

Together In Faith

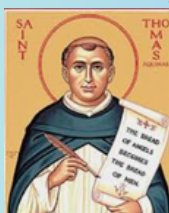
Autumn and Back to School

The beginning of each school year continually deserves some thought and consideration. A new school year gives us a chance to examine our own maturity and make some new goals. As this new school year begins it gives a chance to look at the person we already are and who we would like to become.



Patron Saint of Students

Did you know that the Patron Saint of Students is St. Thomas Aquinas? He is a very famous theologian and doctor of the church, another title linked to St. Thomas is that of “angelic doctor” This is because of his purity of heart and the large amount of writings he did about angels. He is also the patron saint of pencil makers.



October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Why try taking up this prayer each day for October.



During the Summer Pope Francis presided at an Ordinary Consistory of Cardinals, which approved the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be made a saint. His Canonization will take place during the Jubilee year of Hope next year.



What Happened last Month...

In September we celebrated the St. John Paul II Awards, in Armagh Cathedral. It was a great event, many thanks to all participated in the evening.



Group of participants from the John Paul I awards



Bishop Michael Presenting one of Awards to a participant



Group of participants from the John Paul I awards



Archbishop Eamon Presenting one of Awards to a participant



In June the Drogheda Youth Group celebrated its one year birthday. A fantastic evening of celebration was had



Reflection

We are living in a time of great change and upheaval when the news is often troubling and upsetting. There is political and economic instability around the world and the images of war that fill our screens leave us worried about the future. Along with that many of the values we hold dear as Christians, particularly the sacredness of life, and the importance of marriage and the family, are often ignored, and many people belittle the importance of having faith in God.

It is, however, important for us to remember that people of faith have suffered many obstacles and challenges throughout history and it was often ordinary people who kept the faith alive. Prayers such as the rosary were crucial as families prayed it together for the strength to get through times of trouble and stress.

October is a month when we focus on the rosary and make an extra effort to say at least a decade every day. Pope Francis speaking about his own prayer life said that "the Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it is a prayer from my heart". The rosary has proven very effective over the centuries in bringing peace to communities and individuals. It is what we need at this time. So let us turn to the Our Lady of the Rosary in October to unite our divided world.



Bishop Michael Router

Quotes from the Saints

"Pray, Hope and Don't Worry. Worry is useless, God is Merciful and will hear your prayer" St. Pio

Youth Groups

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church
Drogheda, St. Peters Youth Group**
2nd Friday of the Month 5 pm to 6 30pm
Knockbridge Parish Hall
Starts back on October 9th 7:30pm to 8:30pm



Young Adults Group

Flamma Fidei Catholic Young Adults
Cloughreagh Parish,
Contact Rob for more info

Faith Formation Programme



Would you be interested in running a Formation Programme in your parish ?
If so we would highly recommend the Sycamore programme . Sycamore is informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives people the space to share ideas, explore beliefs and think about questions that really matter. For More information, contact Rob on 0832085877

Upcoming Events

The Relics of St. Bernadette will be visiting St Patricks Cathedral Armagh and St. Patricks Church Dundalk on the 19th and 20th of October respectively
Please check out the Diocesan website for more details....



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*power of one
Hail Mary!*

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