

**Quick guide to regular weekly/monthly activities**

**MONDAY**

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP**

Pastoral Centre 11-11.45am

**ACTIVE AGE GROUP**

SUSPENDED AT PRESENT

**VOCATUS CHOIR**

Parish Centre 7.00pm

**TUESDAY**

**COFFEE MORNING**

After 10.00a.m. Mass. All welcome

**OLD TIME DANCING**

School Assembly Hall 8.15pm

Local Conference

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Parish Centre 7.30pm

**WEDNESDAY**

**TODDLER GROUP**

Parish Centre 10.00am to 12 noon

**SAINT JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY**

2nd Wednesday each month at 10.30a.m. in the Pastoral Centre

**BRIDGE**

Parish Centre 10.30am

**BRIDGE TOURNAMENT**

Parish Centre 7.15pm

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Parish Centre 8.00pm

**Reading References:**  
*22nd March 4th Sunday of  
Lent : 1Sm:16:1,6-7,10-13.  
Ps 22: R/ v 1. Eph 5:8-14.  
Jn 9:1-41*

**THURSDAY**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST**

10.30am to 1pm

**ACTIVE AGE GROUP**

SUSPENDED AT PRESENT

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**

Parish Centre 8.00pm

**HOLY EUCHARISTIC HOUR**

St. Mary's Dominican Convent 8pm

With Rosary and Special Prayer for Priests

**FRIDAY**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE**

Parish Centre 2.30p.m. to 3.20p.m.

**SATURDAY**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

**Dominican Convent**

First Saturday of the month From 2pm.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament,

Confession, Rosary, Special Fatima

Prayers, Holy Mass, Benediction.

All Welcome

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**Office Opening times.**

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Tues., 9a.m. to 12noon



**Our Parish**

**The Third Sunday of Lent 15th March 2020**

**THE CROSS AND THE BEATITUDES-WEEK THREE**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Mt 5: 8)**, now at the end of life Jesus speaks to the pure of heart: when he said to his mother, **"Women here is your son"** Then he said to the disciple, **"Here is your mother"** (Jn 19: 26-27).

Pope Francis has said "a heart that loves God and their neighbour genuinely and not merely in words is a pure heart". The heart is the centre of the emotions, thoughts and intentions of the human person. The bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire. It teaches that God does not look to appearances, but to the heart to know the true person and it is from the heart that we see God. Why? Because the heart is really the human being in his/her totality as a unity of body and soul, in his/her ability to love and to be loved.

We read in the gospel that "It is from within, from the human heart that evil intentions come from: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within (from the heart) and they defile a person" (Mk 7: 21-23).

Purity of the heart is not something negative; it is not an unopened bud; it is not something cold and it's not ignorance of life! Is justice merely the absence of dishonesty? Is faith merely the absence of doubt? Purity of heart and body is not merely the absence of sensuality; it is a selflessness born of love, and born of the highest love of all. Purity is a surrender, it is a thoughtfulness of others, it is a sacrifice.

Each one of us must learn to recognise what can "defile" our own heart and form our own conscience rightly and sensibly, so as to be capable of discerning the will of God. We need to show a healthy concern for creation, and for the environment, but we need to protect the purity of what is most precious of all: our heart and our relationships. Our relationship with God and with others. Perfect purity is perfect selflessness.

In Jesus on the cross we have someone so pure of heart, that he has no thought of himself, no thoughts of selfishness, no self-ego. On the cross he showed thoughtfulness for others, thoughtfulness for you and for me. He looked upon his mother not uniquely as his own, but as the Mother of us all. Jesus would not keep his mother for himself; he would share his mother, with us. So when he said **"Women here is your son" and said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."** he gave his mother, to us as "Mother Most Pure", the mother of mankind, so we ask Mary to open our eyes so we can see God.



**CHURCH NOTICES  
FAMILY OFFERING**

The Family Offering  
Collection this week came to  
**€935**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat)  
9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00pm.  
No evening Mass.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday-Friday**  
9.00am & 10.00am  
**Saturday**  
9.00am & 10.00 am,

**NO 10A.M. MASS SAT.  
21st MARCH DUE TO  
CONFIRMATION**

6.30pm.(Vigil).

**HOLY DAYS**  
6.30p.m. (Vigil)  
9.00a.m. & 10.30a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
**Saturday**  
10.30am and 6.00pm.

