



PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK
19TH FEBRUARY 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



Wednesday 22nd February is Ash Wednesday



Ashes will be distributed at the 10am Mass 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 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'S LENTEN CAMPAIGN *Theme-"Hold Fast to Love and Justice"* In this its 50th year anniversary, Trócaire focuses on the Mahat Family in Gedo, Somalia who have had to leave their home because of drought, climate change, conflict, and acute food shortages. Trócaire boxes are now available at the back of the Church or from the parish office. In the Trócaire pack, you'll find a Trócaire box, together with a leaflet that tells you more about the Mahat family and about Trócaire's work in the Gedo region We ask you to please take one and help support the Trócaire campaign this year for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

In light of the devastating earthquakes in Syria and Turkey during the past week, Trócaire have issued the following prayer asking us all to pray for the peoples of Syria and Turkey.

- > All our hearts are going out to the people of Syria and Turkey .
- > May the people of these lands have the courage and strength to keep living each day.
- > May they have all the supports, aid, love and compassion needed.
- > Syria is suffering so much pain and turmoil from war and conflict.
- > May leaders open all borders so that all resources can get through.
- > May generosity and God's blessings bring strength and hope to everyone who has been affected
- > May minds and hearts be moved to remember loved ones who have died, those who are injured and missing, We hold them all in our hearts this day, Amen.



ARMAGH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Takes place 23rd -28th May 2023. Price €795 p.p. sharing. Single room supplement €195. For application forms please contact St. Patrick's Parochial House, Roden Place, Dundalk - 042 933 4648. Opening hours 9.30am -2.00pm.

REDEEMER EARLY START

Enrolment is now open for Redeemer Early Start. Must be 3years old before 1st Sept.2023 For further information please contact the school on 042 9331975.

PRIESTS IN PARISH
 V Rev Mark O'Hagan Adm.
 Rev Maciej Zacharek CC
 Rev Stephen Wilson CC.
 Rev Peter Hassan CC
 Tel: 042 933 4259



PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm. 2pm-4pm.
 Office closed Friday-Sunday
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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	18th Feb	6.00ppm		
Sunday	19th Feb	10.00am	Av's	The Egan Family.
		11.30am	Av's	Helen Martin. Eddie Fogarty.
Monday	20th Feb	10.00am		
Tuesday	21st Feb	10.00am		Holy Souls.
Wednesday	22nd Feb	10.00am	Av's	Molly & Dominic McKeivitt, Katie & Johnny Boyle, Charlie Mostyn & Karen Clarke.
Thursday	23rd Feb	10.00am		Holy Souls.
Friday	24th Feb	10.00am		Past and Present members of Ecco.
Saturday (Vigil)	25th Feb	10.00am		Mass Card Intentions.
		6.00pm	1st Av	Esther Cooney.
			Av's	Angela, Peter & Sinead Nulty. Kathleen Mulholland. Rita & Enda Flanagan. Jimmy, Seamus & Therése Bellew. Peggy & Sean Ford.
Sunday	26th Feb	10.00am		
		11.30am		



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Carmel Logan ,Ard Easmuinn. Pearl (Margaret) Tooher, Ard Easmuinn. Gretta Brannigan Marian Park. Gina Black, Farndreg Estate. Fr. Liam Pentony PE, Grange Bellew/Dromiskin.



THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE takes place on Friday 24th February. Prayers will be offered at Masses 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.

DESERT FATHERS - A LENTEN PROGRAM FOR MEN A Lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. Email desertfathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the program.

BAPTISMS We welcome into our Christian Community recently baptised:- Pádraig Óg Cassidy Murphy-McAuley.

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY takes place next **Sunday 26th February** in the Redeemer

Resource centre at 6.00pm. There will be a meal and music and tickets are available at €5 each from The Resource Centre. All are welcome.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	TOTAL	CHURCH	ENVELOPE
Parish collection 12th February 2023	€1,551.51	€602.15	€497.60
	<i>Thank you</i>	Special €451.76	

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.

