



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Lent

10th March 2024

Reflection: "Lent means looking within ourselves and acknowledging our real identity, removing the masks we so often wear, slowing the frantic pace of our lives and embracing life and the truth of who we are."
Pope Francis

I líontaibh Dé go gcastar sinn

Please take the newsletter home with you

Gospel Reflection: Jn 3: 14 - 21 10th March

Since this Sunday occurs in the middle of Lent, as Gaudete Sunday is celebrated midway through Advent, Laetare Sunday reminds us of the Event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season. As on Gaudete Sunday, rose-coloured vestments may replace violet and flowers may grace the altar. These outward signs symbolise the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in Lent, though we still refrain from Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria until the magnificence of the Easter Vigil.

The central theme of today's reading is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God given to us through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God who is 'rich in mercy' and as an expression of our Faith, we are invited to share Jesus' sufferings by doing penance during Lent, so that we may inherit our eternal salvation and the glory of his Resurrection in Heaven. As we continue our Lenten observance for the fourth week, the Sacred Liturgy invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's grace, mercy and salvation.

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: The crucifix – the symbol of the 'lifted up' Jesus – holds a central place in our Churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation. Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy. When we allow the Light of God's forgiveness to shine in our lives, it brightens up every corner, forgives every sin, restores our relationship with God and renews our lives. Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness.

Fr Antony Kadavil Intercom

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION
Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. Laurence's School who made their Confirmation on Friday in the Church of St. Laurence O'Toole. Well done to the teachers and parents who have supported them on their faith journey. May the many gifts of the Holy Spirit enrich and sustain the children in the year's ahead.

New Auxiliary Bishop

Fr. Donal Roche has been appointed as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Dublin. Fr. Donal is from Drimnagh. He has served in Lucan South, Wicklow Town and Cabinteely-Johnstown-Cherrywood. He was appointed an Episcopal Vicar in 2019. We wish him well in his new responsibilities.

Baldoyle Library Events March

To book your free place email the library: baldoylelibrary@fingal.ie or call 01 8906793.

Children's Events

Sensory Time in the Library: Try out our new range of sensory toys

Monday 11th March 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Thursday 21st March 10.30am – 11.30pm. All are welcome Library Storytime for Children

Thursday 28th March at 5.30pm – all are welcome!

Adult Events

Trad Music Session

Wednesday 13th March 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Adult Crafts: Easter Wreaths

Monday 25th March 10.30am – 12.30pm

Adult Movie Evening: Mr Smith Goes to

Washington Monday 11th March 5.30pm – all welcome, Chess for Adults:

Thurs 6.30pm. All levels welcome

Baldoyle Mens Shed: Baldoyle Library every Tuesday at 10.30am

Exhibitions: The Library of Migrant Women

Migrant women tell stories of their journey from their homeland to Ireland.

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 3rd March

Jackpot €1,900

Numbers Drawn: 5, 8, 9

No Winner:

Sunday 10th March

JACKPOT

€2,000

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church

Thank you for your support.

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Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

Online Lenten Prayer Evenings: Online short session of guided prayer on any Wednesday of Lent at 7.30pm.

Oasis Day: One day retreat for prayer and reflection

Saturday 23 March 9.30am to 5.00pm.

To register or for information phone 01 5529448

ACI Rewilding Faith

Creating New Spaces for Faith Workshop

Zoom – Thu 14th March – 8.00 pm

A workshop to equip and encourage lay people to take leadership around their faith, and create spaces to nurture their faith and that of others.

On June 1st 2023 Patricia Higgins, introduced the idea of 'rewilding church' to our ACI Zoom talks relating to the crucial issue of faith formation.

Encouraged by the response, ACI has accepted Patricia's invitation to support her Zoom-based workshop on 'rewilding faith', via her own website.

For further details, and the sign-up process, go to :

<https://www.patriciahiggins.ie/event-details-registration/aci-rewilding-faith-creating-new-spaces-for-faith-workshop>

Patricia Higgins is a trained Spiritual Accompanier in the Ignatian tradition. She is a writer on spirituality for today's world, and has co-founded a number of faith-based organisations, including ACI, Slí Eile (Irish Jesuit Faith & Justice Initiative for 18-35 year olds) and more recently, the gospel-based faith-sharing group, Still Point.

Association of Catholics in Ireland

Mass Intentions for week commencing: 10th March

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (M/M) Anthony Mulligan
(A) Proinsias Brinkley.
(R/D) Claire McKenna,
Catherine Murray, Jamie O'Farrell
Special Intentions

Tuesday: 10.00am (R/D) Joe Armstrong,
Maureen O'Connor

Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (A) Peggy Gunning, Martin McDonagh,
Robert Hickey, John Grant,
Beatrice Cullen. Special Intention

Sunday: 11.30am (A) Sinéad Lyons, Cormac Flynn,
Cornelius Fitzgerald, Ferdia O'Dálaigh
(B/R) Catherine Flynn. (R/D) Janet Stead

Monday: 10.00am (R/D) Antoinette McCarthy,
Frank Sansey. Special Intentions

Wednesday: 10.00am (R/D) Mary Joyce, John Walsh

(A) Anniversary, (R/D) Recently Deceased, (M/M) Month's Mind,
(B/R) Birthday Remembrance, (Rem) Remembrance.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Member(s) of our community who died recently:-

(JOHN) LEO BYRNE; PADDY WHITE;
JOE ARMSTRONG; DOROTHY KEANE;
ANN BERNARD; BR MICHAEL O'NEILL

Recently Deceased:- Kathleen Gallagher, Christy Taylor,
Ken Lecasse, Margaret McNelis, Derek Mulqueen, Michael
Campion, Ella O'Neill

Anniversaries:- Annie Byrne, Paddy Hogan,
Mary Mongan

Birthday Remembrance:- Paddy Wearan, Paddy Mee, Frankie
Lynam, Adeline Hogan

**Anam Cara North Dublin, supporting bereaved parents,
is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on
Wednesday 20th March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel,
Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924.** This
event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of
the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or
whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on
info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

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