

HALSTON STREET PARISH NOTICES

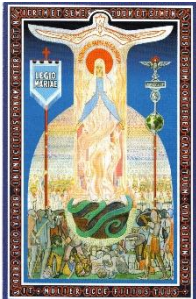
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Ceremony of Light – Congratulations to the girls and boys who participated in their Ceremony of Light. We had a class-by-class ceremonies on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The Ceremony of Light is a pre-Confirmation ceremony in which the parents revive the light from the Easter candle and pass it on to their children. This symbolises that these young people are now old enough to begin carrying the light of faith themselves, helped and supported by their parents, godparents, sponsors and the entire parish community. At this ceremony, they also take a pledge to abstain from alcohol and from handling or using dangerous drugs. These young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

evenings. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Baptisms – We warmly welcome to our Christian family Mia and Patrick Znidaric who will be Baptised in our Parish Church this weekend. Welcome also to Sadie Murphy and Kenzie Ashe who were recently baptised.



Legion of Mary 100th Anniversary – During the week the Legion of Mary marked 100 years since it's foundation. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took place in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September, 1921. The Legion continue to do great work in our parish, most notably their work with the people who use the services of Regina Coeli and Morning Star Hostels. We wish them well for the next 100 years!

Family Mass – We are hoping to begin a family Mass in the parish over the coming months. This will take place once a month on the last Sunday of the month. The aim of the Mass is to help support families deepen their faith, especially those who have children preparing to receive sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We hope to work in collaboration with the local primary schools and parents. This is a year dedicated to the family by Pope Francis and it's a good time to begin this new initiative. If you are interested in being involved, please let us know. We will have more details over the coming weeks.



Thank you for your continued support for the parish. Thank you also to our team of volunteers who give their time to support all the activities of the parish. Without your generosity and dedication, we could do very little. We are always looking for people to get involved. If you are interested, please let us know.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.