

Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South - Parish Notices - Sunday 18th June 2023

Parish Office: 01-4572900 Email: lucansouthparish@gmail.com Website: www.lucansouthparish.net Parish Priest: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Mass Times This Week

Monday to Friday 9.15am
Saturday 10.00am, 6.30pm
Sunday 10.30am, 12 noon

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Weds. 11th - 18th October 2023

Price: €795 per person sharing

Marian Pilgrimages 01-8788159

Good accommodation near St. James Church.
Freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day. Full religious programme. Group Leader: Tony Kelly, Spiritual Director: Fr Aidan Kieran.
Contacts: Tony Kelly 085-7535421,
Joan Ashbrook 087-7987682

Lucan South Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday 24th June - Bus Departs at 8.00am
Bus Ticket: €20 per person. Tea available in St. John's Rest. Please bring packed lunch.
Please book through the Parish Office

Adoration and Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 7.30pm Divine Mercy Adoration
Friday 1.15pm Adoration MMPH Cenacle
Friday 2 - 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration

Ordination to the Diaconate

Our parishioner, Norvil Caguioa, will be ordained a Permanent Deacon this weekend, Sunday 18th June at 3.00pm in the Church of Divine Mercy. We look forward to a wonderful celebration.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Food Bank

Divine Mercy Food Bank provides parcels of non-perishable food items to people who need the service. Food parcels can be collected from 11.00am—12 Noon on Mondays excluding public holidays. Donations of non-perishable food items are can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

Home Visits Holy Communion

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Church of Divine Mercy Bingo

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Contact Information

In these times of rising prices, if you wish to receive assistance from the St. Vincent De Paul Society:
SVP Dublin Office: 01-8550022 www.svp.ie

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

Special Mass for Young People

There will be a special Youth Mass on Sunday June 25th at 6.30pm here in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan South. All young people are welcome. There will be refreshments after Mass

Change of Saturday Evening Mass from July

From July, Saturday evening Mass will be at 6.00pm. This is to co-ordinate Mass times in the Lucan Partnership. From July, Saturday evening Masses in the Lucan Partnership will be as follows:

Divine Mercy, Lucan South	6.00pm
St. Mary's, Lucan	6.30pm
St. Patrick's, Esker	7.00pm*

(*Note: During the months of July, August and September, there will be no Saturday Evening Mass in St. Patrick's Esker.)

Lucan Partnership of Parishes: St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and Divine Mercy

The three catholic parish of Lucan comprising St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, and Divine Mercy are now formally in partnership. This new partnership arrangement is to foster greater co-operation and mutual support across the parishes. The Archbishop has now formalised such partnerships across the 200 parishes that make up the diocese of Dublin.

The falling number of priests poses great challenges, but also offers great opportunities. Lay people in the parishes are being invited to take on a range of ministries and tasks where a priest is not essential. This includes the preparation of families for Baptism, working with families at the time of bereavement, conducting prayer services in the home of the deceased and leading the graveside or crematorium prayers. Administrative tasks can also be delegated.

One of the challenges facing the parishes is providing preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, Communion and Confirmation. While in the catholic schools the religious education programme is taught as part of the curriculum, this is not the case for children attending non- catholic schools. The diocese has introduced a pilot programme across several parish partnerships, and the Lucan partnership has been invited to participate. This programme (Seeds of Faith) is to formulate a diocesan policy and a code of best practice to be implemented in all the parishes, to ensure that young people have adequate preparation for the Sacraments. A local committee has been formed across the three parishes and we look forward to taking the project forward.

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2024 in the Church of Divine Mercy will begin soon.

Fr. Philip Curran

Ordination of Norvil Caguioa as a Permanent Deacon

We offer warm congratulations to Norvil Caguioa, who will be ordained a Permanent Deacon this weekend in our Parish Church of Divine Mercy. Congratulations also to Norvil's wife Antonette, and their children Joseph, Naomi, Nori and Noah.

Norvil came to Lucan South parish in 2005. He began formation for the diaconate in 2018. He had to complete his studies for the diaconate while working full time as a clinical nurse manager, and of course being a busy husband and father.

The Parish and the Archdiocese are grateful that Norvil has generously offered himself to serve as a deacon in the parish and the diocese.

The deacon is called to be an effective visible sign of Christ who came to serve rather than to be served. Although the ministry of the deacon may be exercised on a part-time basis, he remains at all times a deacon and he is called, in his life-style, to reflect this. The ministry of the deacon is an expression of his being, as the documents say, an icon of Christ the servant. The areas of ministry which may be entrusted to deacons fall under three general headings: Altar, Word and Charity. He receives his mission from the Archbishop, and will be assigned to work as a member of a team, normally under the leadership of a parish priest. He is called to minister in close co-operation with priests and with members of the lay faithful who are entrusted with various ministries. Collaborative ministry is already a reality in very many parishes, especially with the development of Parish Pastoral Councils, family-mass groups, baptism teams, bereavement support groups etc. Deacons are not intended to replace lay ministers. On the contrary, in many places, they play a key role in the development and co-ordination of lay ministry. Neither are deacons intended to be "mini-priests," making up for a shortage of vocations. The Vatican Council was quite clear that, alongside the diaconate, the role of the ordained priesthood must continue to be fostered, because without the priest there is no Eucharist and without the Eucharist there is no Church.

Catechist for the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

In order to ensure that all our ministries are well prepared for, the Lucan Partnership has engaged the services of a parish catechist. Cathy Burke is a catechist with a background in voluntary parish work, in education and diocesan support work. Cathy will be organising and facilitating structures and opportunities for engagement in faith formation and faith education within the parish partnership. She comes highly recommended and we look forward to welcoming her.

Fr. Philip Curran