



# St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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**Staff of the Pro-Cathedral** - Fr Kieran McDermott, Adm., Sr. Patricia Somers, RSC (Parish Sister)  
Fr Brendan Staunton, SJ, (Parish Chaplain)

## Mass Times

**Monday to Friday:** 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

**Saturday:** 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)

**Sunday:** 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

## Confessions

Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Probably all of us have experience of "small town Ireland" (or wherever). The limited set of expectations limits what we can see and recognise in others. It may even be that we are both victims and perpetrators! Familiarity does not always breed esteem. This is even true in the faith: we can be so "familiar" with it all that any sense of energy or newness has long since dissipated. And yet, we should allow ourselves to be surprised by the God of surprises: "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5) This newness of the Gospel is more radical than mere novelty: it is a new creation in Christ. New wine, new wineskins!

## Prayer

*God of the new, help us shake off the shackles of familiarity and come once more with open hearts and lives to hear again your prophet Jesus. Amen.*



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of  
**Pat Treacy**  
who died during the week.

Pat was a member of the Choir Committee and Finance Committee here in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

We continue to keep Pat's wife Angela and all his family and friends in our prayers.

*May He Rest In Peace*

## Mass for World Day of the Sick

will be held

**on 10 February 2019**

**in Corpus Christi Church  
at 3.00pm.**



*All Welcome*

## ALPHA AT GARDINER STREET



This dynamic and heart-warming parish movement is coming to Gardiner Street **at 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**

*Find out more by calling Jacinta at 087 972 6182*

ALPHA is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God.

It is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over 11 weeks. Alpha is run all around the globe, in cafés, churches, schools, universities, homes, prisons – you name it. The sessions usually have three key elements: food, talk and discussion.

The first session begins at 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Coffee Room at St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street.

## Seeking Volunteers for Healthy Ageing Research at Trinity College Dublin

Researchers in Trinity College Dublin Institute of Neuroscience are looking for volunteers to take part in an exciting new study examining how grip strength training programmes influence various types of learning and could provide benefits for the brain as we age. They are looking for 50 healthy adults over the age of 66 who are right-handed. Participation involves approximately 8 hours commitment over the course of 4 weeks, with a short follow-up one month later. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Eimile Holton, School of Psychology Trinity College Dublin at [eholton@tcd.ie](mailto:eholton@tcd.ie) or call 085 8245898.

**Thank You 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection € 1,000 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection €645