

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (Cf. Is 66:10-11)
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exit and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest invites all to repent of their sins.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
 through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria is not said.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (2 Ch 36:14-16, 19-23)
 A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 136:1-6)
 ☩ **O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

- By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion: on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. ☩
- For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' ☩
- O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! ☩
- O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! ☩

SECOND READING (Eph 2:4-10)
 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 3:16)
Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
GOSPEL (Jn 3:14-21)
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Priest proclaims the Gospel.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)
 I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day

In accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
 The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION
 The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE
 At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
Our Father, ...
 Deliver us, Lord, ...
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
 Lord Jesus Christ, ... **Amen.**
 The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

Lamb of God, ...
Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says:
 Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Cf. Ps 121:3-4)
 Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER, DUNDALK

A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area

REBUILDING DANIEL'S COMMUNITY HAS GIVEN HIS FAMILY HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Daniel Okweng is 9 years old and lives with his mother, Betty, his father, Joel, and his brothers and sisters in the small village of Bar Kawach, northern Uganda. He was born into a vicious civil war which spanned twenty years.

In 2004, soldiers attacked his village and community, forcing the family to leave their home. 300 people died during the attack. Daniel's family knew they were lucky to survive but were left with nothing. The family moved to a camp in the north of the country. Living in extreme poverty, they struggled to make ends meet.

In 2006, Daniel and his family finally felt it was safe to return home. But then they faced their biggest struggle of all - to begin again. With your support, Trócaire was able to give hope to the families of Bar Kawach.

Working together with the community, we have provided training and support groups to help people cope with the trauma they have experienced. Agricultural training and the provision of seeds, tools and livestock helped families to start farming again and support to build a bore hole has provided clean, safe, drinking water.

Joel and Betty have worked hard to provide for their family. Like any parents, they want their children to lead full and happy lives - lives of dignity, potential, hope and freedom.

Daniel Okweng (9), Uganda.

"Whatever we learned, we have put into practice. We now know how to plant our crops to get higher yields, and with our last harvest, we were able to buy a cow and send our eldest son to secondary school."

Your support is helping families like Daniel's to build a brighter future. Please help more families to rebuild their lives this Lent.

18th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH **Fr. Patrick Rushe**, Adm., Vt. & **Fr. Paul Montague** CC

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Trócaire: Your generous support continued this week with €1,063 raised in the second collection. Thank You!! The Trócaire Committee encourage you to avail of the next few weeks collections to help in your giving to this giving. The campaign will end, as usual on Palm Sunday, where both collections will go to Trócaire. Single or one off donations are always welcome.

What are you doing for Lent? Facilitated by the Liturgy Group, and in conjunction with the Parish Pastoral Council, the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION** will take place each **Tuesday** of Lent, starting at 7.30pm. **All are welcome!**

REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY READINGS in preparation for Easter, continues each Wednesday at 2.15pm at 137 Cedarwood Park.



Today is **Mother's Day** and is intended to be a day to celebrate motherhood. For all of us, there's that one special lady in our lives, who just can't be replaced – Mum! Yes, from the day we're born, there's no one who nurtures us, cares for us and loves us every waking moment the way that our mums do, so celebrate with her.

MONDAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY: Mass will be celebrated at 10am only, and the prayers and devotions for the Miraculous Medal will be said at the morning Mass.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: . Nancy Ann Carr (*nee Crawley*) St. Nicholas Avenue. Mairead Carabott, (*nee Waller*) Maxwell Cottages. Stephen Lynch, Hackballscross. Richard Dodgson, Greenacres. Joe McGahon, Ardee Road.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED: Emma Grace Gartlan; Zac Kevin Eamonn McKenna; **Baptisms may be celebrated any Saturday/Sunday except major Church Feasts & require at least 2 weeks notice, booking at parish office**

CONFIRMATION will take place for the girls & boys of the Holy Redeemer Schools at the **11.30am Mass on the 29th April.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place at **11am on Saturday 19th May.** keep the Children, their parents & families and the staff of our schools in your prayers as they prepare for these important faith 'moments'.

MUIREDACH CROSS & POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD: 150 young people from all over the Diocese who will be receiving the these awards on 22nd March. They have been working extensively over this past 16 months doing good works in their parishes, schools and communities.

