



Baldoyle Parish Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

Reflection: "Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world, and to reject lies and hypocrisy. Not the lies and hypocrisies of others, but our own."
Pope Francis

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Please take the newsletter home with you

Gospel Reflection: Mk 1: 12 - 15 18th February

Hope in the Wilderness

Seeing Jesus tempted here helps us to understand his full humanity. God made God suffer so that we could relate to Him. Each of us struggles with temptation daily and it is standard to often feel alone in that battle. In this passage, the 'wilderness' 'beasts' are metaphorical representations of the chaos and obstacles which impede on us as we stumble through life, bearing our burdens.

The ability to turn to scripture and see Jesus facing the same difficulties is a comforting reminder that we are not alone in our struggles. In Jesus' example, in fact, we find that the wilderness is not a place to be feared, but one of great hope! It is a place of revelation and of intimacy. In our darkest moments, when we are alone and most in need of God, he appears to us. Yes, Jesus was by himself among beasts, exhausted from battling Satan's temptations, but at the same time the angels ministered to Jesus. God was on his side and for this reason; Jesus emerged from the wilderness in proclamation!

This is the beauty of this succinct passage; it wraps up the purpose of Lent in eight brief lines. Jesus remained in a dark place, confronting his temptations vulnerably, in the fullness of his humanity, for 40 days. So too do we begin that journey now. Angels ministered to Jesus throughout this battle. We too are reminded that we are never alone in our struggles. God reaches out to us in intimacy, yearning to create, heal and nourish His personal relationship with each of us, especially within our darkest moments.

After 40 days of restless confrontation, Jesus returned to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News to all who would hear it: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel.' We pay heed to this advice when participating intentionally in the Lenten season and we pray that as we work on ourselves, we experience intimacy with God in the wilderness. At this, our hearts will be transformed in a way which sends us off in proclamation – firm in both our faith and our desire to share it!

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Manresa Oasis Day

Book your place on a one-day retreat and give yourself an opportunity for prayer and reflection.

Saturday 24 February, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

**To register your interest phone 01 552 9448
Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality
426 Clontarf Rd, Dollymount, D3**

Baldoyle Library Events February 2024

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Wed 28th and Thur 29th Feb. – 4pm

All ages welcome but booking is essential.

Sensory Slime workshop for 7- 11 year olds

Thursday 22nd Feb. 4pm – 5pm Booking essential

Sensory Time in the Library

Try out our new range of sensory toys in a quiet space. Thursday 29th Feb. 10.30am – 11.30pm.

All welcome

Adult Crafts: Macrame for Beginners

Monday 26th 10.30am – 12.30pm - all materials provided. Booking Essential

Lounge Lizards

The Lounge Lizards will be playing on Saturday 24th February from 3pm. Come along and enjoy some great music!

Chess for Adults

Thursdays at 6.30pm. All levels welcome – from complete beginners to grand masters!

Baldoyle Mens Shed

Meet in Library every Tuesday morning at 10.30am

Exhibitions

Politics, War and Revolution

Politics, War and Revolution Fingal history 1912 – 1923. The exhibition will be on display for the month of February. Free copies of the book will also be available.

To book your free place at any library event please email the library: baldoylelibrary@fingal.ie or call us at 01 8906793.

Baldoyle Parish Lotto

Sunday 11th February

Jackpot €1,600

Numbers Drawn: 18 , 20, 24

No Winner:

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JACKPOT

€1,700

Return completed envelopes to the safe at rear of church

Thank you for your support.

The ANNUAL COLLECTION for

ACCORD Dublin,
the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the
Family,
will be made at all Masses this weekend.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- ✚ Marriage Preparation courses –
online, small groups.
- ✚ Counselling for couples and individuals
experiencing difficulties in their relationships,
currently online or by phone.
- ✚ A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for
schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year
more than ever.

This will replace the Share Collection

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 21st February 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.

Mass Intentions for week commencing:
18th February

Church of SS Peter & Paul

Sunday: 10.00am (A) Cora Stafford (1st). Special Intentions
Pray for the Holy Souls and
Our Lord in Gethsemane

Tuesday: 10.00am (R/D) Mary Joyce. (A) John Grant

Thursday: 10.00am Prayer Service

Church of St. Laurence O'Toole

Sat. Vigil: 7.00pm (M/M) C.J.Doyle. (A) John Toal,
Vincent McGuire.,(Rem) Rose Keenan.
(R/D) Sean Scanlon.(B/R) Jojel Carino

Sunday: 11.30am (A) Liam Brophy,
James & Margaret Connolly
(B/R) Patrick Maguire.
(R/D) Maureen Murphy

Monday: 10.00am (R/D) Betty Caulfield, Sheila McDermott
Special Intentions

Wednesday:10.00am (R/D) Mary Brazel

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Recently Deceased:- Fr Peter Kilroy, Diarmuid Mundow,
Margaret Cosgrove, Caroline Conroy

Anniversaries:- Jonathan Durrán, Michael & Tom
Flaherty, Odie Keogh, Nan Kane, William, Marcella &
George McDermott, Seán Cosgrave, Peggy Scullion,
George Malone, Michael Dowling, Alice & Frank O'Meara,
Gerry Garvey, Daisy Houraghan, Mary Worth, Gabriel &
Marie Coll, Barbara Sheridan,

Seven Ways to Pray in Lent

The Monastery of St. Alphonsus in Drumcondra offers seven different ways of praying in Lent on Monday February 19th at 8pm. Join us in person or online www.rednuns.com. Presented by the DCU Chaplaincy Students and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

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