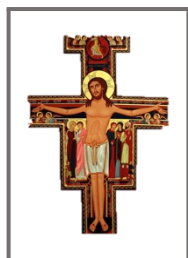


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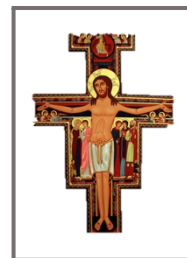
Parish Notices – 23rd/24th of September 2023



MASS INTENTIONS

6.00pm:

9.30am



11.30am: Freddie Cleary R.I.P Birthday Remembrance and Anniversary, also remembering his wife Mary and daughter Teresa R.I.P.
Thomas Treacy R.I.P Months Mind.

Parish Centre Update

As you may know the Parish Centre was broken into again at 3.30am on Tuesday 19th of September. There was also an attempted break in the previous Thursday morning at 5.30am. A lot of damage was done and windows have to be replaced.

The Parish Centre Management Team met on Wednesday and it was decided to put shutters on the ground floor windows and doors. This is something we have always been reluctant to do however we feel there is no alternative at this time.

As you know shutters are very expensive and the initial quote was in the region of €20,000. We have to raise this money ourselves. We began an online campaign the other day and so far we have raised €550.00 towards the costs. Thank you so much to those who have donated.

How can we realistically raise such a sum of money?

1. I have made contact with the Diocese to see if we can benefit from a grant. They have advised that a small grant may be available however we have to compete for this and it may not be given.
2. We plan to hold a Gospel Choir Concert in the Church on the 19th of November with tickets at €10 each and a prize raffle. All proceeds from this will go to the shutters.
3. We have approached local Councillors to see if we can get any support from the City Council. As yet, nothing has emerged.
4. We ask our parishioners and those who use the Centre to contribute to the cost either by a direct donation or by a special collection in the Church.

Raising this amount will not be easy especially in a short time frame. Due to the persistent break ins and vandalism, we need to have the shutters installed as soon as possible.

I want to say a sincere word of thanks to all who rallied once again to help in the aftermath of the break in. In particular to say thanks to Rory Burford, Noel Garland, Natalie and Edel, the Parish Centre Management Team, the Parish Pastoral Council, Coolock Gardaí, Northside Glass, our neighbours on Clonshaugh Drive and all those who sent messages of support to us. Thank you.

If you have any ideas that could help, please let us know. Thanks as always for your support.

Fr Martin

BEREAVEMENT CAFE: Our bereavement cafe recommences on 11th of October at 1.30pm-3pm . This is a confidential and welcoming space for those who have experienced grief and loss. All are very welcome!

SATURDAY MORNING SPIRITUALI-TEA

Join us for some Saturday Morning Spirituali-tea (Faith formation with a cuppa) in the Parish Centre from 11am to 12pm.

30 Sept - Lourdes. All are welcome.

