

# WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CHURCHTOWN

Sunday 1st March 2020 **First Sunday of Lent**

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10am – 2 pm

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## Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

### **Sunday 1st March 2020**

10am Tessa & Joseph Fanning (A)  
James Walsh (A)

12 Noon Teresa Edwards (Months Mind)

Carmel O'Feinneadha  
(Months Mind)

Kathleen Birmingham (A)

Marie O'Loughlin (A)

Kathleen Gibney (A)

Do This In Memory mass

### **Monday 2nd March 2020**

10am Thank you Mass (Special Intention)

### **Tuesday 3rd March 2020**

10am

### **Wednesday 4th March 2020**

10am Novena of Grace Begins

### **Thursday 5th March 2020**

10am

### **Friday 6th March 2020**

10am Altar list of the Dead

### **Saturday 7th March 2020**

10am

7:15pm Paddy Butler (A)

Ann McNulty (A)

### **Sunday 8th March 2020**

10am Tommy McNulty (RIP)

12 Noon Ann McNulty (A)

## Scripture Study Group Lent 2020

### Reflections on the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Each Thursday evening until the end of the season of Lent a Scripture and Faith enrichment course takes place in the Parish Centre, Churchtown (situated in the Church Grounds). The focus is on the New Testament's letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm with a coffee break  
All are welcome



**We pray for those who died recently:**

*Patricia Malin  
Jim Cunningham*

**May they rest in peace**



## **Welcome to the families preparing for First Penance and First Communion**

On Thursday 5th March at 7pm the children will celebrate their First Penance here in the Good Shepherd.

The Celebration of First Communion will be on the 9th May at 11pm.

Followed by a reception in the Parish Centre.



## **Church Gate Collection this weekend is in aid of St Vincent de Paul**

## **Trocaire Lenten Campaign**

For those who wish to support the Trocaire Lenten Campaign, you can collect your Trocaire box contained inside the Trocaire envelope which is on the tables at the back of the church.

Further information on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)



## **Coffee morning in the Parish Centre at 10.30am every Friday in Lent starting Friday 6th March.**

All proceeds will be donated to Trocaire.

**All are welcome**

## **PARISH LOTTO**

**Our Jackpot currently stands at €11,800**

**Draw held on Monday 24th February 2020**

**4 \* 11 \* 25 \* 31**

**No Winner**

## **Financial Collections last Weekend**

**1st Collection** For the support of the priests of the parish and diocese: **€1575.73**

**2nd Collection SHARE: €1229.78**

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

## **Novena of Grace to St Francis Xavier March 4th - 12th.**

The **Novena of Grace** is a time for prayer as a community supporting each other.

Intentions for inclusion in each Mass can be written and placed in the basket beside the baptism font.

### **Novena of Grace 4th March - 12th March**

4th March 10am - Fr. Eamon Bourke

5th March 10am - Fr. Peter O'Connor

6th March 10am - Fr. Martin Cosgrove

7th March 10am - Fr. Brian Edwards

8th March 10am - Fr. Brian Edwards

9th March 10am - Fr. Dan O'Callaghan O.C.A.R.M.

10th March 10am - Fr. Eamon Bourke

11th March 10am - Fr. Dan O'Callaghan O.C.A.R.M.

12th March 10am - Fr. Eamon Bourke

## **Upgrading of Church Grounds/Repair of Stain Glass Window**

As mentioned in the parish newsletter over recent weeks the recent sale of the Parochial House has enabled us to clear the Parish debt of over 200,000. It has allowed us to begin the works of upgrading the Church grounds which began this past week. It involves upgrading the hedging all around the internal boundary of the Church with a beech hedge which for uniformity will replace the existing hedge. This work will be finished in the next 2 weeks. In addition the Parish Finance Committee received a quote for the resurfacing the car park with tarmac, as it is currently very badly in need of same. When the resurfacing is complete we will proceed with the lining of same. These works will follow the above replanting and we are planning completion in time for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of March.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the project is the repair and restoration of the beautiful stain glass window. This discussion has been ongoing with the Finance Committee for almost 3 years. As we did not have the funds to begin this repair, it was put on hold until sufficient funds were received. Now we are in a position to move forward on this. The cost will be in the region of 30,000 and will involve the following:

Removal of the stained glass window, the exterior stormglazed window and secure the window opening.

The lead will then be replaced, the glass cleaned, any broken glass repaired and the panels fitted to new stainless steel frames. Reinstall the stained glass window and install a new stormglazed window. The estimated timeframe for this project is 10-12 weeks. Updates will be given in relation to these projects in the weeks ahead.