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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	11:00 am
Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Oldtown	9:00 am	9:00 am

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## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

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A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the newsletter as policies are put in place.

# Parish Community of Garristown



# & Ballymadun

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

*Dear Parishioner,*

I would first like to thank Brackenstown Parish Office and their Secretary Louise Donnelly for such kind support in producing this special edition 'Parish Newsletter'. 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.

I am delighted to announce that, 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 on August 15th, the Parish Feast day, the Feast of the Assumption. (Mass time to be announced soon).

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 WMF event.

Also with help from this bequest, a return of the restored Holy Family statue to Ballymadun church will take place over the summer, the exact date and time to be announced soon.

I am looking forward to these special events, and invite you to share in them too. I am sure James Rooney, RIP will be well remembered for his generous gesture, at both events.

Our remembrance of the dead at the annual Cemetery Blessings is an important tradition of course that continues locally this year with prayers services on the following dates:

**Sunday 29th July at 3.00pm Ballymadun Cemetery**

**Wednesday 15th August at 8.00pm Garristown Cemetery**

**Sunday 8th July at 3:30pm Rolestown 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**

*Fr. Derek.*

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## NEW FAMILY OFFERING COLLECTION

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Over the past two weeks we have had speakers at Mass, 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. So far, pre-launch, the number who have already signed up for the new Family Offering collection is:

*Weekly Envelope: 15 Families*

*Standing Order: 11 Families*

Other parishioners have indicated they will confirm this weekend their preference for standing order or weekly envelope.

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, bread, 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 and when you complete it, please post it back to Fr. Derek in the stamped-addressed envelope supplied. 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. 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.

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## A WORD FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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. What we found was that funds, raised by the sale of parish properties, had been spent on a number of capital projects including extensive work on Ballymadun Church and Garristown Church. In addition, the money has funded the running of the parish over 16 years as the family envelope collection had ceased.

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 this Sunday July 1st, and we encourage everyone to build on this momentum over the coming weeks.

*Stiofán Nutty, Chairperson,  
Garristown Parish Finance Committee*

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## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

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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. Tickets are still available online on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

