

Parish Of Haggardstown and Blackrock

Church of St. Furszy & Church of St. Oliver Plunkett

Parish Team

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Parish Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council of Haggardstown and Blackrock is to be a faith group that aims to promote the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ within our parish community. Recognising the diversity of our parish community, we commit to do this by reaching out in an open and compassionate way.

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council plan and vision is to focus its energies on the following areas:

1. Reaching Out, Community Building.
2. Faith Formation.
3. Liturgy.

Sunday Mass Times:

St. Oliver Plunkett's, Blackrock:

Saturday Vigil: 6:30pm
Sunday: 10am & 12 noon

St. Fursey's, Haggardstown:

Sunday: 9am & 11am

Weekday Masses:

St. Oliver Plunkett, Blackrock :
Mon-Sat: 10am

St. Fursey's, Haggardstown:
Mon-Sat: 9am

Av. Masses may be offered at any Mass. Months Mind Masses can be booked for Sundays at 11am in

St. Fursey's Church or 12 noon in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church. In case of an Anniversary booked the Mass will be shared

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Each Friday after 10.00a.m. Mass in St. Oliver Plunkett Church.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday at 6pm in St. Oliver Plunkett Church.

Novena Prayers

in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal are said at morning Masses each Monday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday in St. Fursey's Church, from 6pm until 7pm and on Friday in St. Oliver Plunkett's Church from 10am until 6pm.

Baptisms:

Arlo Maurice McArdle

Baptisms:

Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1st and 4th Saturday of each month in St. Fursey's Church at 5pm. On the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month in St. Oliver Plunkett Church at 5pm. Registration for Baptism must be given to either priest with a minimum of three weeks notice. All parents are encouraged to attend arranged Pre Baptismal Course.

Confession

Every Saturday at 6pm in St. Oliver Plunkett Church.

Marriage:

At least three months notice must be given to the Priests of the Parish.

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Liturgy of the Word.

First Reading. (Jer 17:5-8)

The prophet pictures the person who trusts in the Lord as a tree that flourishes, securely yielding lots of fruit.

Second Reading. (Cor 15:12. 16-20).

Paul answers the people at Corinth who doubt the resurrection, by affirming that our whole Christian faith is based on the fact that Jesus is risen.

Gospel. (Lk 6:17. 20-26).

Jesus announces that God is actively present in the situations where human beings acknowledge their dependence.

Reflection

Those who trust in God are like a tree planted by the waterside.

Such a tree has no worries in time of drought; its foliage stays green, and it never ceases to bear fruit.

Lord, give us the kind of trust in you that will sustain us in times of difficulty, that will make our lives fruitful, and that will keep our hope unfading.

The Season of Lent: Commences on Ash Wednesday 6th March.

Ash Wednesday is a day to pause at the crossroads, and allow the grace of God invite us to love and change in our lives a day to look at the gospel map of life and a promise to do that for a few weeks. May one not fear change, change us so that we are more alive to God and the gift of life, and willingly to serve God more wholeheartedly in life.

Unbound: a Ministry of Deliverance, Freedom, and Belonging: The 12 supported by the Irish School of Evangelisation will host this conference in Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre, Newry on Sat 9th and Sun 10th March from 9a.m. to 6p.m. Presenters: Matt Lozano & Miriam Wright from Heart of the Father Ministry U.S.A. Mass will be celebrated both days. Fee £45/€50. Contact Clare on 087-2292683 or 00353229283.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019:

The Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place on the 16th to 21st May 2109 incl. The cost is €740 per person sharing (single room supplement applies). This includes transport to and from Dublin Airport, flights and Full Board accommodation in Lourdes. Dundalk Lourdes Committee have a number of Assisted Pilgrim places available for those within our locality who may be eligible for our Assisted Pilgrim Programme, Assisted Pilgrims include parents and sick children and those with special needs, people living with chronic conditions, those living with terminal diagnosis and older Infirm members of our community.

Further details, Booking Forms and Initial Medical Assessment Forms are available from St. Patrick's Parochial House, Mon to Fri 2.15p.m. to 5.15p.m

The Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission (AYDC): will be leading young pilgrims, aged 15-18, at a reduced rate of €600 per person, part of which can be fundraised. For more details and booking please visit www.armaghdiocese.org/youth-lourdes-2019/

Parish Offertory Collection 9th/10th Feb: €3,597.00.

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a contact name and telephone number. All notices must be left in by Wednesday evening at 6p.m. to be included in the bulletin

World Youth Day in Panama 2019 Personal Experience

In January of 2019 I attended World Youth Day with the much appreciated support of Haggardstown and Blackrock Parish. I was in a group of 30 people from the Archdiocese of Dublin. It was a faith forming experience which will stay with me forever.

