



The Pope's Visit



First of all, I would like to thank Anne McHugh and Jean Flanagan for their trojan work in preparing for the great event. Despite the wretched weather all who went to the Phoenix Park were most enthusiastic about it. It was great to see our parish choirs taking part in the Phoenix Park Mass also in the Festival of Families in Croke Park and at the Mass in the RDS. The weather certainly made it a pilgrimage, but didn't dampen the spirits!

The Pope had to face many difficult issues during his visit, which cannot have been easy for an 82-year old man. I hope that he will get the support he needs in dealing with these dreadful things.

I was inspired by the way he reached out to people, especially the sick, the needy and the children. Seeing him with Brother Kevin in Church Street, with the children in Knock, and the young people in the Pro-Cathedral was an example to us all.

Again, thank you all who participated in the days. Hopefully his visit will have a lasting effect.

Fr. Pat

Back to Reality!

I hope you are all refreshed after the beautiful summer and ready to go again. Our schools have just reopened, and our Parish groups are meeting again. We have changed our

Vigil Mass on Saturdays from 6pm to 5pm

I hope this does not inconvenience too many of you, but there is a 6pm Mass in St. John's, just down the road.

The overwhelming feedback I received was for the change.

Some parents with young children have suggested that we change the Sunday evening Mass from 6pm to 5pm. I will bring it up at the next Pastoral Council meeting (on Monday) and then consult the Sunday evening Mass congregation.

In the schools we have Parent Meetings planned for:

First Holy Communion -

Monday 10th September at 8pm

Confirmation -

Monday 24th September at 8pm

September is a time too when we hope to get volunteers to help in our Parish Community. My thanks to all who are helping already. Perhaps you will join us!

Volunteer Sunday is on 30th September

Coming up too is our

Wedding Anniversaries Mass on Sun.

14th Oct. for those celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries this year.

So, with batteries recharged, let us look forward in HOPE to the coming year.

Fr. Pat