

Quick guide to regular weekly/monthly activities

MONDAY

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Pastoral Centre 11-11.45am

ACTIVE AGE GROUP

Tea & Bingo

Parish Centre 2.30pm

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:

15th March 3rd Sunday of

Lent : Ex:17:3-7. Ps 94:1-2,6-9, R/v 8. Rm 5:1-2,5-8. Jn 4:5-42.

THURSDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

10.30am to 1pm

ACTIVE AGE GROUP

Parish Centre 2.30pm

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

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND

7th /8th March is for the local

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

The Church Community wish every blessing on all the girls & boys who will celebrate their Ceremony of Light in preparation for Confirmation on Monday 9th at 7pm. & all receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday 10th at 7pm.

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



Our Parish

The Second Sunday of Lent 8th March 2020

THE CROSS AND THE BEATITUDES-WEEK TWO

Blessed are the merciful: for they will receive mercy for they will inherit the earth (Mt 5: 7), Jesus finished his public life on Calvary showing mercy, when he turned to the good thief and said: **Truly I tell you today you shall be with me in paradise (Lk 23:44)**

Jesus reminds us that Mercy is something more than a sentimental, emotional tender heartedness. Mercy is a compassionate understanding of another's unhappiness for whatever reason that unhappiness exists. A person is merciful when they feel the sorrow and misery of another as if it was their own. They will seek to dispel the misery of their friend just as much as they would if the misery was their own. Whenever Mercy is confronted not only with pain, but with sin and wrong doing, it becomes Forgiveness, which not only pardons, but rebuilds into justice, repentance and love. Pope Francis said *"Blessed are those who know how to forgive, who have mercy on others, who do not judge everything and everyone, but try to put themselves in the place of others. Forgiveness is the thing we all need, without exception"*.

Jesus' parables were parables of mercy and forgiveness for example the prodigal son, and He reminds us always to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. When Jesus was asked by Peter if we should limit our mercy and our forgiveness, He said we should have infinite mercy. One prime example of Jesus' mercy is in the Garden of Gethsemane when He addressed Judas as **"Friend"**, just before Judas betrayed him. **"Friend, do what you are here to do"** (Mt 26:50).

At the close of His life Jesus fulfilled the Beatitude of Mercy in his second word from the cross when he said: **"Truly I tell you today you shall be with me in paradise"** (Lk 23:44).

Three crosses stood on Calvary: the crosses of the two thieves and the cross of the Good Shepard. The thief on the left the selfish one, thought only of himself and derided Jesus. Whereas the thief on right thought not only of himself but of the others the thief of the left and Our Lord..."Do you not fear God....We have been condemned justly...but this man (Jesus) has done nothing wrong" (Lk 23:40 -41). Our Lord showed the good thief mercy and compassion. Why? Because the good thief was merciful and compassionate.

Our Lord has made mercy the very soul of His church. Peter who denied Jesus three times was made head of the church, a man who knew by his own experience the mercy and forgiveness of Our Lord, so that the Church (you and me), might forever practice mercy and kindness.



CHURCH NOTICES

FAMILY OFFERING

The Family Offering Collection this week came to **€1365**

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.

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)
9.00a.m.
Fintan Cullen R.I.P. (A)
10.30am
Bob Grant R.I.P.(A)
12:00 noon
Ena & James Kelly
R.I.P. (A)

EMMANUEL 2020
'God With Us' 66 schools,
2500 students, 18 songs,
9th-12th March at The
Helix DCU. 7.30pm.
Tickets €12.50

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS
All Church Gate Collections for 2020 have now been allocated. We cannot accept any more requests for 2020. *Thank You*

Psalm 32: 'May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you'

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

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.

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

CELTIC ATHLETIC
CLUB

We had some of our senior athletes in action at the National Senior Indoors in Abbotsstown last weekend. Our Senior Relay Team with Catherine McManus and Alison Burke on the team came 2nd Catherine also finished 3rd in the 200m Final. Alison made the final in the Hurdles in a seasons best. Pierre Murchan ran a personal best finishing 4th in the 3k. Sean Donoghue came 5th in 1500m (the youngest athlete in the final) Great weekend!
Club info: celticdch.com

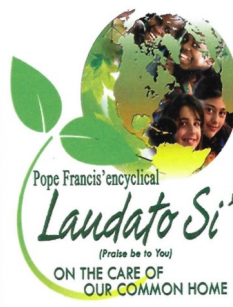
PROCEDURE UNDER-
TAKEN IN OUR CHURCH
TO HELP PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF
CORONAVIRUS

The Sign of Peace-the practice of shaking hands is suspended.
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/>

CASTLEKNOCK
ICA

Lecture: 'How to protect and improve your health'
Presenter: Thomas Coleman - Nutrition Consultant- a keynote speaker who is passionate about health. He is co-founder of My Nutrition Ireland, and regularly contributes to National Media on Nutrition and health matters.
Venue: Parish Centre, Beechpark Avenue, Castleknock Monday 9th March at 8.15p.m. Non-members are welcome to attend. Fee €5

Aifreann Laethúil I lár
na cathrach: Séipéal
na Sacraiminte
Beannaithe, Siúlán
Bhaitsiléir, Baile Áthe
Cliath 2.
Luan go hAoine,
1.15p.m.



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.

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
John Leonard R.I.P.(A)

CABRA LIBRARY

Exhibition: Paintings by
Margaret Farrell until
13th March.
Stress Management:
Thursday 12th March at
6.30p.m. Booking recommended 018691414
email: cabralibrary@dublincity.ie