We flew into Tocumen Airport at 9pm on the 18th of January after 24 hours of travel. We were all exhausted after the flight and the 28 degree heat and humidity hit us. Everyone squashed into the back of a mini bus and set off towards the Parish of Santiago Apostol where we would be staying for the next 2 weeks.

The welcome we received when we arrived was unrivalled in my experience. An incredible array of colours, music and dance. The Parish's community life is centred around their church. The families welcomed us into their homes with open arms and smiles on their faces. The language barriers meant nothing to them and they couldn't do enough for us, waving at us in the streets, introducing us to their culture and sharing what they had with us, which, in some cases was little. We encountered Jesus everywhere through these kind people, who clearly strove to live the Gospel message, inspiring us to do the same.

The messages we received from Pope Francis and the different members of the clergy, were a central part of the experience.

The opening ceremony was a joyous celebration of our shared faith and the inspiring message from Archbishop Ulloa of Panama, reminded us all that we are the protagonists and the future of the Church, "We believe in you. We hope in you", he said. "The change and transformation that humanity and the Church requires are in your hands". These words were incredible to hear, strengthening our drive and hope to spread the Word of God and giving us the power to do so.

At the opening Mass with Pope Francis, we were encouraged to embrace our differences and let them unite us in our faith, never letting go the fact that we are all the same, united in the truth of Christ. and Pope Francis encouraged us to follow Mary's "Yes" to God, and say "yes" to letting Jesus into our lives.

The theme of this World Youth Day was "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38)

During World Youth Day itself, Panama City was alive with young people of different cultures from across the world. It was uplifting to meet so many young people of faith from all over the world who were there to share the same experience. In our Parish we had catechesis with Australians, New Zealanders, Americans and Filipinos each morning, where we could share our experiences of our faith in our communities with different people. We were all shocked at how similar some of our experiences were but it was these connections and bonds which made World Youth Day such an Incredible experience for me. WYD finished with the Vigil on the night of Saturday the 26th and it was, without doubt, the highlight of the entire pilgrimage. We walked for 3 hours from where we were staying to the vigil site and along this road the Panamanian people were out in their droves to see us off, some welcoming us into their home to give us water. That night we slept alongside 600,000 other young pilgrims. We spent the evening in song and joy, meeting new friends and celebrating our Faith.

World Youth Day was a once in a lifetime experience for me and I really cannot imagine anything rivalling it. It is something I would recommend to any young Catholic.

Anna Brosnan.

Anam Cara Armagh: the organization that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wed 27th Feb at 7.20p.m. in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh. The is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tues 26th Feb or Tel 028-95213120.

Bereavement Support

One to one Bereavement Support confidentiality assured. Appointment not Necessary. (no cost involved)

Time: Thurs morning 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m.

Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk.

Enquiries 042-9336393 from 10a.m.-2p.m.

Requiescant in Peace: Nora Warren-Larkin, Mount Avenue. Jack Farrell, Glasnevin, Dublin.

Anniversaries and Memoriam Masses

St. Fursey's Haggardstown			St. Oliver Plunkett's Blackrock		
Sun. 17 th	9a.m.	Michael, Maria & Peggy Smith. & Mary & John McGee and Thomas Pepper.	Sat. 16 th	6.30p.m.	Pat, Patsy & Maureen Hughes.
	11a.m.	Alec Fennell. M.M. Rose Hodgers.	Sun. 17 th	10a.m.	_____
Mon. 18 th	9a.m.	_____		12 noon.	Padriag Herr & Brian Britton. M.M. Kitty Carroll.
Tues. 19 th	9a.m.	Joseph & Margaret Sands.	Mon. 18 th	10a.m.	_____
Wed. 20 th	9a.m.	_____	Tues. 19 th	10a.m.	_____
Thurs. 21 st	9a.m.	_____	Wed. 20 th	10a.m.	_____
Fri. 22 nd	9a.m.	_____	Thurs. 21 st	10a.m.	_____
Sat. 23 rd	9a.m.	Eileen Kearney.	Fri. 22 nd	10a.m.	_____
Sun. 24 th	9a.m.	Owen, Nancy & Catherine Darcy.	Sat. 23 rd	10a.m.	Dr. Patrick & Therese Kieran. Jack & Ethel Davidson.
	11a.m.	Tom & Sheila Walsh. M.M. Briega Treanor.		6.30p.m.	
			Sun. 24 th	10a.m.	Rose Lysaght.
				12 noon.	Ben Daly.

