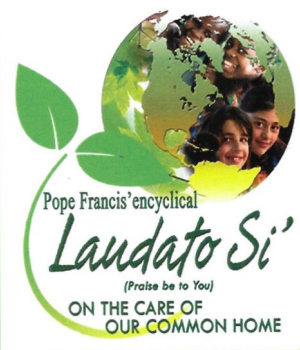


4. Our Parish Sunday 1st March 2020



**LENT BEGINS—
LOOKING FOR A
WORTHWHILE
LENTEN
PROMISE?**

**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 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th March **AT:** 7.30p.m.

FACILITATOR: Céline Mangan, O.P.

ALL WELCOME

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 1st March
6.30pm (Sat. vigil 29th Feb.)
Colin McGinley R.I.P. (A)
Maureen & Joe McCormac R.I.P. (A)
Gerry & Betsy Nolan,
Nancy Heron &
Oliver O'Connor R.I.P. (A)
Sarah Maguire R.I.P.
Months Mind
Margaret McMenamin R.I.P.
Months mind
9.00a.m.
Michael McIlkenny &
Granddaughter Kate
R.I.P. (A)
10.30a.m.
John Checkley R.I.P.(A)
12 noon
Thomas McGovern R.I.P.(A)

Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Parish, Dublin 7



The First Sunday of Lent 1st March 2020

THE CROSS AND THE BEATITUDES-WEEK ONE

The Beatitudes, recently described by Pope Francis as "a programme to be followed", were proclaimed by Jesus on the Mount of the Beatitudes. Jesus not only taught them to his disciples and His followers, He also lived them. He lived and practiced them up to the time of His crucifixion at Golgotha where he spoke his seven last words before his death on the cross.
Let us reflect on the Beatitudes and the seven last words of Jesus during His passion.

"Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth" (Mt 5: 5),
Jesus finished his public life on Calvary practicing that meekness, when he said: **"Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34)**

Today we view meekness with weakness, how wrong we are. Those who are meek are patient, gentle and merciful, drawing people together and salvaging relationships. This needs strength, a tenaciously holding onto one's trust in and relationship with God and protectively guarding his gifts of peace and mercy. When Jesus' own people picked up stones to stone him, he threw none back at them. When his own townspeople brought him to the brow of the hill to throw him down, he walked away through their midst unharmed.

When the soldier struck Jesus he answered meekly:
"If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" (Jn 18:23).

A meek person is not one who refuses to fight or someone who will never get angry. Moses was meek, but he broke the 10 commandments tablet, when he found his people disobeying God. Jesus himself in a rage using a whip cord drove the money changers out of the temple when they were defiling His Father's house.

After all the pain and torture inflicted on Jesus during his passion he forgave his torturers: **"Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34).**

To hate someone for hating us is weakness. If we answer hate with hate how will hate ever end. To end hate we need to return good for evil, we need to be merciful. The meek are patient, gentle and merciful, drawing people together and salvaging relationships, this is a strength not a weakness.

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.

Reading References:
8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent : Gn 12:1-4.
Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22,
r/v 22. 2Tm 1:8-10.
Mt 17:1-9

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk.

The women of Zimbabwe have prepared the service for this years International Ecumenical Christian Laywomen's Initiative. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. Men & women are welcome to attend this prayer service in Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Jobstown, Tallaght Friday 6th March at 7.30p.m.

For more info contact:

rosemary.lavelle@dublindiocese.ie

NOVENA OF GRACE
During Mass
Wednesday 4th March to
Thursday 12th March.

THOUGHT FOR LENT:
**"Always try to
see yourself
through God's
Eyes"**



CHURCH NOTICES

FAMILY OFFERING

The Family Offering Collection this week came to **€840**

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,
6.30pm.(Vigil).

HOLY DAYS

Working Weekday
7.30p.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.

Stations of The Cross Drama for Children

The Children's Stations of The Cross drama will take place on **Good Friday 10th April at 12 Noon**, In the Church.

