

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, GREENHILLS

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150 years



In Ireland

TWENTY SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

150 Years in Ireland

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), or Holy Ghost Fathers as they used to be known, is celebrating its 150th anniversary in Ireland this year.

■ Today the Spiritans are present in several continents including the Americas, Asia and almost all African nations. Provincial Fr Brian Starcken told *ciNews* that there are more than 300 members in the Irish Province of which 100 work abroad on the missions.

■ A highlight of the year will be on 28th October, the date of arrival of the first Spiritans in Ireland, when President McAleese will address the Congregation, on the *Contribution of Ireland to Mission*. The Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, will preside and preach at the Eucharist which follows.

■ On All Saints Day, 1st November 2009, Mass will be televised by RTÉ. It will come from the former Seminary Chapel in Kimmage, now Holy Spirit Parish Church.

■ November and December will see a series of lectures on aspects of the history and future of the Province. The Feast of the Congregation's co-founder, Venerable Francis Libermann, will mark the close of the celebrations in February 2010.

ST ANDREW'S CENTRE

ACTIVE AGE FESTIVAL

4 – 17 October 2009

Sunday 4 October

In St Paul's Junior School at 3pm: Mass – Blessing of the Sick – Light Refreshments will be served.

Monday 5 October from 3 to 8pm

Music – Song – Dance – Refreshments - in Greenhills Community Centre.

Wednesday 7 October from 8 to 10pm

Free Prize Bingo in Greenhills Community Centre.

Thursday 8 October from 3 to 6pm

Talent Competition – Refreshments - in St Paul's Junior School.

Tuesday 13 October from 2.30 to 8pm

Music – Entertainment – Refreshments – visit by Edenderry Club – in Greenhills Community Centre.

Thursday 15 October from 3 to 6pm

Competition Day: Arts – Crafts – Baking – Elegant Lady – Best Dressed Man – Afternoon Tea - in St Paul's Junior School.

Sat 17 October from 8 to 12 midnight.

Presentation Dance – Refreshments – Dancing Competition – in Greenhills Community Centre.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday next, 2 October, is the First Friday of the month. Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead. The sick and housebound will be visited on that day. **EXPOSITION** after 10am Mass until 12 noon.

FIRST SATURDAY: Saturday next, 3 October, is the First Saturday of the month with the usual devotions to Our Lady of Fatima with Mass at 10am.

SAMARITAN

ARE YOU LONELY OR IN DESPAIR?

Any person, young or old, who is troubled for whatever reason at this time, our message is: 'There is a Samaritan Volunteer ***always there for you***, who will be with you in your time of loneliness and despair'. Phone us Day or Night @ 1850 609090. Email: jo@samaritans.org

CASA OUTDOOR COLLECTION NEXT WEEK-END 3-4 October (Caring and Sharing Association) All donations are used to take handicapped and terminally ill people to Lourdes, run local social events, respite week-end breaks and many other projects. Please supply as generously as possible.

“IN THE LIGHT OF GOD”

SATURDAY EVENING FOLK GROUP

As we return on Saturday 26 September, we are urgently appealing again to those who attend our 6.30pm Mass or those who may be interested and can sing or play an instrument to consider joining our group. We need more members and there is no age limit; all we ask is that you would be prepared to arrive at the Church at 6pm to allow for practice before Mass begins. We need your assistance, and there is no need to be apprehensive, please come along and join us. For further details please see notices on the mobile boards at the back of the Church or contact Carmel at 4503146. We look forward to seeing you!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MONTHLY OUTDOOR COLLECTION THIS WEEK-END 26/27 September 2009 please support your local St Vincent DePaul Society



Conference with your usual generosity.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COMMITTEE URGENTLY require a **COLLECTOR** for **Millgate Drive**. If you can help us out please phone 4509191 Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm, and leave your contact details or call into the Sacristy

The Deep End - PS: I Thank You!

I came across a prayer some time ago that caught my attention. Can't remember where, but here's the prayer: *Dear God, we rejoice and give thanks for earthworms, bees, ladybirds and broody hens; for humans tending their gardens, talking to animals, cleaning their homes and singing to themselves; for the rising of the sap, the fragrance of growth, the invention of the wheelbarrow and the existence of the teapot, we give thanks. We celebrate and give thanks. Amen.*

In light of today's readings (Num 11:25-29; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48) that prayer makes me ask how often I give thanks to God for the fine things that others do – especially if they seem to be muscling in on my turf. Jealousy is often quicker off the mark than generosity. But not always.... In today's readings Moses and Jesus wish that everyone be filled with God's Spirit. The more that Spirit is active in our world the better. It doesn't matter through whom the Spirit works. Criticising someone for doing good is like telling the Holy Spirit whom he may work with. Now that would be arrogant. In 1 Cor 13:4 Paul writes: '... love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude'. If we love it will not be as an afterthought, as a PS: I love you. If we are happy to acknowledge God's freedom to do as he wishes and choose whom he will for his purpose then neither will our thanks be a mere afterthought, a PS: I thank you!

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