

Saint Padre Pio Monthly Gathering

The Saint Padre Pio prayer gathering takes place in St Michael's church Denmark Street on the first Thursday of every month, commencing at 7pm with the recitation of the Rosary followed by holy mass. After the mass, there is the veneration of the Saint Padre Pio's relics, the mitten and the heart bandage. These first class relics have certificates of authenticity from the Capuchin Monastery in San Giovanni Rotondo where Saint Padre Pio spent most of his life. We are very grateful to Fergal and Joanne Golden who are carers of the relics and who provide them for veneration in Saint Michael's Church. You are all very welcome to join us in Saint Michael's to pray for your intentions and the intentions of all who are ill and all the dearly departed.

God Bless,
Fr Leo McDonald
P.P St Michaels



Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock.

Sunday 13th October.

Buses leave from St Saviour's Dominican Church. €25 pp, including stop for tea & scones.

ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN GO FREE!! (accompanied by adult). Bookings through parish office

Mon-Fri 10am-2pm, or phone

085 7262262.

Church Notice: We wish to extend a very warm welcome to Fr Daniel Tomasik who joins us in the Cathedral this weekend. We hope he will have many happy years amongst us. Fr Gerard

Priests of the Parish
Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Leo McDonnell
Canon John Daly
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze

Parish Office
061 414624

Mass Times
Mon—Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Holy Days
Vigil Weekdays 5.45pm
Weekdays 10am, 5.45pm

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm
To book a baptism .
Parish Office tel 414624

Newly Baptised:
We welcome to the Christian Community
Bobby Corbett
&
Caoimhe Mannion
We wish them and their families every blessing and happiness.

Deceased Parishioners
We remember in our prayers All our loved ones who have gone before us. May they rest in eternal peace.

Eucharistic Adoration
Takes place each Friday from 4pm to 5.30pm in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome.

The Ghost in the Tower

When a gale blows across the roof of St John's especially in the middle of the winter the noise in the cathedral can be quite loud and sometimes the timbers in the roof, a full 80 feet above the pews start to creak and moan and though you have the reassurance that the building has stood for 160 or so years there is still a part of you that does wonder where the nearest door is in the event of needing a speedy evacuation.

It was on a night like this in the early 1980's that an event occurred that scared me as a tweenager. A friend and I had volunteered to serve as Altarboys at 5.45pm Mass on what was a windy and wet weeknight.

There were the usual faithful gathered in the church and the Mass was celebrated by Fr Jim Ambrose. During the Mass it was customary for the Altarboys to sit and kneel on the steps in front of the Ambo and Lectern and this night was no exception.

All went well until during the readings and Gospel my friend and I both noticed a form of light flickering over and back across the windows located above the western door (the ones above the Tower entrance) . The lights appeared to have a human shape and came and went intermittently.

As children with an active imagination this vision absolutely frightened the daylight out of both of us and I needn't tell you that we were most anxious for Mass to finish. When finally, it did and we returned to the sacristy we were visibly shaking having seen what we believed was a ghost of some kind in the Tower. We recounted our story to the Sacristan and to Fr Ambrose and while they were mildly sceptical, they also could see that there was certainly something that had shaken us.

The keys to the Tower were found and all four of us made our way through the church to the entrance door. The layout of the Tower is such that you need to climb a short stone staircase to get to the entrance to the spiral staircase on the first floor. There are doors in this room which allow access to the roof also and on a dark winter's night with a wind howling and an already heightened expectation that there was a ghost roaming the room, it was not some place that we necessarily wanted to be in. But at that point it was too late to back down and we went into the murky darkness of the room with the only light coming from the lights of the Cathedral below. We walked around the room and just when we were beginning to doubt what we saw and felt silly there was a bang of metal on metal which nearly caused me to jump the height of the tower. It turned out that the catch of one of the windows had worked loose and it was opening slightly in the wind. The windows are individual pieces of glass held in by lead diamonds and each one is at a slightly different angle. It turned out that as the window opened and closed it was catching the reflection of one of the hanging lights in the Cathedral and giving the effect of a flashing light.

We secured the window as quickly as possible and got back to the safety of the sacristy having slayed the "ghost of the tower"
George Lee