**ADORATION**  
**Thursday:**  
10.30am - 1.00pm.  
**Saturdays:**  
6.00pm to 6.20pm

**THE ROSARY & DIVINE  
MERCY**  
Are recited every weekday  
after 10.00a.m. Mass.  
(except for funerals).

**MASS INTENTIONS  
Sunday 15th March**

6.30pm (Sat. vigil 14th March.)

**Jack O'Reilly R.I.P. (A)**  
**Frank Healy R.I.P. (A)**  
**Stephen Byrne R.I.P. (A)**  
**Breda Kiernan R.I.P. (A)**

9.00a.m.

**John Rossiter R.I.P. (A)**

10.30a.m.

**Des & Brid Foster R.I.P.(A)**

12 noon

**Bob Leonard R.I.P.(A)**

**PROCEEDURES UNDER-  
TAKEN IN OUR CHURCH  
TO HELP PREVENT THE  
SPREAD OF  
CORONAVIRUS**

*The Sign of Peace*-Is suspended from the Mass at present..  
*The use of Holy Water fonts*- on entering & leaving the Church is suspended-fonts are empty. *Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue*- is suspended-one can receive on the hand. *Sharing of communal vessels*-The celebrant of the Mass only will receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. *Eucharistic Ministers* will enter the Sacristy to wash their hands before distributing Holy Communion (washing is already in practice). Details on the tables in the Church and at the doors. Full advice by HSE: <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-religious-services/>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of the late James Donohue wish to thank Fr. John O'Brien & their neighbours on Glennarriff Road for their kindness in sympathising with them on the recent death of James. Thank you to the doctors & nurses of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown for their loving care and to Dr. Frawley & Dr. Brennan.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**CHURCH SHOP**

Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion cards, prayer books, gifts etc. now in stock. Also St. Patrick's Day cards & Easter cards. Drop in after 10a.m. Mass weekdays & all Sunday Masses.

**Saint Patrick's Day  
vigil Mass Mon. 16th at  
6.30p.m. 9a.m. Mass  
Tuesday 17th &  
10.30a.m. Mass  
(As Gaeilge)**

**CELTIC ATHLETIC  
CLUB**

Well done to Cliona Murphy on her great win at the Inter- varsity Cross Country Championship in Cork last weekend. Cliona led Trinity College to a first team win in many years. Pierre Murchan finished 4th in the Men's Race. At the Irish Schools Cross Country in Santry. Celine Gavin finished 2nd in the Senior Race and led her St Dominics' team of Clare O' Connor, Dora Medgyesy and Sara Byrne to 3rd place. Club info: [celticdch.com](http://celticdch.com)

Psalm 94:

'Come ring out our joy to the Lord: hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord'

**SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION  
SATURDAY 21st MARCH  
AT 11A.M.**

We welcome Archbishop Diarmuid Martin who will Confirm the girls and boys of 6th class in the Church next Saturday. We pray that the children will have a wonderful day as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
Sunday 22nd March**

6.30pm (Vigil Sat 7th)

**Margaret, William &  
Ned Corbett R.I.P. (A)**  
**Patrick, Julia &  
Terence Byrne R.I.P. (A)**

**Lily Penny R.I.P. (A)**

**Hughie Glynn R.I.P. (A)**

9.00a.m

**Kevin Fitzsimons &  
Lily & John McNally  
R.I.P. (A)**

10.30am

**James Donohue R.I.P  
Months Mind**

12:00 noon

**Larry, Anne, Miriam,  
Liam & Eileen Lynch  
R.I.P. (A)**

**ALONE COVID-19  
Helpline**

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. Professional staff will be available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line will be open **Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**, and hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**THE POPE, THE WORD & THE WORLD**

This Lent, here in the Navan Road, we will spend time with the Word of God, as the Pope interprets it in 'Laudato Si' to see what the Bible has to say to us on the whole environmental question.

**WHERE:** In the Pastoral Centre

**WHEN:** Monday 23rd & 30th March **AT:** 7.30p.m.

**FACILITATOR:** Céline Mangan, O.P.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE ACTIVE AGE GROUP ARE SUSPENDING THEIR GATHERINGS ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN THE INTEREST OF THE HEALTH OF THEIR MEMBERS. SORRY FOR ANY DISAPPOINTMENT CAUSED.**