

Halston Street Parish

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Novena of Grace

The annual Novena of Grace begins this coming Wednesday. The Novena Mass is at 7.30pm each evening except Saturday (7th) and Sunday (8th) when Masses are at their usual weekend times.

There will be no 7.30pm Mass in Church Street for the duration of the Novena.

This year the Novena will draw on the gifts and talents of some of the faith communities in the parish and we are delighted the **Romanian Greek Rite Catholic Community** and the **Brazilian Catholic Community** will lead a night each. Our key preacher is **Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap**. Mike is a very experienced missionary, chaplain and retreat leader and we are delighted that he will be with us this year. Also, this year we will have a **first-class relic of St Francis Xavier** each night and the **Mission Cross** on the final night. **Petitions can be dropped in the basket** at the back of the church each night.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to come and join us for the Novena.

Home Blessings

Thank you so much to everyone who welcomed us into your homes this week for the home blessings. It was such a privilege for us to be able to do this for you. If there are any homes that were not blessed and you would like to have them blessed, please let us know.

Church Flowers

A sincere thank you to all who have supported the Church flowers since last November. So many people have complimented them and how they enhance the beauty of our Parish Church. It is traditional that a Church doesn't have many flowers during Lent, but we will have two exceptions to this – the end of the Novena of Grace and the Confirmation. Plans are already in place for some beautiful displays for Easter.

NOVENA OF GRACE 2020

Halston Street Parish
4th to 12th of March

Theme: The Grace to love one another as Jesus loves us

Date	Novena Mass	Led by
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Fr Martin Bennett OFM Cap
Thurs 5th	7.30pm	Fr Patrick Flynn OFM Cap
Fri 6th	7.30pm	Fr Cory and the Greek-Romanian Catholic Community
Sat 7th	6.00pm	Fr Martin Bennett OFM Cap
Sun 8th	12.00pm	Fr Patrick Flynn OFM Cap
Mon 9th	7.30pm	Fr Severino and Brazilian Catholic Community
Tues 10th	7.30pm	Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap
Wed 11th	7.30pm	Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Fr Mike Burgess OFM Cap

The first Novena of Grace to be preached in Ireland was held in Halston Street Parish in 1712. The Parish has held a Novena of Grace every year for over 300 years. We invite you to join us for this year's Novena.

Confessions available before Mass each evening. Blessing with the cross of St Francis Xavier on the final night.

For more information contact 01 873 0675 or email halstonst@gmail.com

Flu Season

The Archbishop has advised all parish to be vigilant this flu season and has recommended that **parishes refrain from the sign of peace** for now. He has also advised people **to remain at home if they are feeling unwell** and that they have no obligation to attend Mass if sick. This is for their own benefit and for the benefit of others.

St Michan's Clubhouse

Congratulations to all involved in the refurbishment and reopening of St Michan's Clubhouse in the heart of St Michan's House Flats. God bless your great work.

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