

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, GREENHILLS

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Weekdays 8am,10am.

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1st Collection for Clergy Support

2nd Collection (Share) for Diocesan Development & Administration

2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday next, 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day of Obligation.. Mass times are as follows:



Tuesday 5 January Vigil Mass at 8pm:
Wed. 6 January 8am: 10.30am: 8pm.

AN INVITATION to all parents who had babies baptised here in our Church in 2009 to bring them to a special celebration of the Eucharist on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on **Sunday next 10 January 2009 at 12 noon. Please join us.**

6TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF PEOPLES
Come and join in celebrating the gifts of



those who have made Ireland their new home in a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the Pro-

Cathedral on Epiphany Day—**6 January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.**

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS

SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING will take place on **Tuesday 5 January 2010** in the Conference Room after the 10am Mass. All are welcome

BE AT HOME IN YOUR OWN SKIN

Saturday January 9

If you are one of those people who find it hard to like yourself, then you may be helped by the **DAY FOR YOURSELF** in **Orlagh on Saturday, January 9** that will be led by Fr. John Byrne OSA and Dr. Bernadette Toal. The theme for the day is **Owning Your Identity and Believing that God Loves You**. The day runs from 10 am to 4.30 pm with the opportunity for Mass at 4.30. The cost of the day is €50 (including a full lunch) To book for this event contact Fr. John Byrne OSA, Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Tel (01) 495 8193. Email info@orlagh.ie

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to

the families, relatives and friends of the late Jim Finn, Tibbradden Grove, Greenpark, and Gertie Sargent, St Brendan's Crescent, who died recently. May they rest in peace.



FR DENIS McMANUS &

FR EDWARD BUCKLEY CSSP:



We offer our deepest sympathies to the families, relatives, confrères and friends of Fr. Denis McManus CSSp and Fr Edward Buckley CSSP

who died during the past week.

May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS DUES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are in the process of posting out acknowledgements to our parishioners in respect of Christmas Dues received. If you do not have a Dues Envelope they are available on the tables at the back of the Church. If you include your name and address with your Dues we will acknowledge same. As always your continued kindness to us is very sincerely appreciated.

Born of God

The United States eased restrictions on sex selection of embryos in 2001. Since then 'medical tourism' for 'family balancing' has increased. The total cost of procedures, travel and accommodation to ensure the birth of a baby of the desired sex can reach €23,000. Today's Second Reading (Eph 1:3-6, 15-18) tells us that God chose us – even before the foundation of the world – to be holy and blameless before him. That's God's choice and our calling regardless of our sex. When being male or female becomes more important than being a person then we've lost the run of ourselves. As we evolve, and hopefully mature, on this planet and learn to control Nature more and more the challenge is to allow God to be God in our lives, i.e., to leave things in God's hands, to use an old-fashioned expression. Maybe even to leave anything in God's hands. Why should we, when ours can do what we want them to do? Apart from the moral issues involved in so much invasive procedure and its consequences where fertility and birth are concerned, such



as the fate of embryos who don't pass muster to see the light of day, the more basic question of whether we should accept life as it comes arises. There's no easy yes or no to that.

But as people of faith we note that while Jesus' birth was not without planning, his life was without calculation.

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Greenhills Community Centre, Dublin 12

Enrolments-

Mon 11 Jan 2010 from 11-12 noon in the Concert Hall

Classes start on Tuesday 12 January
Time 10am – 12 noon.

Beginners welcome to all classes.

Tue Class – 12 Jan 10am-12 noon

Art with Debbie
Singing in Harmony



Wed Class – 13 January

Tai Chi with Stuart 9.30-11.30am
Irish with Mary 10am-12 noon.

Thurs Class – 14 Jan. 10am – 12 noon

Dancing with Sheila

Art with Debbie

Computer classes starting 14 Jan 10-12

Healthy Eating 14 Jan. 10-12 noon.

Please contact Nora @ 4504595 for further information



SAMARITANS

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

Thought for the Day...

"A friend is someone who sees through you and still enjoys the view".....Wilma Askinas