



**PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK**  
**26TH FEBRUARY 2023**  
**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.

**LENTEN PRAYER** -As the season of Lent unfolds, You call us to return again and again. As you invite us to reflect on Your love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with You through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Bless our desire to accompany Jesus' suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world. With Your grace, may we live Lent fully and moved with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter Morning. Amen

**A Lenten Reflection**

- Give up complaining----focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism----become an optimist
- Give up harsh judgments----think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry----trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement----be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness----turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred----return good for evil.
- Give up negativism----be positive.

- Give up anger----be more patient
- Give up pettiness----become mature.
- Give up gloom----enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy----pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping----control your tongue.
- Give up sin----turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up----hang in there!

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**TRÓCAIRE BOXES** are available at the back of the Church or from the parish office. We ask you to please take one and help support the Trócaire campaign this year for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. **"Hold Fast to Love and Justice"**

**FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
 The sick and housebound will be attended during the week as arranged. If you or you know anyone who would like to be attended on the First Friday of the month by the priest please contact the parish office.

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS - CHY3 CERTS** Those parishioners who's CHY3 Forms are due for renewal will receive a renewal form during the week for completion. As a registered charity the parish is able to claim tax back on annual contributions in excess of €250 and this is a vital and much needed source of revenue to the parish and does not affect you in any way as we are a charity. We would be most grateful if you could complete and return these forms to the parish office at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**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  
**E-mail: holyredeemerdundalk@gmail.com**  
 www.holyredeemerparish.ie

**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**

<b>Saturday</b>	25th Feb	6.00ppm	<b>1st Av</b>	Esther Cooney. Angela, Peter & Sinead Nulty. Kathleen Mulholland. Rita & Enda Flanagan. Jimmy, Seamus & Therése Bellew. Peggy & Sean Ford.
<b>Sunday</b>	26th Feb	10.00am 11.30am	<b>RIP</b>	Kathy Delaney.
<b>Monday</b>	27th Feb	10.00am		Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	28th Feb	10.00am		Sarah & Michael Copas.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1st March	10.00am	<b>Av's</b>	Paul Hickmott.
<b>Thursday</b>	2nd March	10.00am	<b>Av</b>	Parish List of the Dead.
<b>Friday</b>	3rd March	10.00am		<b>Mass Card Intentions.</b>
<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	4th March	10.00am 6.00pm	<b>Av's</b>	Teresa & Sam McGuinness and their parents. Tom Hynes & Deceased family members. Special Intention.
<b>Sunday</b>	5th March	10.00am 11.30am	<b>Av</b> <b>MM</b> <b>MM</b>	John Dullaghan. <b>Gretta Brannigan.</b> <b>Carmel Logan.</b>



**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Margaret Faulkner (née McGuire) Marian Park. Anthony Quigley, Boyle O'Reilly Terrace.

**BAPTISMS** are conducted weekly at 2.00pm on a Saturday and at 12:30pm on a Sunday. Contact the parish office to arrange a day and time for the Baptism. Please give at least one months' notice.



We welcome into our Christian community recently baptised:- Aoife Claire O'Hagan.

**PROMOTING THE CALL TO PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE** was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? Are you being called to live as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Speak to your local priest, or contact your Diocesan Vocations Director (Fr. Barry - barrynmatthews@gmail.com; 028 (048) 37522802).

**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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	TOTAL	CHURCH	ENVELOPE
Parish collection 19th February 2023	€1,230.68	€632.45	€598.23
	<i>Thank you</i>		

**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.

