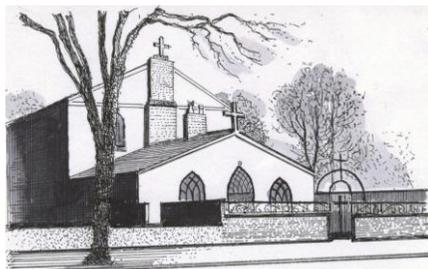


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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Harriet Ross
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Brian Hurley
Monday	7.30pm	Stephen Sherer
Tuesday	9.00am	June Traynor
Wednesday	9.00am	Private Intention
Thursday	9.00am	Private Intention
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Al & Pat Appleton
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	10.30 am	Elizabeth Engelberg

Novena No novena this week

Confessions No confessions until further notice

Meditation Meditation Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team F

Patricia Marsh, Brian Keeley Josie & Tom Simms

GENEROSITY

Once more I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of this parish. Once more you have given generously to the collections and I'm aware that there were two collections, one after the other. Yes, and generous to a fault with me personally and for this I am truly grateful. May God bless and reward you all. My niece sent me a plaque that said 'forgive me father for I have ginned'. How did she know about you all?

THANK YOU

I had a letter from Sr Michela thanking us. She said: 'I have no words enough to thank you for arranging everything so well for the mission appeals I had in your parish. The atmosphere of joy, peace, love and serenity I experienced there was fantastic. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to your parishioners for their warm welcome and extraordinary generosity towards our missionary work. I pray for you and I trust you pray for me.'

J&P GROUP

Our January meeting will be on Thursday 11th at 7.30pm in Portico Parish House. Everyone is welcome.

50 PLUS GROUP

The first meeting of the 50 Plus Group in 2018 will be next Wednesday 10th January at 2:00pm in St James' Church Hall.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND

The Irenaeus Project is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 11th and 20th June 2018. For the first part, staying in the Old City of Jerusalem and visiting all the Holy places. Then moving to Galilee and the areas associated with Jesus' ministry. There are a few places left on the Pilgrimage. The cost will be in the region of £1800 with a single room supplement. For further details contact The Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk. That is the pilgrimage I went on 18 months ago that had such a profound effect on me.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or maybe becoming a Catholic then read the message below. If you wish to find out more about our next programme for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching; please contact Fr. Dave as soon as possible with your name and details and stating your wish to find out more. The next course will be starting in the new year and the parish RCIA team will support participants as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church. The course reaches a wonderful conclusion when people are welcomed through baptism, confirmation and communion at the Easter Vigil. Even if you have received one or more of these sacraments before, and you wish to explore your faith more deeply let Fr. Dave know.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I keep thinking about the Christmas message God sent us through Rachel at the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. What a blessing to be reminded that if we see the wonder of the fairy tale we can take the future even if we fail... even if our church goes on fire. Yes we do have a dream, a song to sing to help us cope with anything. So true. And my destination makes it worth the while, pushing through the darkness, still another mile. It certainly had been DARK over the last seven months. May we never lose the wonder!