

4. Our Parish, Sunday 7th February 2021

MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICING— *this is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.*

PSALM 146: "Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by name."

Reading References for 14th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. Ps 31:1-2, 5,11, R/ v 7. 1Cor: 10: 31-11:1. Mk 1: 40-45. *The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores the sinner to the community. Day of Prayer for Temperance.*

Wednesday 17th Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18. Ps 50:3-6,12-14,17, R/v3. 2 Cor 5:20-6:2. Mt 6:1-6,16-18.

Congratulations & welcome to Archbishop Dermot Farrell who has been installed as Archbishop of Dublin May God bless him in his work and the Holy Spirit Inspire him.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Your ongoing support is always appreciated and needed on an ongoing basis. Donations can be dropped into the Parish Office or Sacristy at any time. **THANK YOU**

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 7th February
6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
Bridie & Kevin Drum
R.I.P. (A)
Jim Reid R.I.P. (A)
9.00 a.m.
Anne Lynch R.I.P. (A)
10.30a.m.
Annie & Thomas O’Gorman

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 14th February
6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
James Dunne R.I.P. (A)
Sheila Fitzharris R.I.P.
Stasia & Seán Clerkin R.I.P.
9.00 a.m.
Seán Potts R.I.P. (A)
10.30a.m.
Robert & Elizabeth Derwin
R.I.P. (A)

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



Our Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 7th 2021

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY
Bernadette Soubirous was born in Lourdes France in 1844 into a humble family that gradually fell into extreme poverty, Bernadette had always been a frail child with an asthma problem. One cold day, Bernadette set out to gather firewood along with her sister and her friend against her mother Louise's advice. Bernadette unexpectedly sees a vision of a beautiful lady in a grotto. The lady smiled at Bernadette and asked her to say her rosary. She takes out her beads and prays the rosary. So mesmerised is Bernadette that she keeps returning to see this beautiful lady. Our Lady asks Bernadette to visit her for fifteen days and promises her happiness in the other world. Bernadette's parents and friends accompany her to the grotto at Massabielle but they cannot follow her conversation with Our Lady, as she is only visible to Bernadette. The administrators feel threatened by Bernadette's rising popularity and feel that she is misleading public. They try to scare Bernadette but her polite and confident replies puzzle them. Upon the request of Father Peyramale, Bernadette requests that Our Lady perform a miracle. (continued inside)

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD DUBLIN CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE
The Annual Collection of Accord the Diocesan Agency for marriage and family, will be made NEXT weekend the **13th & 14th February**.
This collection for ACCORD will replace the usual **Share (2nd) Collection. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers:**
Marriage preparation Courses. Counselling for couples & individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships. A Relationship & Sexuality Programme for Schools.
ACCORD needs your support, please give generously on the 13th & 14th February. As Masses are online only, *we would really appreciate it if you can support this collection by dropping a donation into the Parish Office, the Sacristy or 211 Navan Road over the coming few weeks. Donate by using the 2nd collection envelopes from the Church tables or your own envelope or through the DONATE button on our website.*
THANK YOU

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL CONTINUE

All Masses will be streamed on webcam & Parish radio.

The church will be open for private prayer as per the following schedule:

Monday to Friday after the 10am morning Mass until 4pm

Saturday after the 10am morning Mass until 6pm

Sunday after the 10:30am morning Mass until 4pm.

When you are visiting the church for private prayer we ask that you follow HSE guidelines with regard to social distancing, sanitising your hands and wearing of face masks is compulsory.

The Parish Office will remain open for contact by phone 018380265 or email info@navanroadparish.com 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday-Please contact if you wish to purchase a Mass Card (shared Masses) or need any other items or assistance of any kind.

Family Offering / 1st & 2nd Collection envelopes can be dropped into the Parish Office or the Sacristy letterbox or 211 Navan Road.

Donations can also be made online through the website.

www.navanroadparish.com.

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our Bus Connects sub-committee had meetings with members of NTA, and submitted to them with detailed commentary, queries and suggestions. NTA (National Transport Authority) will be lodging an application directly to An Bord Pleanála, at some stage. We checked with the Board, who confirmed they would always hold an Oral Hearing on such a large infrastructure project. If Covid ends within this year, it will be a normal Oral Hearing which any member of public can attend. However, if not, this will again take place on -line only, disenfranchising many. The Board do not yet know when the application may land on their desks.

Our area is **Corridor 5 Blanchardstown to City Centre**, i.e. every bus to the City goes directly through our area. We made no complaints about this, welcoming promised 'extra & faster' buses, unlike some areas demanding green spaces, extra trees, NO buses through etc. Despite our Committee's meetings with NTA, they appear to be proceeding with their plans, including removal of most trees on the far side of Ashtown and more than 150 trees from Ashtown all along to Cabra Cross. There is no justification for this. We fear NTA proposals also include ideas that are not in line with current environmental and transport thinking. We do not oppose a sustainable improvement in transport infrastructure, but we do oppose a diminution of our Quality of Life on the Navan Road and surrounds, which will happen if the current proposals take place. Up to 69 properties may have CPO's on their front areas, bringing traffic and its fumes closer to homes.

Please make contact with all your public representatives on these issues.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (*continued*) This was the priests condition to construct a chapel in honour of Our Lady. Our Lady gifts a spring; whose water has healing powers. Soon people assumed that Bernadette had supernatural powers and began troubling her with their personal problems and aspirations. Disliking the attention she was attracting, Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity at Nevers, France to serve the underprivileged until her death at the age of 34. Bernadette was buried on the convent grounds in Nevers, France. Her body was exhumed thirty years later on September 22, 1909, in the presence of two doctors, several appointed officials, and nuns from the local convent. When Bernadette's coffin was opened, there was no odour, and her body was completely untouched by the laws of nature. A second exhumation took place on April 3, 1919. The body of the then declared Venerable was found in the same state of preservation as ten years earlier, except that the face was slightly discoloured, due to the washing it had undergone during the first exhumation. A worker in wax was entrusted with the task of coating the face of the Saint who had been dead forty years. The sacred relic (Bernadette's body) was placed in a coffin of gold and glass and can be viewed to this very day in the Chapel of Saint Bernadette at the motherhouse in Nevers, France. Today, Lourdes remains one of the most frequented Christian shrines in the world. More than 3 million visitors, pilgrims and tourists come each year to the Grotto of Massabielle, where the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette 18 times in 1858.

(Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes is on Church tables)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Ahead of the celebration of the World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the Bishops' Council for Healthcare offers the following Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for those who are sick, for all who work in the medical profession, and for an end to the pandemic. The Novena begins on Wednesday 3 February and concludes on Thursday 11 February – the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes (3 – 11 February 2021) to pray for those who are sick, for all who work in the medical profession, and for an end to the pandemic.

1. Make the sign of the Cross
2. Say the novena prayer
3. Pray a decade of the rosary.
4. The invocations
5. Read the reflection for each day.
6. The Confiteor
7. To conclude recite the Act of Spiritual Communion

Look Online for full text:

<https://>

www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/02/01/novena-to-our-lady-of

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