We need **Girls and Boys from 5th & 6th class** to participate. Practice for the Stations of The Cross will be at **2.30p.m. each Friday during Lent in the Church, starting on the 28th February**. For further information please contact:

The Family Mass team: Mary @ 086 1942090 or Frances @ 086 8078562

CABRA LIBRARY

Upcoming Talks:
Walking the Camino de Santiago: Wednesday 4th March at 6.30p.m.

Stress Management: Thursday 12th March at 6.30p.m. Booking recommended
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email: cabralibrary@dublincity.ie

TRÓCAIRE

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WORK OF TRÓCAIRE THIS LENT BY TAKING A BOX & PACK FROM THE CHURCH. Thank You

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Next Navan Road Community Council Meeting **Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 8pm** in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome to attend.

We monitor planning and inform people about planning applications.

We participate in each new DCC Development Plan, submit Motions and attend Council meetings.

We attended all BusConnects public consultations and passed that information on to residents.

As we are listed as Stakeholders, along with other local groups, we participated in the Phoenix Park Conservation document.

Having attended meetings with the OPW we recently made a submission to the Phoenix Park.

'Visitor' Review Plan, keeping residents informed of all developments. The OPW intend inviting NRCC and other community groups to a meeting shortly to discuss the results of these submissions.

LENT ONLINE RETREAT

Do a free three day online retreat focusing on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving **FREE!**

Available throughout Lent
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ST. DECLAN'S COLLEGE

The 'Draíocht Players' Present **'SIVE'**

by: John B. Keane

IN: St. Declan's College, Nephin Road, School Library. **ON:** Thursday 5th March **AT:** 8.00p.m & Friday 6th March **AT:** 8.00p.m.

Doors open at 7.30p.m.
Tickets: Adults €10 & Students €5 available from St. Declan's School

Reception or contact Tina 0874114340 or Frances 0868078562 for tickets.

This fundraiser is in association with St. Declan's Parents Council

CASTLEKNOCK ICA

Lecture: *'Difficulties encountered by Palestinian Families Living in their own country'* Presenter: *Katie Morris*, a volunteer observer in the Occupied Palestinian Territories on behalf of the World Council of Churches (WCC) which monitors and reports on human rights abuses and violations in the region. Venue: Parish Centre, Beechpark Avenue, Castleknock Monday 2nd March at 8.15p.m. Non-members are welcome to attend. **Fee €5**

CELTIC ATHLETIC CLUB

We had athletes at the Leinster Indoor Championships in Abbotstown at the weekend. Edel McNamara won her age group 800m in the Masters Races, Craig Duffy won the Junior Long Jump, Sara Byrne won the Junior 800m, Alison Burke was 3rd in the Senior Hurdles. On Wednesday last our under 13 Relay Team of Aimee Ryan, Erin Byrne, Goda Buivydyte and Bianca Matache won the Dublin Championship. Club info: celticdch.com

CHARITY OPERA GALA CASTLEKNOCK IN AID OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS IRELAND & HOMESTART BLANCHARDSTOWN

MC for the evening is **Virginia Kerr**, Accompanist; **Mairéad Hurley**.

21st March 2020 at 8pm St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Castleknock. Tickets available from: **087 7470703**, online through EVENTBRITE: **€20**

FEATURING:

Trumpet : Pat Troy,
Soprano: David Corr,
Baritone: Maria Matthews,
Soprano: Shokri Raooff,
Bass: Stephen Walker
Also featuring: Karen Nelson, Sarah Kilcoyne & Special Guest: Ava Eustace.

In association with Fingal County Council

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 8th March

6.30pm (Vigil Sat 7th)
Margaret McCaffrey
R.I.P. (A)
Laura Duffy R.I.P. (A)
Christy Hayes R.I.P. (A)
Desmond Kavanagh
R.I.P. (A)
10.30am
Bob Grant R.I.P.(A)
12:00 noon
Ena & James Kelly
R.I.P. (A)

'DEEP PEACE'

A celebration in words and music, in recognition of the care given by St. Francis Hospice over 30years. **Sunday 1st March at 3p.m., St. Patrick's College Chapel, Drumcondra, with 'BUVINDA'** **Free public event All welcome**

Psalm 50: *'Have mercy on me, God in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin,*