

Useful Information for all

TURKEY / SYRIA DIOCESAN CHURCH COLLECTION – 25 / 26 FEB
A collection to support the people of Turkey/Syria takes place this weekend replacing the SHARE collection. The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected areas.

BUILDING HOPE THROUGH SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Five sessions on Monday evenings in Lent for all those in parish ministries - **February 27, March 6 / 13 / 20 / 27** - 7.30pm - 9pm in St Paul's Centre for Mission and Ministry, Arran Quay. Email: peter.siney@dublindioocese.ie. See Church noticeboard.

NOVENA OF GRACE – Conducted by Fr. Brian Shortall, OFM.Cap. St. Agnes' Church, Crumlin from Saturday 04 March to Sunday 12 March. Theme: "Tired of all the bad news – Re-discovering God's Healing Love."

SPIRITUALITY RENEWAL RETREAT: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt 11:28. Step away from the busyness of life and reconnect with who you are in God. This gentle 5-day retreat will consist of reflection on scripture and guided meditation - Sunday 23 – Fri 28 April, Mercy International Centre, Baggot St. Email: programmes@mercyinternational.ie.

'Walk with Me' Lenten booklets available at the back of the church.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Monday 27th March. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Mass Times in nearby parishes

FIRHOUSE – Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Sat. Vigil: 6 p.m. Sunday: 9.30 a.m.
Daily: 10 a.m. [subject to change]

BALLYROAN – Church of the Holy Spirit
Sat. Vigil: 7 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.
Daily: 10 a.m. Holy Days: 10 a.m.

RATHFARNHAM – Church of the Annunciation
Sat. Vigil: 6.45 p.m.
Sunday: 8.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 10.45 a.m.
Daily: 10 a.m. Holy Days: Vigil 7 p.m. / 10 a.m.

Our Sunday Leaflet may be viewed by opening the parish website.

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Knocklyon Parish PARÓISTE CHNOC LIAMHNA ST. COLMCILLE'S CHURCH

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Mass Times: **Mon - Fri: 10 a.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. / 7 p.m. [Vigil]**

Sun: 9.30 a.m. / 12 noon

Holy Days: 10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays 6 p.m. – 6.45 p.m.

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SPEAK TO ME



Sunday Readings

1 Reading Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The creation and sin of our first parents.

Ps 50: 4-6, 12-14, 17

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2 Reading Rm 5:12-19

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.



Lent

prayer
fasting
almsgiving



MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY

Sat 25 **10 a.m.** CONOR COTTER ... *Anniv.*
 7 p.m. Vigil GARY LYONS ... *Anniv.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun 26 **9.30 a.m.** LIAM O'DONNELL ... *Anniv.*
 12 noon DEIRDRE FARRELL ... *M.M.*

All Masses: JOHN / MARY MELROSE ... *Anniv's.*

Mon 27 **10 a.m.** **SHARED MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues 28 **10 a.m.** MASS IN THANKSGIVING

MARCH

Wed 01 **10 a.m.** **SHARED MASS INTENTIONS**

Thurs 02 **10 a.m.** SPECIAL INTENTION

Fri 03 **10 a.m.** **MASS FOR THE PEOPLE**

Sat 04 **10 a.m.** MICHAEL McNAMARA ... *Anniv.*
 7 p.m. Vigil CATHERINE LAVERTY ... *M.M.*

Sun 05 **9.30 a.m.** **IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION**
 12 noon CATHERINE O'SULLIVAN ... *Anniv.*



Pray for the recently deceased

JANUARY 2023

Jim Sadlier – Beverly Avenue

Stephen McDonald – Westbourne Lodge

Deirdre Farrell – Orlagh Park

The forty days and forty nights of Lent are almost upon us, matching the period of time that Our Lord spent in the desert before embarking upon His ministry. The English word “Lent” is a reference to the natural season – it means “spring” – but many other languages use a word that references the forty days, like the Latin “quadragesima”. The time spent in the desert was a period of spiritual combat for Our Lord, as he wrestled with the temptations brought by the devil. It’s important for us to remember that Jesus experienced temptation: we believe Him to be without sin, but we know He was not spared the sort of temptations that assail us, and this can be a source of great encouragement to us at difficult moments. When Easter comes, it is right and just that we prepare for those great days with fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as the Ash Wednesday Gospel reminds us.

In our hedonistic society, fasting is remarkably counter-cultural. We must never allow ourselves to be duped by the prevailing culture into thinking it is somehow outmoded or unimportant. For Orthodox Christians and for many other religions, fasting is a key form of asceticism. We can learn from them. Fasting reminds us of our need for God, our hunger for Him. The voice of hunger can never be silenced, so it focuses our minds most effectively on our need for the Bread of Life.

There are only two days of the year when the Church obliges us to fast, namely **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. Fridays, when we abstain from meat, are always opportunities for us to recall Good Friday, when the bridegroom was taken from us, but this is particularly so on the Fridays of Lent. The Stations of the Cross provide a good devotional opportunity to follow Our Lord along the Via Dolorosa.

While fasting, or “giving something up”, is probably what most of us associate with Lent, it carries a trap: if we break our resolution we can become discouraged, while if we keep it, we can fall victim to spiritual pride. The practice of extra time spent in prayer, more frequent