



BLACK FRIDAY - 23RD NOVEMBER.

On the 23rd November the parish will once again host a day of prayer to coincide with the practice of that day being designated **BLACK FRIDAY**.

This year we are inviting members from neighbouring parishes to join with us in a day of quiet prayer from 8am to 11pm. We will be asking members to nominate themselves for a specific period of prayer during the day. The regular masses will take place and *at 7.30 pm in the evening we have invited Martina Lehane Sheehan to conduct a one hour program of guided reflection and scripture input.*

To encourage general participation in the day of prayer we invite members to register their names and commit themselves to a specific period of prayer. Registration can be done at the front of the church.

Death – John and Pat.

There is a story of two men, John and Pat, who were childhood friends and grew up together with a great love for football, playing in the same team in their youth, going to matches together and in later years watching matches together on television. In their old age John got cancer and Pat was a regular visitor to his hospital bed. When Pat realised that John's death was near, he said to him "I have one request of you, when you die will you find out for me and let me know if there is football in heaven?" Three days after his death, John appeared to Pat in a dream and said, "I have good news for you and bad news. The good news is that there is football in heaven with good weather, young fit players and beautiful pitches. The bad news is that there is a match next Friday and you are playing at midfield.

There will be a special Mass here on Wednesday, 14th November at 7.30 pm to remember all who have died in our community, especially those who have passed away since this time last year. All of you are cordially invited to come and pray for your loved ones.

Do it because you want to, not because you think you should!
People will have something to say no matter what you do.



GAVIN SHARPLES

During the month of November our Monthly Charity will support *The Irish Pilgrimage Trust*. The Trust seeks support to help bring children to Lourdes every year. Offerings can be deposited in the charity boxes in the church. **To date we have collected €242. Well done.**

TAX BACK 2018.

As the year comes to an end we thank those members who responded to the Tax Back scheme for 2018. Income from the program will be an important source of income for the church during 2019.

We remind participants that we can only benefit from their participation if their contributions for the year have exceeded €250. Most participants have already exceeded that amount. If you are uncertain about your status you can request an update from Fr. Michael in confidence.

Blessing of Graves

St. Finbarr's Cemetery

Sunday 11th November - 2.30 pm



Lighting a candle in remembrance of the Dead during November.



The Cross in the sanctuary is an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of a deceased loved one.

Before you light the candle use one of the pens provided and inscribe the name of the person you are remembering on the space provided on the container. It's a personal gesture.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

What is the Children's Liturgy? The Gospel explained in a simple child friendly form, includes discussion, participation and an emphasis on the message of the Gospel.

When is it on? The first Sunday in the month 10.30am mass, except for the summer months, there are always signs at the front door and side doors indicating that it is on.

What age group is it for? All children are encouraged to attend, and parents are also welcome to stay if they would like to.

Where is it on? In room 9 across from the Sacristy.

Do the children return to Mass? Yes, at the end of the prayers of the faithful, during the collection.

SMA 2019 Calendar is now on sale in the Mass Office. Cost €3.

Bishopstown Community Association Ltd., will hold it's AGM in Wilton Park House, on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 8.00pm. All welcome.



THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prisoners' Sunday 11th November 2018

The selfless generosity of the two women in today's readings is but a sign of God's generosity in giving himself in his Son, Jesus Christ. We too are called to give all that we have and trust that God will look after us.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation
for your people:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us...Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of Kings
Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when
he reached the city gate, there was a widow
gathering sticks; addressing her he said,
'Please bring a little water in a vessel for
me to drink.' She was setting off to bring

it when he called after her. 'Please' he said,
'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As
the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no
baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar
and a little oil in a jug; I am just
gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this
for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall
die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go
and do as you have said; but first make a little
scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then
make some for yourself and for your son. For
thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her
and they ate the food, she, himself and her
son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug
of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold
through Elijah.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 145:7-10

**R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.
or Alleluia!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. [R]

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. [R]

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God,
from age to age. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-
made sanctuary which was only modelled on
the real one, but it was heaven itself, so that
he could appear in the actual presence of God

on our behalf. And he does not have to offer
himself again and again, like the high priest
going into the sanctuary year after year with the
blood that is not his own, or else he would have
had to suffer over and over again since the
world began. Instead of that, he has made his
appearance once and for all, now at the end of
the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing
himself. Since men only die once and after that
comes judgement, so Christ too, offers himself
only once to take the faults of many on himself,
and when he appears a second time, it will not
be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation
those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die,
says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give
you the crown of life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44 (or **12:41-44)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the
scribes who like to walk about in long robes,
to be greeted obsequiously in the market
squares, to take the front seats in the
synagogues and the places of honour at
banquets; these are the men who swallow the
property of widows, while making a show of
lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the
sentence they receive.'

**He sat down opposite the treasury and
watched the people putting money into the
treasury, and many of the rich put in a great
deal. A poor widow came and put in two
small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then
he called to his disciples and said to them,
I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put
more in than all who have contributed to the
treasury; for they have all put in money they
had over, but she from the little she had has
put in everything she possessed, all she had
to live on.**

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name,
for our good and the good of all his holy
Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion
of your Son, we may honour it with loving
devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where
he gives me repose, near restful waters
he leads me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

