

Lectio Divina

- *Praying the Scriptures in Lent.*

This traditional approach to using the Scriptures for one's prayer is attributed to the Monastic tradition. It is a simple and easy way to deepen one's relationship with God in a prayerful atmosphere.

This will be a group reflection meeting each week during Lent as a preparation for Easter. Booklets will be supplied. Bring your Bible.

Please leave your name and contact number at the Parish Office on 5428 2591.

When: Tuesdays beginning 16th February.

Where: T.B.A.

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Women in Waiting?

One of the reforms of Vatican II was the re-introduction of the permanent male deacon to exercise particular ministries within the church community.

The Diaconate was a particular ministry in the early Church, exercised by both men and women. St Paul makes reference to these ministries in his letters.

This presentation will look at the role of women as prophets, widows and deacons as recorded in Scripture and the early Councils and Synods of the Church. Women deacons were active, especially in the Eastern Churches up until the 11th century.

Presenter: Fr. Gerard Spillane

When: Thursday 25th March

Where: St Brigid's School

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

St. Luke's Gospel

- *an introduction.*

This year we listen to the gospel of St. Luke for our Sat/Sun readings (Year C). The two presentations will open up the riches of Luke's gospel, particularly the Infancy Narrative and table fellowship.

The sessions will be presented by Paul Lawry B.A.; B. Theol.

When: Thursday 15th April & 22nd April

Where: Holy Cross School

Time: 7.30 am – 9.00pm

Marriage Anniversaries

Mass on Sunday 15th August (Feast of the Assumption) at 11.00am in St. Brigid's Church will acknowledge those couples celebrating a significant anniversary of their marriage this year, eg. 10 yrs., 25 yrs., 40 yrs., 50 yrs., etc. A special blessing will be prayed for these couples.

If you would like to have your anniversary acknowledged please give your names to the parish secretary on 5428-2591 by 8th August.

Healing Service for those who have suffered Loss

Life's journey is constantly marked with loss: through death of a loved one, a broken relationship such as divorce / separation, a miscarriage / abortion, death of a child, loss of a job, one's dignity as a person through some form of abuse in the past, suicide, etc.

This Prayer Service will acknowledge such loss and seek forgiveness and healing, and renewed hope in the saving presence of a loving God.

When: Thursday 4th November

Where: St. Brigid's Church

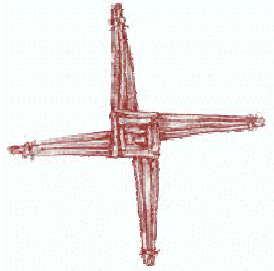
Time: 7.30 pm

Pastoral Counselling / Spiritual Direction

Pastoral Counselling supports people struggling with life transitions and relational issues such as addictions, abuse, relationship breakdown, personal crises, grief, loss etc. The goal of counselling is to aim for symptom relief, problem resolution and restoration of psychological health.

Spiritual direction, also known as spiritual guidance or spiritual companionship focuses principally on the development and maintenance of spiritual health & well being. The basic goal is to develop the directee's relationship with God. Unlike counselling, it is not concerned with problem solving.

Fr Gerard Spillane, M. Coun., MPS is professionally qualified in both disciplines and is available for consultation on ph 5428 2591 or 0417 369 375.



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