MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 18th February 6.30p.m (Sat Vigil) William Murphy R.I.P. (A) Monica O'Donoghue **R.I.P.** (A) Liam Ferguson R.I.P. (A) Michael Kenny R.I.P. **Months Mind** 9 00a m For The People **Of The Parish** 10.30a.m. Nick & Annie Clonan **R.I.P. (A)** 12 Noon Lily (Elizabeth) Connellon

R.I.P.

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday 25th February 6.30p.m (Sat Vigil) David & Pauline Doyle R.I.P. (A) Sylvia O'Doherty R.I.P (A) Philip O'Brien R.I.P. Birthday Remembrance

> 9.00a.m. For The People Of The Parish

10.30a.m. Tim Duffy R.I.P. (A) & Deceased Members of the Duffy & O'Brien Families

12 Noon Breda Dungan R.I.P. (A) Mary Patricia Wickham R.I.P. (A)

Deadline for items for the newsletter– Tuesday at 9a.m.



Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses **this weekend of 17th & 18th Feb**,

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.

Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, online or by phone.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. This special collection will replace the SHARE (2nd Collection –yellow) on the 17th/18th, please support generously.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT-18th FEBRUARY 2024

JUST LENT I -WEEK ONE THEME- FLOOD AND DESERT



In this Sunday's first and second readings you will notice mention of a flood. Flood in the Bible connects with danger and disaster, but our first reading assures us that God will never destroy the earth. Jesus is in the wilderness of

the desert in the Gospel and he emerges from this experience proclaiming Good News from God.

The early Christians realised that the flood of God's grace, which flows from Jesus' desert experience, is positive because it is about our Baptism. THE CRY OF THE EARTH, THE CRY OF THE POOR

"2.5 per cent of the Earths water is fresh water. This 2.5 per cent sustains human life on earth – our life. In a real sense it is the foundation of all human civilisation; however, because it seems to be in such abundance, we appear to take water for granted. While fresh water is a global concern, it is always a local issue. Most people drink from the well in their own yard. In the past one hundred and fifty years, with the significant industrialisation of society and of agriculture, the demand for fresh water has increased exponentially, and the effects of vastly increased urban living can be seen in our rivers, lakes and oceans."

SEE- What effects of flooding are you noticing at home and around the world? DISCERN- How much water does your household use for cooking, cleaning... ACT- What could you do differently this lent to preserve water?

CHURCH NOTICES

FIRST COLLECTION 11th February €645 SECOND COLLECTION 11th February €620

FAMILY OFFERING

11th February **€1,080**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.30pm Vigil Mass (Sat) 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 9.00a.m. & 10.00a.m.

Saturday

9.00am & 10.00a.m.

6.30pm.vigil.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday: 10.30am and 6.00pm.

ADORATION

Saturdays: 6.00pm to 6.20pm. Monday to Friday: 7.45a.m. to 8.45a.m.

THE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY Are recited every weekday after 9.00a.m. Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH Devotions at 5p.m with Exposition and Confession.

ST. JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY- Third Wednesday of each month after 10a.m. Mass. -21st February

STATIONS OF THE CROSS– FRIDAYS DURING LENT– after 10a.m. Mass or after a Funeral

MASS TIMES SURVEY – The findings from our Mass-Times Survey will be shared and reviewed at our Parish Partnership Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on Thursday 29th February. We will inform our parishioners of any updates.

TRÓCAIRE- Together for a just world-

Trócaire packs are available from the tables in the church– please take one and support the essential work of Trócaire this Lent.

Diary of a Trócaire colleague from Gaza: Hala is a Programme Coordinator at the non-governmental organisation Alianza-ActionAid, which helps affected women with services including psychosocial support and cash assistance. But she and her family are now displaced. Hala shared her diary entries of the early days of the conflict, which so far has killed more than 25,000 people, displaced nearly 2 million people and left half a million facing famine.

22 October

Tonight, like many others, sleep deserts me. I keep checking on my children huddled around me on the floor, covered by a thin bedsheet. My brief moments of rest are interrupted by my children's cries amid hostilities and occasional visits from cockroaches.

28 October

It took us 15 days to get domestic water, and when we finally did, we had to make do with cold showers. The place lacks everything, even a toilet.

15 November

I go to the local market. There is nothing to buy. The shops are almost empty, with no flour and not even yeast. Whatever is available is far more expensive than its actual price. For a while, we have been eating mainly pasta and lentil soup.

Ceasefire 24 November

Today marks the beginning of the ceasefire pause. It's one of the best days I've had in a while. I seized the opportunity to see my brothers, whom I haven't seen since the hostilities started. The week-long humanitarian pause offered a respite, allowing the UN and partners to get trucks into Gaza loaded with vital aid and fuel, provide assistance to hundreds of thousands of people, and evacuate critical patients.

Fighting resumes 1 December

The pause has ended and hostilities resume. We had high hopes that the pause would extend, but it didn't...... *(full account on Trocaire.org)*

FROM: NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PART 8 Dublin City Council proposed developments at Martin Savage Park Playing

fields. We have handed in a detailed submission in print, concentrating, among other concerns, on our suggestion; 'before any commencement of development, the frequent flooding which occurs throughout Glendhu, lower Glens Roads, and Martin Savage Park homes - be dealt with first, to avoid future homes being destroyed, with flood waters including sewage resulting in denial of Flood Insurance cover "- addressed to Exec. Manager, Planning & Property Development Dept., DCC. We have, as always, submitted professional advice on how best to carry out these works, ensuring future waters flow underground into Tolka River, saving local homes. At the recent large public meeting, almost, if not all public representatives present, including two Ministers, expressed the same flooding concerns and that it be dealt with first.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS– Will take place after 10a.m. Mass or a Funeral Mass each Friday during Lent–beginning Friday 16th

Reading References for Sunday 25th February– Second Sunday of Lent. Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18.. Ps 115:10, 15-19, R/Ps 114:9. Rm 8:31-34. Mk 9:2 -10. God sacrifices his own Son as part of the plan of salvation of the world.