



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK
 23RD FEBRUARY 2020
 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



Wednesday 26th February is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 10am and 7pm Masses on Wednesday. The ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday are an important symbol of our acceptance of the death of the old self, in order that we can let God through the Holy Spirit refashion ourselves and our lives in Christ. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of lent. Lent is the season set aside by the Church to help encourage the spiritual process to take place. It is a sort of a personal spring cleaning which takes place when the whole world of nature around us is in a kind of hidden preparation to burst forth in spring blossom and new life (spring is the original meaning of 'Lent'). There is no disgrace in finding ourselves unready to enter into the spirit of Lent, and it is perhaps worth reflecting on what it is we are spiritually seeking to renew within ourselves. It is first and foremost the quality of our love - our capacity to love, whom or what we love, why we love, how we love, and perhaps most particularly whom or what we choose to exclude from our love, and why. Many people find that the sacrament of penance helps in this process, but even here we do have to *want* it to. Everything we do in Lent should be less a matter of duty, and more a real choice of our deeper selves made in the presence of God.

Trócaire boxes can be collected in the Church.

This years Lenten campaign is **"Hold fast for love and justice"**

COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS Will take place at all Masses this weekend. This collection is to support our clergy, who have provided many years of pastoral care and service to our Archdiocese. The Archdiocese has currently around thirty retired priest, some continuing to help out in parishes, others in nursing homes or long-term sick leave. We thank you for your generosity.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S PARTY Will take place on **Sunday 23rd February** in the Redeemer Family Resource Centre. Dinner will be served at 6.00pm. Admission €5.00 and all are welcome.

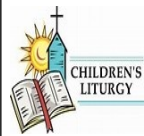


COFFEE MORNING Pancake **Tuesday 25th February**, in aid of Irish Cancer Society and Irish Heart Foundation in St. Patrick's Parochial House:- 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please support these worthy causes. Pancakes available to take home. Thank you for your support.



BAPTISMS are conducted fortnightly at 12:00 noon on a Saturday and at 12:30pm on a Sunday (these times may change if a funeral is taking place). Call to the parish office to arrange a day and time for the Baptism. Please give at least one month's notice. We welcome into our community those recently baptised:- Francis Reilly. Shay McEneaney. Ava O'Connor. Mia O'Connor. Kayshah O'Grady. Jamie O'Grady.

CHILDRENS LITURGY The next Children's liturgy takes place on Sunday **1st March** and again on **29th March** at the 11.30am Mass and will take place once a month thereafter. Children's liturgy is a program for children from 1st class up until First Holy Communion to learn a deeper understanding of the liturgy of the Mass and its importance within the Mass. This is achieved through reading the Sunday Gospel which has been adapted for children to help them develop an insight into the relevance of the word in their own life. The children will complete some puzzles and answer questions to help reinforce the Gospel message. This all takes place in a relaxed environment so that the children enjoy the sessions.



PRIESTS IN PARISH
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm. 2pm-4pm.
 E-mail: holyredeemerdundalk@gmail.com
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

Anniversary and remembrance Masses

Saturday	22nd February	6.00pm	1st Av:	Kitty Mulholland.
			Av's:	Peggy Ford. Julia Nugent. Esther Lawlor.
Sunday	23rd February	10.00am	Av's:	John & Annie Egan.
		11.30am	1st Av:	Thérèse Bellew.
		6.00pm	Av:	Thomas Hynes. Ciaran, Kevin, Josephine McKeever & Seamus Hearty.
Monday	24th February	10.00am	Av's:	Sarah & Michael Copas
Tuesday	25th February	10.00am	Av's:	Rose & Artie Devlin.
Wednesday	26th February	10.00am		The Holy Souls
(Ash Wednesday)		7.00pm	RIP	Tess McDonald
Thursday	27th February	10.00am	RIP	Bernadette Toal.
Friday	28th February	10.00am	RIP	Rosa Laverty.
Saturday	29th February	10.00am	RIP	Mary Conroy. Elizabeth McAlinden. Michael McKenna.
(Vigil)		6.00pm	Av's	Owen Garvey. Enda & Rita Flanagan.
Sunday	1st March	10.00am	Av:	John Dullaghan.
		11.30am		Special Intention.
		6.00pm	RIP	Joan O'Brien. Kevin McNamee. Jim Murphy.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Mary Murphy (née Malone), Ard Easmuinn. Briege Farrell (née Ogle), Point Road. Katherine (Kitty) Harvie (née Cryan), Thomas Street. Irene Boyle (née Hughes) Newry Road. Rita Greene (née Geraghty) Bay Estate. Geraldine Lawless, Mulholland Avenue.



THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE takes place on Friday next 28th February. Prayers will be offered at the 10.00am Mass on that day for those who have been hurt by abuse in the Church. We are all asked to remember this intention in our private prayers also.



CHURCH GATE COLLECTION this weekend is in aid of The Family of God Community (The Oratory, Dundalk). We thank you for your generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT One to one Bereavement Support - confidentiality assured. Appointment not necessary (No cost involved) Time: Thursday mornings 10.30am - 12.30pm. Venue: Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk. Enquiries: *from South* 042-9336393 *from North* 0035342-9336393 10am - 2.00pm.

RESOURCE CENTRE LOTTO Lotto 17th February 2020: 1, 3, 18, 30. No jackpot winner. 1 match 3 winner receives €300 winner. Next Parish Bingo **Monday 24th Feb.** at 8.00pm. Jackpot €11,050. Flyer €4,175.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	TOTAL	CHURCH	ENVELOPE
Parish collection 16th February 2020	€1,247.01	€813.81	€433.20
Thank You!			

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT: The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy. The Safeguarding Children representative for Holy Redeemer Parish is Thomas Fox 042-93-34259.



