

4. Our Parish, Sunday, 3rd April 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd April

6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)

Seamus Browne R.I.P. 1st (A)

Sean Clerkin R.I.P. (A)

Noreen Walsh R.I.P. (A)

10.30a.m.

Úna Sweeney R.I.P. (A)

12 Noon

Breda Dungan R.I.P.

Months Mind

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Dermot Fitzharris R.I.P. (A)

Violet McCarrick R.I.P. (A)

Denis Madden R.I.P. (A)

9.00a.m.

Elizabeth Keegan R.I.P.

Months Mind

10.30a.m.

Ina Boland R.I.P. (A)

12 Noon

Barry Glover R.I.P. (A)

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sunday 27th March

1st Collection: €1,045

2nd Collection :

**Special Diocesan Collection
for Ukraine €7,090**

(to date, will update next week)

Family Offering: €695

**Thank you for contributing
so generously.**

It is greatly appreciated.

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The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday

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

Please Note: Closes 12 Noon on Tuesdays

*Shop items & signed Mass Cards
can be purchased during these times*

Reading References for Sunday 10th April:

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion: Lk 19:28-40. Is 50:4-7. Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R /v2. Phil 2: 6-11. Lk 22:14-23:56.

Holy Week Begins. Spy Wednesday: Is 50:4-9. Ps 68: 8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34, R /v 14. Mt 26:14-25.

Details of Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday will be in the Easter Card on the tables in the Church together with Easter Dues envelopes.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

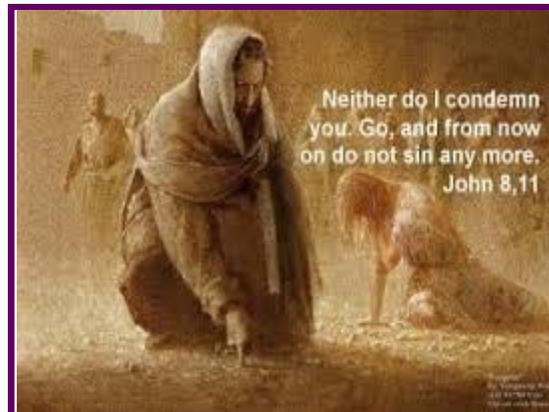
The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 23rd**. The pilgrimage will provide an opportunity for us to gather together as a Diocesan community of faith. For more information or any queries, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

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



Our Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 3RD APRIL 2022



Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.
John 8, 11

“LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST STONE”

“On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the liturgy presents us the episode of the adulterous woman (cf. Jn 8:1-11). In it, there are two contrasting attitudes: that of the scribes and the Pharisees on the one hand,

and that of Jesus on the other. The former want to condemn the woman because they feel they are the guardians of the Law and of its faithful implementation. Jesus, on the other hand, wants to save her because he personifies God's mercy which redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling.”

Pope Francis

REFLECTION

The scene in the Gospel was a dark and ugly one. But Jesus illuminated it with the radiance of His Kindness. The lovely thing about a kindness done to us is that it continues to benefit us long afterwards, through the memory we have of it. And the lovely thing we have about a kindness we do to another is that it benefits us as much as the one for whom we do it. When we treat another person kindly a sweetness falls like a dew into our heart.

CHANGE TO LAST WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENT

9.00 a.m. WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES will take place in the 50p room of the Parish Centre from Monday 4th March. PLEASE NOTE: Social distancing as in the Church will not be possible at this Mass. 10.00 a.m. Mass will take place in the Church.

LENTEN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

The Dublin Oratory in Formation invites you to **A Lenten Afternoon of Recollection**. Saturday 2nd April, 2.30pm to 5.30pm. at Saint Kevin's Church, Harrington Street, Dublin 8. Theme: "The Spirit of Saint Philip Neri".
Director: Fr Francis Gavin, CO.

By JOHN RYAN SPS –BISHOP
OF MZUZU,
MALAWI

"Gods Creation teaches us about God. It is as simple as that. Shortly before the sun rises, the sky also plays it's role by displaying an extraordinary array of beautiful intertwining colours. And as the birds go silent this array of colours also vanishes! It is as if all of nature is waiting for this momentous event of the rising sun. And darkness is replaced with light."

The sun loses a whopping four million tons of its weight every second! It is losing itself for our benefit in giving us light and heat every day. It also brings us beauty and pleasure every day. In return it does not ask for anything.

SURROGATE MOTHERS IN UKRAINE

Article by Jonathan Luxmoore
From The Tablet

"The situation of surrogate mothers in Ukraine has been highlighted by the Viennese bioethics institute IMABE, writes *Christa Pongratz-Lippitt*. "The international media above all concentrate on the worries of the would-be parents who are concerned about their babies' security in the war zones but no one is interested in the fate of the surrogate mothers," IMABE's spokeswoman, Susanne Kummer, told Kathpress on 14th March. Ukraine had been a "popular and relatively cheap" country for clients to search for babies, Kummer noted. Between 2,000 and 2,500 babies had been carried to term by Ukrainian surrogate mothers, with 90% of babies "exported". The BioTechCom Centre for Human Reproduction, with offices in Kyiv, had cornered 25% of the global market for surrogate motherhood, Kummer said. A baby cost the client between €40,000 and €65,000, according to Princeton University's *Journal of Public and International Affairs*, Kummer recalled. Ukrainian surrogate mothers, who usually came from precarious backgrounds and received between €8,000 and €10,000 per baby, with the rest going to the agents."

Psalm 129

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. If you O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you"

CABRA LIBRARY

MEET THE ARTIST : MARGARET FARRELL:

Well-known local artist Margaret Farrell, will give demonstrations of her techniques and chat about the inspiration and stories behind her paintings in Cabra Library on the following dates: **Wed 30 March, Tue 5 & 12 April 6.30-7.30pm**

Margaret is a landscape and seascape artist renowned for her use of vibrant, expressive colour. Her solo exhibition is on view at Cabra Library from **22nd March to 30th April**. Viewing times as per library opening hours. Margaret is much sought after as an art teacher, and her demonstrations have proved very popular in the past. This is a unique opportunity to meet her and discover some of her creative secrets, ask questions about her use of colour, how she creates textures and watch as she demonstrates her palette knife techniques. **Booking: Admission is free but booking is essential as spaces are limited. 012228310**

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

'Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.' (Nelson Mandela)

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sadly, our yellow ribbons, showing the wonderful trees targeted for removal by Bus Connects WERE AGAIN CUT DOWN, last week - a 2nd time by an unknown person. It has been reported to Cabra Gardaí by ourselves, and those who saw it happening. Depending on our energy we may put up more ribbons, OR, if you, a resident love a tree near you, maybe tie a ribbon on it. Taking great care not to trip, or step too close to the road. **DART Maynooth;** Electrification Maynooth line, Irish Rail have produced another plan for Ashtown which involves long winding footbridges, similar to Pelletstown, with a deep tunnel still in place UNDER rail line and UNDER Royal Canal, for cars & cyclists, NOT pedestrians this time. Our own professional advice, and another separate advice, with detailed professional drawing/plans, have shown how the rail line at Ashtown can be dropped (with no tunnelling required) -leaving Ashtown Road in place for traffic, cyclists, pedestrians, and horses, and local green habitats left in place. Once again, all plans only on line, depriving those not on internet of information. **Thursday 31st March** between **6 p.m - 9 p.m.** Irish Rail are holding a drop in evening at Plunkett's Club House, with officials present, to show their plans. Support for the dropped line (similar to Dun Laoghaire) would be very helpful