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Miraculous Medal Devotions

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Parish of St. Michan Halston Street

24th/25th February 2018*With God on our side who can be against us?*

House Blessings

In preparation for the Novena of Grace (4th-12th March), Fr. Bryan visited Marmion Court, St. Michan's House, Ormond Square, Chancery House, Kevin Barry House, Constitution Hill and the neighbouring streets. The response and welcome from everyone was once again wonderful, however, there were some houses which he did not get to visit.

If he missed your home and you would like him to call back to bless the house, your family or to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to the housebound, please contact the Parish Office on 8730675. The visits continue this week as follows:

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| Tuesday 27 February | 4pm—5pm | Church Street and neighbouring streets |
| Wednesday, 28 February | 5pm—6pm | Henrietta House and neighbouring streets |

Bless this house O Lord we pray;

Third National Collection for World Meeting of Families 2018

will take place in parishes on this weekend, 24th/25th.

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, was taken up at all Masses on 17th/18th February. The ACCORD Collection raised **€243.04** which was sent to ACCORD on your behalf. **Many thanks for your support.**

Holy Hour for Church Renewal

Takes place on Thursday, 1st March from **6:30pm to 7:30pm** in Church Street, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Meditation; Evening Prayer & Benediction

First Friday Calls

Calls to the housebound will be made this coming **Friday**. If you would like to be added to the **First Friday** calls, please contact one of the priests of the parish at 8730675.

Novena of Grace from 4-12 March at 7:30pm Monday to Friday, 6pm on Saturdays and 12noon on Sunday

Monthly Mass for our Recently Deceased

parishioners and friends takes place on Saturday, 3rd March at **6pm in Halston Street**. This month we remember in a special way those who died during January and early February.

*Carmel McKinley (née McDonnell)**Patrick (Pat) Lynch**Molly Shine*

Enrolment Ceremony for First Holy Communion takes place in Halston Street on 27th February 2018 at 7pm. Please pray for the children, their families and teachers as they prepare for First Penance and First Holy Communion.

Extract from Pope's Message for Lent 2018

*'By devoting more time to **prayer**, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers...'*

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone...

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God.'

Choose Life – your questions answered

What is the Eighth Amendment? The wording of the Eighth Amendment reads as follows: "The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right". *This is a declaration to respect, defend and vindicate the equal right to life of a mother and her unborn child. It enshrines in Irish law a deep conviction that every human life is precious, equal and worth cherishing.*

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed? *If the Eighth Amendment is repealed the right to life for unborn children in Ireland will be without legal constitutional protection. This would radically change the principle, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right.*

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17th/18th February 2018*Repent, and believe the Good News.***First Sunday in Lent**

'False prophets can also be "charlatans", who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly "virtual" existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.'

[Pope Francis, February 2018]

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, **17th/18th February**.

The ACCORD Collection will replace the Share Collection. ACCORD needs your support: **Please give generously.**

Third National Collection for World Meeting of Families 2018

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Saint Pio Prayer Group

Monthly meeting takes place at 7:30pm on Thursday, 22nd February in Church Street. Confessions from 7pm until 7:25pm; Mass at 7:30pm and blessing with the relic of Saint Pio after Mass.

Please pray for Ronald (Ron) Spratt, Colm Fox, Christopher Cronan and Kathleen Foy who died recently.

House Blessings

In preparation for the Novena of Grace (4th-12th March), Fr. Bryan will visit different parts of the parish to bless your homes and families, and will also offer individual blessings and the sacrament of the sick to the housebound.

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| Monday, 19 February | 4pm—5pm | Marmion Court and neighbouring streets |
| Tuesday, 20 February | 4pm—5pm | St. Michan's House |
| Wednesday, 21 February | 5pm—6pm | Ormond Square and neighbouring streets |
| Thursday, 22 February | 4pm—5pm | Kevin Barry House and neighbouring streets |
| Friday, 23 February | 4pm—5pm | Constitution Hill and neighbouring streets |
| Tuesday 27 February | 4pm—5pm | Church Street and neighbouring streets |
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Bless this house O Lord we pray;**Choose Life – your questions answered**

What happens if a pregnant woman's life is at risk? If a seriously ill pregnant woman needs life-saving medical treatment which may, as a secondary effect, put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are always ethically permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both mother and baby. Abortion is the direct and intentional ending of the life of an unborn baby. The Catholic Church upholds that necessary medical intervention to save the life of a pregnant woman, which results in the untended death of her unborn baby, is never considered an abortion.

What if the baby dies? If a baby dies as a result of life-saving medical treatment to save the life of a pregnant woman it is extremely sad and a tragic outcome. If the intention of the doctor is not to directly and intentionally end the baby's life, then this is not an abortion.

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