FEAST DAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

Tuesday 19th March the feast of St. Joseph, husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary. His life exemplifies the virtues of Faith & Obedience.

21st March: St. Enda considered to be one of the three great late vocations of Ireland. He made a small foundation in Cell Aine, Co. Louth & later in Boyne valley.

24th March: St. Macartan who belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognised as the first Bishop of Clougher. He is known as Patrick's 'Strong Man' for his dedication and faithfulness.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

Celebrating our Pentecostal faith in the Eucharist, we continue to be a vibrant, inclusive, faith community, in the Spirit of our loving Redeemer.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (www.iec2012.ie) A sub-group of the Parish Pastoral Council have met to plan our parish participation. **More details will be revealed soon.** In the Pastoral Area, other pilgrimages to are being organised; Wednesday 13th June contact Steven: 087-2030855; Saturday 16th June contact Rosetta 0877415815; Each Cost €40.



REMINDER: CLOCKS GO FORWARD next weekend. Summer Time has arrived!



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS continue on Thursdays at 7.30pm. in St. Brigid's School, Ard Easmuinn and St Nicholas Church.

HOLY REDEEMER CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the quiet room

THE ARMAGH DIOCESAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION welcomes all to "A Lenten Evenings of Reflection and Prayer" (*Based on the previous Sunday Gospel*) Led by Fr Frank Brady SJ in The Drumcree Pastoral Centre, Portadown. Wednesday the 28th March. Arrival - 7.30pm for 8.00pm (*refreshments available*). Contribution appreciated.

THE BIRCHES ALZHEIMER DAY CENTRE & HOME TO HOME OVERNIGHT INTERMEDIATE CARE services are maintained through the generosity of the people of North Louth. Please consider The Birches as your charity if you are entering the .Flora Women's Mini Marathon Monday 4th June. Contact: Mary Gaughran 086 8899197 marygaughran@online.ie

A TALK ON THE TÁIN will take place at St Vincent's Secondary School, Seatown in Dundalk on Thursday 22 March at 8 p.m. The speaker is Paul Gosling and the title of his talk is 'Placing names and naming places: re-reading Táin Bó Cúailnge in Louth'.

AMEN SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS have recommenced on a Monday Evening in Navan from 8.00pm – 10.00pm. Please call 046 9023718 for further information.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES, Lourdes 2012 Easter from Dublin 4th April - 5 nights - € 659 ex Dublin Contact:100-353-1-8788159 info@marian.ie.

O'FIAICH COLLEGE, DUBLIN ROAD, DUNDALK are holding an Open night. Date: 22nd March from 3.30-9.30. All students & parents welcome. Past pupils also welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 26th May (*Pentecost*) with Spiritual Director, 7 nights, Half board ,€649 Contact Mary 087 916 3608

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE LOTTO: 12th March 6-10-24-26. Two Match 3 winners. Lotto Jackpot: €5,900. Parish Bingo Monday at 8.30pm: Flyer: €6,250.

PARISH COLLECTIONS: 11th March

Church: €1,052	Y.T.D. €12,226
Envelope: €430	Y.T.D. €6,302

ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBRANCE MASSES

Saturday 17th March (vigil)	7.30pm. Av.	Siobhan O'Hanlon/Raftis.
Sunday 18th March	9.00am. Av.	
	11.30am. Av.	David O'Grady.
	6.00pm. Av.	Enda Flanagan.
Monday 19th March	10.00am.	
Tuesday 20th March	10.00am. Av.	
Wednesday 21st March	10.00am. Av.	Eileen & Joseph Gorman.
Thursday 22nd March	10.00am. Av.	Patrick Taffe.
Friday 23rd March	10.00am. Av.	Mary O'Connor
Saturday 24th March	10.00am. Av's.	Mary & Hugh Quinn. Dec. mem. Mullan family. Noel Donaghy. Caroline Woods.
Saturday 24th March vigil	7.30pm. Av.	Joe McEneaney. Mary McHugh.
Sunday 25th March	9.00am. Av.	Nora Brophy.
	11.30am. MM.	Tom Hynes.
	6.00pm. Av.	Kevin, Josephine & Ciaran McKeever. Cissy McEneaney.

