

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK
21ST FEBRUARY 2021
First Sunday of Lent
A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. Our souls not yet perfect. We are not ready for God to love us. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Wednesday at 7.00pm

during Lent, commencing Ash Wednesday 17th February and can be viewed via our livestream. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life". John 3:16

ONLINE MASS is available from our Church daily on www.holyredeemerparish.ie or follow us on Facebook. Masses will be live streamed at the following times:-

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6.00pm. **Sundays:** 10.00am and 12.00pm. The 6.00pm Mass will be suspended during the lockdown and all intentions that were booked will be included during the 10.00am Sunday morning Mass.

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday: 10.00am.

The Church will be open for private and solitary prayer each morning from 10.30am - 1.30pm - Monday-Saturday.

Daily Rosary: will take place in the Church at 9.15am, during the current lockdown Monday to Saturday.

Daily Mass: at 10.00am Monday to Saturday.

Friday 3.00pm- Divine Mercy and Eucharistic Way of the Cross, Finishing with Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Sunday 3.00pm -Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

Confessions by appointment - Please ring the Parochial House on 042-9334259.

Anniversary Masses All Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be celebrated in the Church privately by the Priest's of the Parish and can be viewed via our live stream.

Mass Cards/ Bouquets are always available from the Parish Office during office hours.

FAMILY PRAYER BOOKLET:

includes prayers for Lent/ Easter/ Marian Prayers and the Sacraments available at the back of the Church.

We welcome into our community:- recently baptised Colton Vincent Kenna.

TRÓCAIRE The Lenten period is a time when people recommit their support for their brothers and sisters around the world through Trócaire's Lenten Appeal. This Lent, Trócaire's Appeal highlights the impact that conflict has on people's lives in South Sudan and how love, friendship and solidarity can help them to survive and thrive. Trócaire boxes are available in the Church Porch.

PRIESTS IN PARISH
V Rev Michael Sheehan Adm.
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm. 2pm-4pm.
Office closed Friday-Sunday
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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

Sunday	21st February	10.00am	MM	Briege Gonnelly.
		12.00pm	MM	Gerry McGuirk.
			Av's	Jack, Annie & Michael Egan. Sonya McDonagh & James Turley.
Monday	22nd February	10.00am	Av's	Esther Lawlor. Angela & Peter Nulty.
Tuesday	23rd February	10.00am	Av	Thomas Hynes.
Wednesday	24th February	10.00am	Av's	Michael & Sarah Copas.
Saturday	27th February	6.00pm	Av's	Kathleen Mulholland. Rita and Enda Flanagan. Peter Richardson (Birthday Remembrance).
Sunday	28th February	10.00am	Av	Owen Garvey.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Tom Sheedy, Ardee Rd. Peggy Monahan, Carrick Rd, Niall Hayden, Carrick Road. Anthony Foran, Point Road.



An Act Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

REFLECTION Lent: springtime of the spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot. Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves, and in between endured a period of nakedness. Lent is in the springtime of the spirit. Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, In order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will feel young again and in our discipleship.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling :- **0818 222 024.**

Prayer against the Coronavirus

Most Glorious Queen of Heaven & Mother of God, You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory. You are the Sovereign Queen over all God's Creation. I place myself & all my loved ones under the power, protection & sovereignty of your Crown. Under the protection of your crown & through your immense intercessory power, I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the coronavirus. Dearest Mother & Queen, more Mother than Queen, we, your children in Christ Jesus, ask you to obtain for us an end to the spread of the virus. **Amen.**

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	TOTAL	CHURCH	ENVELOPE
Parish collection 14th February 2021.	€475.57	Nil	€475.57

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.

