

Second Sunday of Lent



Welcome to the families preparing for First Penance and First Communion to the 12 mass today

This Tuesday 23rd February the children will celebrate their First Penance. Please pray for the boys and girls and their families as they prepare for this important sacrament. We thank and congratulate their families, teachers and all involved in preparing them for this important and special moment on their faith journey.

The next 'Do this in Memory' mass will be on Palm Sunday 20th March

Training for Funeral Ministers Parish of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

We are training ministers for Funeral Ministry on March 5th 11am-3pm If you are interested please contact Niamh in the office. We really need help with this!

Novena of Grace will take place as usual from 4th to 12th March at the 10am Mass.

This year we will not have one priest, but a variety of speakers over the 9 days.

Trócaire

In this year's Trocaire campaign we learn about Teresina Karimi from Kenya. Her husband Julius has to work miles away from home because the farming land has completely dried up due to Climate change. Eamonn Meehan Director of Trocaire says "Climate change is the greatest injustice of our time. The people who are doing least to cause it are suffering the most. Those with the power to address it have so far failed us"

If you pick up a Trócaire box for your home you can read about her in the enclosed leaflet.

As well as the Trócaire box, Trócaire has reflections relating to the Sunday Gospels for lent

. See Trócaire display for more details at the entrance to the church or www.trócaire.org.



Baptisms

Easter Sunday March 27th
(during mass)

No Baptisms during Lent

Sunday April 3rd 1.15pm
Saturday April 16th 12.15pm
Sunday May 1st 1.15pm
Saturday May 14th 12:15

Financial Statement, Letters of receipt and New boxes of envelopes

Are all ready for collection in the Parish office. Please collect as soon as you can, many thanks.

574 letters of receipt and 220 boxes have been issued. Thanks to all those who have contributed by envelope and standing order in 2015.

Next weekend after all masses, members of the parish finance committee will be available to answer any questions you may have on the receipt or newsletter. Also new envelopes will be available for anyone who is in a position to request a box of envelopes.

Also to let people know that **Christmas dues for 2015** were only lodged in 2016 and therefore do not appear on the receipt. The amounts received this Christmas will be on the 2016 receipt this time next year.

However if anyone would like a receipt for recent Christmas dues please contact Niamh in the office,

Parish Lotto

Has now reached €11,300

Results of the draw held on
Monday 15th February 2016

3 ♦ 10 ♦ 22 ♦ 32

Holyland 2016

We are delighted that 53 people are going on this wonderful pilgrimage in April. It is now fully booked.

Special preparation meeting next Sunday night 28th at 7pm in the Parish centre.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Friday Sept 2nd to Wednesday Sept 7th inclusive. The cost will be €749 per person sharing, full board. Further information on headed paper sheets at entrance to church. As places may be limited, booking forms should be submitted to the parish office or the sacristy as soon as possible. At present 17 people will be travelling on the pilgrimage.

C.A.R.A.

Meeting as usual on Monday next

Parish Shop

Open before and after all weekend Masses and after the 10am Mass on weekdays. Items include:

- 1st Holy Communion Gifts
- Holy Water Fonts
- Mass Cards and Cards for other occasions. All Cards €1
- Religious Christmas Cards. Price €5 for pack of 12
- Religious Publications
- Rosary Beads, Prayer cards