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## BAPTISMS DATES

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From September 2018 the normal monthly dates for Baptism are:

**Church of the Assumption, Garristown**

Every second Saturday at 1:30pm

Every fourth Saturday at 1:30pm

For your information, Baptisms are also available in:

**Church of the Nativity, Naul**

Every first Sunday at 1:30pm

Every third Sunday at 1:30pm

Please note One Month's Notice must be given for Baptisms. Parents requesting baptism for their baby must first contact **Fr. Derek on 087 1911 902 or by email: pagnr44@gmail.com**. A completed Baptismal Registration Form & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required to book a Baptism.

**Baptisms already booked before 1st July 2018 are not affected by this new schedule.**

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## CONFESSION TIMES

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Please check local church notice board, or by request after Masses

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## MASS TIMES

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CHURCH	SUNDAY MASS	HOLY DAYS
Church of the Assumption, Garristown	10:30 am	10:30 am
Church of St. Joseph, Ballymadun	Sat Vigil 6:00 pm	Vigil 6:00 pm
Church of the Nativity of Our Lady, Naul	12:00 pm	12:00 pm
Church of St. Canice's, Damastown	Sat Vigil 7:00 pm	Vigil 7:00 pm
Church of the Assumption, Ballyboughal	10:00 am	10:00 am
St. Brigid's Church, Rolestown	Sat Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 11:00 am	Vigil 7:00 pm 11:00 am
Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Oldtown	9:00 am	9:00 am

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## CEMETERY BLESSINGS

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Sunday 29th July at 3.00pm Ballymadun Cemetery  
Wednesday 15th August at 8.00pm Garristown Cemetery  
Sunday 5th August at 6.30pm Grallagh  
Wednesday 15th August at 6:45pm Ballyboughal  
Sunday 2nd September at 6.30pm Naul  
Sunday 7th October at 4:00pm Hollywood

# Parish Community of Garristown



## & Ballymadun

### PARISH NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2018

#### *Dear Parishioner,*

It is just over six months now since Archbishop Diarmuid Martin gave me the role of Moderator for Garristown, Naul, and Rolestown. At this stage, I can see much more clearly the extent of the challenge of my appointment across the three parishes - as it is currently, actively involving five of the churches, and gradually evolving to involve all seven churches.



Along with the challenge, after these first six months, I now begin to feel and see the possibilities. I am grateful for the warm welcome, the real kindness, and the great support I have received from so many people. I am looking forward to soon being able to finally move in fully to Garristown when the work, now just about to begin on the parochial house, is completed.

The provision of a parish office and secretary over the coming months will be crucial, both as an administrative support to my own overall task and to the pastoral mission we all share. This will also be of enormous service and benefit to the Garristown and Ballymadun parish community, and in time to the wider pastoral area.

I know I do need the help and support of everyone in the parish community, not least in providing a regular income for the parish's day to day running, and ongoing maintenance costs. The launch of our new parish family offering collection will help us in this way. I feel sure that with your support, and in our working and praying together, we can look forward to many positive, fruitful and exciting developments in the life of the parish.

Thank you, and God bless,  
**Fr. Derek Farrell**  
Co-PP & Moderator  
087 1911902

## NEW FAMILY OFFERING COLLECTION

Over recent weeks we have had speakers at Masses, both in Ballymadun and Garristown churches, explaining the financial situation in the Parish.

We heard that to sustain the day to day running of the Parish the income needs to exceed €34,000 a year. Last year the income was €3,150, and this was shrine income. So now, on Sunday 1st of July, we will launch our new Family Offering Collection.

Regarding this, Jackie Hayden from the Finance Secretariat says: "Across the Dublin Diocese around 50% of the family offering collection comes in by way of standing order. This is the most efficient and convenient way of contributing to your parish. And as a parish contributor, you will receive an annual receipt for all monies paid into the parish."

Thank you to all who have already responded by signing up for a weekly envelope or for a monthly standing order. This is a very positive start, and as we steadily progress we continue to warmly encourage and thank you all for your support.

Fr. Derek Farrell, Moderator.



**The Parish Family Offering Fund** is the most important source of funding for the parish. The salaries of parish employees, the office expenses, on-going repairs and improvements to the church, candles, altar bread, altar wine, missalettes, books and many other expenses are paid for totally from the Shrines and Parish Family Offering Fund. The launch of our new parish Family Offering Collection will be vital to ensuring the smooth running of the parish. If you sign up for the offering, you will receive a box of envelopes which you will bring to Mass each week and put in the collection. You will also have the option of taking a Standing Order Form which is available from the church or by contacting Fr. Derek. We urgently need to address our financial situation so that we can continue to keep up the high standards of maintenance that you have put into our churches and also be able to plan new initiatives in the future.

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance committee working with Fr. Derek have spent the past couple of months reviewing parish finances. It was a broad process and included the production of a historical Income & Expenditure account covering the last 16 years. Over the past couple of years, the Diocese has taken over the compilation of our annual parish accounts. Importantly, from now on these accounts will be published publicly and available to all parishioners. New and better regulation will mean that parish finances will be fully transparent and subject to scrutiny.

These are times of great change for the Church and our parish needs to act now to meet these challenges. We have the ability and community here to do that, and funding will be a significant part of the challenge.

We are delighted to see the strong support shown by the number of parishioners who have already signed up for the new Family Offering collection launched recently and we encourage everyone to build on this momentum over the coming weeks.

Stiofán Nutty, Chairperson,  
Garristown Parish Finance Committee

## SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS - ALL ARE WELCOME!

This year 20 years ago, the Parish received a kind bequest from Garristown parishioner, James Rooney RIP, who died in December of that year, 1998.

In line with his wish for the bequest, and in cooperation with his family and the Parish Pastoral Council, a new statue will be unveiled and blessed at Mass in **Garristown Church at 8:30pm on August 15th**, the Parish Feast day, the Feast of the Assumption.

Coinciding with preparations for the World Meeting of Families a week later, the statue of The Holy Family will commemorate the visit of Pope Francis to Dublin for the WMOF2018 event.

Also with help from this bequest, a return of the restored Holy Family statue to **Ballymadun Church will take place at the 6:00pm evening Vigil Mass, on Saturday 1st September.**

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from **21-26 August 2018**, guided by the theme "*The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*".

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments:

- **21 August** a National Opening of WMOF2018, which will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland.
- **22 - 24 August** a three-day Congress held in Royal Dublin Society (RDS), Dublin.
- **Saturday 25 August** a Festival of Families held in Croke Park Stadium,
- **Sunday 26 August** WMOF2018 will close with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Phoenix Park that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

### PAPAL MASS TICKETS FOR OUR PARISH GROUP

We as a parish have been successful in booking tickets and coaches for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August. Please note there will be a walk of approx. 7 km and everyone is advised to bring a fold-up chair and lunch. We are not taking any more bookings through the parish & will have more information over the coming weeks.

