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Our own Anne Maybury will host a coffee morning on Tuesday the 12th September for St Francis Hospice. It will be hosted in the Community Centre between 10am & 12 noon. There will also be a raffle & goodies so please come along and show your support, many thanks.

Just a reminder that we will be having our first book club on Wednesday 13th September at 10.45 am in the Fr Dungan Room in the Pastoral Centre attached to St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown.

The book we are discussing is "The Heart of the Matter" by Graham Greene. Please have the book read in advance, and perhaps bring a copy along with you.

"Many thanks for your generosity with our Red Boxes. The total count so far this year comes to just over €2,050. This money goes towards projects associated with the up-keep and maintenance of our Church building."

REMEMBER TO TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE SPONSORS ON THE BACK.



A heartfelt thanks to our Hospitality group who hosted a superb farewell evening for Kevin, our Pastoral Worker, last Friday. As you know Kevin will be taking up a new appointment with the Cabra grouping of Parishes in mid September and we wish him well and send him on with our blessings. Kevin wishes to extend his gratitude to everyone who came to join him and his family to say farewell, for now, and is very grateful for the generous gifts and good wishes that he received. Our new Pastoral Worker; Mairin Keegan, will be joining us mid September and we look forward to working with her here in St. Brigid's.



These excellent photos are courtesy of our own John Danaher, many thanks John.



RETREAT FOR OUR READERS

The Readers annual retreat day will take place on Sunday October 8th in the Pastoral Centre. The speaker for the day will be Caroline Strattan.

If anyone would like to join the group of Readers for Sunday Masses, please give your name and phone number to our Parish Secretary or Sacristan. New readers will then be invited to join in the retreat day. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul are looking for people to join and become home visitation volunteers.

About 2.5-3 hours a week is the commitment needed. Full training given. All volunteers visit in pairs. For more information phone Joe Dolan 0877164073.

Next weekend, Sept. 16th & 17th, there will be a special collection for **CROSSCARE Community and Homeless services**. The collection will take place during the Masses. There will also be a speaker at all Masses from CROSSCARE. Thanks for your support.

Hartstown Community School evening class enrolments on Monday Sept. 11th at 7pm, Ph: 018209863 / www.hartstown-cep.com.

FAILTE ISTEACH: Check the notice board for details about upcoming English classes and conversational Irish. Ph 0879304535.

Spiritual Companionship.

The Parish is offering Spiritual Accompaniment as a means to explore where God is leading us. It's an opportunity to be yourself, to be listened to without judgment, to discover your true mission in life and to become whom God wants you to be. More information is available from Fr Mangan.

The African Chaplaincy of Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and cordially invites the general public to the following event: **Annual Harvest Thanksgiving** takes place at the National Show Centre, Cloghran Roundabout, Swords, on Sunday, 17th September at 12.30pm. This is an annual event whereby all the African Catholic faithful around the Archdiocese come together to worship God in praise and thanksgiving for His bountiful blessing of love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and protection in their lives. Further enquiries please contact: Fr. Cornelius Nwaogwugwu, CM, 0871467257, Mr. John Kingsley Onwumereh 0899642783.

St. Mochta's Parish Annual Golf Classic: This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on Friday 29th September in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Resort. If it is anything like our previous classics it will be a wonderful day. Our entry form and sponsorship forms will be available during the coming week. Thank you for your support. All of the proceeds this year will be going to support the repayments on our Parish Centre. For further enquiries contact: Fr. Paul: 01 8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342 or Rita Tighe: 087 2868065.

REFLECT: No community is without its problems. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be two or three different opinions! Today's gospel has a valuable message about community. When we think of our own parish or church community, we might feel uncomfortable with the advice on how to deal with sin. But this passage is just as relevant now as it was to the early Church. First of all, it acknowledges that the Church is not perfect; it is made up of sinners, who will go astray and disagree at different times. It emphasises the importance of dialogue – if a brother (or sister) sins, the first step is to discuss it with them, and then to enlist the help of the community if necessary. Presumably the other members will do the same for you, if and when you need it. We all have a responsibility, as members of the Church, to help those who are struggling or lost. If you have a spare few minutes, read the passages that come immediately before and after this one in Matthew's Gospel. Before, the parable of the lost sheep tells us that God rejoices when one who has gone astray is found. After, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other as many as seventy-seven times. The context is God's generous love and forgiveness, on which we are expected to model our Church. Jesus is present where two or three meet in his name – even with our human struggles and disagreements and sins. We have a responsibility to be present to each other, and to forgive one another. That's what it means to be Christ's Church.

Mass Intentions

Sept 10th

Sept 17th

Sat. 7pm	Christopher and Mary Nulty	Gerard Dromeay
Sun 9am	Paddy Hehir	Catriona Farrell
10.30am	Thomas Golden	Bart O'Brien
12 noon	Jimmy Fleming	Gabriel and Mary Durr
7pm	Peter and Kathleen Hughes	Thomas Reidy



READERS FOR SEPT 17TH

7pm: Marian Mc Caughley/ 9am: Margaret Keane / 10.30am: Carla Salvaleon / 12 noon: Kieran Kirrane/ 7pm: John Mc Nulty.

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