

Youth

A youth council was recently formed in the parish. The young people who make up this council will have responsibility for making the parish more youth-friendly. Already a number of young people are involved in helping supervise the youth evenings which take place on Tuesday in the Church hall. From 6.15 to 7.45 the hall is open for youth in p6-p7 to come in and have some fun. Various games are available to them as well as arts and craft, working with computers, a sound system and learning to play the guitar.



The Hallowe'en party

From 8.00pm to 9.30 the hall is open for S1 to come and make the space their own. The older youth who help with the supervision are also getting involved in other aspects of parish life: some are helping with SPRED while others are getting involved with Children's Liturgy. A sizeable number have expressed an interest in going to the next World Youth Day that is to be held in Rio De Janeiro in 2013. As well as fund raising events, the youth council will also be organising a Youth Mass which will take place on Sunday 22nd January 2012 at the 5.30pm Service.

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The Latest

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Man on a Mission

Parish Mission

It is a number of years since we have had a mission in the parish, so this Advent as part of our preparation for the Celebration of Christmas and as part of our on-going renewal as a parish we are going to have a mission.

This is a great opportunity to really get to know the love of God in a new way.

One man in his seventies said he had been going to Mass every Sunday since he was seven, but at the Mission he attended his life changed when he personally met Jesus.

A fifteen year old girl who attended a Mission said for the first time in her life she not only knew God was real but that he loved her.

This is an opportunity for you to experience or strengthen Christ's love for you whether you are five or ninety-five; Christ wants to touch your heart.

About the Mission

The Mission will be led by a team of people from Ireland. They are part of a lay community named after St. Patrick who work to promote the Gospel in parishes and schools.

John Pridmore, the founder of the community, has written three books. The first is an autobiography of his own spiritual journey from Gangland enforcer to someone who has dedicated his life to giving hope to others after his conversion experience. His other books talk of God's presence with us in our everyday life, in our struggles and our joys. He has been interviewed on BBC, ITV, TV3, UTV, American TV and numerous newspapers and radio shows.

They will speak at the Masses on the weekend of Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December to introduce themselves and then on the evenings of Monday to Friday at 7.30pm they will lead us in prayer and reflection with the following programme:

Night 1: Monday 5th December - God's Love
The amazing story of John Pridmore

Night 2: Tuesday 6th December - God's Mercy
A chance to meet Jesus personally

Night 3: Wednesday 7th December - God's Healing
Healing service (miracles abound)

Night 4: Thursday 8th December - God's gift of Mary
The love of Mary for us

Night 5: Friday 9th December - Mass of the Holy Spirit
The most powerful prayer of the Catholic Church

Each morning during the week, the team will be at the Morning Masses giving talks, testimonies and music.

Please say this prayer daily for the success of the Parish Mission:

Heavenly Father,
We pray that our Parish Mission may be a time of grace and renewal for all.
We ask you to bless all the families in our Parish especially those who are experiencing difficulties.
Bless the old, the young, the poor, the sick, the unemployed and those in sorrow or despair.
Help us dear Lord to grow in faith and love of you.
Amen