

Church of the
Holy Redeemer



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Parish of the Holy Redeemer, Dundalk.

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15th August 2008. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Priests of the Parish: Fr. Padriag Keenan & Fr. Patrick Rushe.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to create a vibrant parish for the enrichment of all.

Learning and communicating with each other and,

energised by the Spirit of Pentecost,

we will work to build a spiritual community and witness to Jesus Christ.

Francis Coll, will be ordained priest in Armagh Cathedral at a ceremony at 3pm today Saturday 15th August. Francis, 57, is a native of Armagh City, and has been in formation for the priesthood for 5 years. Francis is a Chemistry graduate who, after some years lecturing, as a member of the Royal Society, worked with the 'Divine Word Missionaries' (SVD) order in Maynooth for a number of years before beginning his seminary studies. Francis has been a long-serving member of Saint Joseph's Young Priests Society, and will be the first priest ordained for the Archdiocese since 2005. The Ordination Ceremony is open to everyone. Please keep him in your prayers. Currently there are 5 others studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese. It is hoped that 3 more will begin in September.

Pastoral Areas.

Fr. Keenan: Woodland Park, Barton Park, Woodview Terrace, Oakland Park, Townspark, Marian Park, Ardee Road, St. Ronan's Terrace, Mounthamilton, (Ardee Road), Ballybarrack, Knockbridge Road, Patrick Tierney Terrace, Brickfield Close. Ard Easmuinn, Mount Ave.
Fr. Rushe: Ashling Park, Farndreg Estate, New Farndreg, Castleross, Lis Na Dara, Carrick Road, Mounthamilton Close, Willowgrove, Railway Terrace, Clan Chullain, Rockfield Gardens, Demesne Terrace, Cedarwood Park, Beechmount Drive.

Study Theology from Home

The Dominicans are offering a theology programme specifically for lay people, offered by distance learning. This means that one can study for a certificate, diploma or degree in theology and even more importantly, become more educated in the Faith, all from the comfort of home. **Contact:** .
Tel: 01 4048124/7 www.prioryinstitute.com

ABOUT THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS?

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 June) – Pope Benedict XVI launched a "Year for Priests" in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of St John Vianney (the Curé of Ars). St John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests and is renowned for his dedication to his priestly ministry through his care for his parishioners and passion for helping them rekindle the fire of their faith.

In launching this Year for Priests, Pope Benedict was not trying to exalt priests by having a special celebration for them. Instead, he said that it was "meant to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world."

This coming year then, is a call to all the priests of our diocese to a renewal of holiness, zeal for the Kingdom and commitment to pastoral ministry.

Please pray for us priests especially during the next 12 months; that we will be authentic witnesses to Christ, that we will have the courage to speak the truth in love and that we will be more closely identified with Christ.

Thanks for the wonderful prayerful, practical and emotional support we already receive from you. Let us continue to support each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. And in the words of that ancient intention: Oremus pro invicem! Let us pray for each other!

Further information about the year of priests can be found on www.vocations.ie/yearpriests



Mary's Prayer.

Religious art often shows Mary carrying a rosary in her hands. But it would not make sense for Mary to be saying "Hail Mary" - Our Lady never said the rosary-but it does make sense as her gift, something that prayerful people have developed over the centuries as a simple way of praying. The fingers can find comfort in passing the blessed beads through them. The rhythm of repetitive prayers releases the mind, and it can go in all sorts of directions: to designing clothes, to focusing on the needs of children, or of sick friends, or of some overwhelming concern, and asking God to hear our prayer; to reflecting on the mysteries of Jesus' life, as linked with the different decades; or to reflecting on joyful or sorrowful times in our own lives, trying to see how God was there, when at the time he may have seemed far away.

Even when our prayer becomes more silent and wordless, as we grow older, the rosary can still help. It still releases our mind because the telling of the beads becomes quite automatic. There are people who move from the reciting of the beads into a sort of prayer that no longer needs any thought or language. It has been called the prayer of simple regard, or the prayer of stupidity, or mystical prayer. Names do not matter. Prayer is, as the catechism used to define it, a lifting of the mind and heart to God, and for that the rosary is only a springboard. It is Mary' gift, to be used as it helps us.

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

In Greenore Golf Club

On Friday 4th September 2009

in aid of Parish Projects.

Sponsorship of a Green or Tee is €100

Entering & Sponsoring a four person team is €250

which includes: refreshments, meals, fees & prizes.

Any **individual, family, business or organisation** wishing to enter a team or give a donation towards sponsorship can do so by contacting the Parochial House.

Early booking in entering a team is advisable.

All notices for inclusion in the Parish Bulletin should be typed or written and submitted to the Holy Redeemer Parochial Hse by 6.00pm of Tuesday each week.