 10.00 a.m. Mass All those baptised in St Mary's Church during the last 12 months are invited to attend this Mass for a special blessing.
Monday 2 February	Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, his Mother. You are invited to bring candles to the 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses where they will be blessed.
Tuesday 3 February	Feast of St Blaise Bishop and Martyr. St Blaise is the Patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. The blessing of throats will take place at the 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses.
Friday 6 February	First Friday – Masses in St Mary's at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.



Peace Proms 2015

The combined choirs of St Mary's Boys' National School and the Presentation Girls' School under the direction of Ms. Grainne Dunne and Ms. Grainne Lohan, will take part in the "Peace Proms" on Saturday 31st January in the R.D.S. We wish them well.