



# St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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**Staff of the Pro-Cathedral** - Very Rev Damian F. Canon O'Reilly, Adm.,  
Monsignor Francis Walsh, P.C., Fr Brendan Staunton, SJ, P.C.,  
Sr. Patricia Somers, RSC (Parish Sister)

## Mass Times

**Monday to Friday** - 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m.,  
11 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.

**Saturday** - 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.45 p.m.  
and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*) - (Cantor & Organ)

**Sunday** - 10 a.m. (*St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir*)  
11 a.m. (*The Palestrina Choir*), 12.45 p.m. (Cantor & Organ)  
& 6.30 p.m. (*Pro Nuova Music Group*)

*Pro-Cathedral closes immediately after Evening Mass*

## Confessions

**Monday to Friday** - After 8.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m. Mass

**Saturday** - From 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.15  
to 2.15 p.m.

**Penitential Service** last Saturday of each month at  
11.30 a.m.

**Italian Mass**—second Sunday of every month at  
3 pm in St. Kevin's Oratory.

**Thank You** - weekend 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>May - First Collection (*Priests'*) €1,215. Second Collection (*Share*) €815

## **National Church Collection for the Support of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place this weekend 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May (*replaces Share Collection*)**



Pope Francis has decided that the World Meeting of Families will be held in Dublin on 22 to 26 August 2018, with the theme "*The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*".

"The World Meeting of Families in Dublin will hopefully be a festival of witness to the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The vocation of Christian couples, supported by the Sacrament of Marriage, is a call to witness to that love and to experience the joy of bringing the love of Jesus to those who are troubled and challenged," said Archbishop Martin.

In 2018, the 9th World Meeting of Families is expected to attract thousands of Catholic families from around the globe to Ireland. It is hoped that this very special pastoral initiative will present all of us in the Church with the opportunity, and the challenge, to renew, support and strengthen Irish families in their commitment to their faith.

Hosting a global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay on behalf of the host country. Accordingly, our bishops have now established a National Finance Committee to provide advice on the financial planning for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. **To support the hosting of the event we intend to hold three national church collections, the first of which will take place on the weekend of 28–29 May.** The remaining collections will take place in 2017 and 2018.

*Thank you for your support and generosity.*

## *We extend our Congratulations*

To the Boys and Girls from **Scoil Chaoimhin** who received their **First Holy Communion on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

To **Michael Byrne** who will be ordained a **Deacon** today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Michael was a Liturgical Assistant here in the Pro-Cathedral for many years.

To **Fr Dermot McCarthy**, former Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral and **Monsignor Francis Walsh**, Parish Chaplain here in the Pro-Cathedral who celebrated this week **50 years of Priestly Service.**

*We ask you to keep them all in your prayers*

## **Venerable Matt Talbot**

First Friday Novena Mass and prayers for healing will take place in **St. Agatha's Church, North William Street, Dublin 1 on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30 pm.** All are welcome. For further information please visit [www.matttalbot.ie](http://www.matttalbot.ie) or call 01 8554078.

The local **Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society** will do their **monthly collection** after all the Masses this weekend.