

Mass at 7.25am

Continuing this week, the first Mass of the morning Monday to Friday, will be at **7.25am**

A few words from the Parish Priest....

I went to bed last night with a prayer on my lips for the 14 people who died on Bloody Sunday and for their relatives and friends who are still living painfully with their loss. I woke this morning to the news of over 49 people dead at a Mosque in Christchurch and my first prayer is for them and their families. What we have learnt from Derry tells us that the relatives of those slain in Christchurch, as they prayed, men, women and children, will carry the pain and suffering for many decades to come. Hatred and violence are expressed in appalling acts of terror all over the world and no one knows when the next terrible deed will come. We might ask if there is anything our leaders can do, any way that nations can avoid this evil and the answer has to be yes? Building up peace and mutual respect begins with each and every one of us. Our attitudes, language, behaviours feed into the collective identity of families, communities, nations and the world we live in. How we come to understand peace and God's plan for peace for all peoples and every nation, how we shape our words and actions to carry out God's plan really does matter. While we ourselves might never feel hatred so strong as to lead us to murder, we might use words carelessly and contribute to hurt, discrimination and alienation of others. So, on our Lenten journey, as we seek conversion of heart and to grow in love, let us ask God to open our eyes to all that contributes to hate, and to give us the strength in our hearts to love tenderly, act justly and walk humbly with all our brothers and sisters.

**Masses for St Patrick's Day
Sunday 17th March 2019
10.30am; 12.00noon and 6.15pm**

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig!

Lenten Reflection in Three Patrons, Rathgar.

A Journey in song from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection: Psalms, Plain Song and Dánta Dé (hymns of Ireland). Join vocalist Kerrie O Connor; harpist Mary Louise O Donnell; and violinist Naomi O Shea for this reflection on Sunday 7th April at 7pm. See notice board for further details. All welcome. Listen – Sing – Reflect

Collections 10th March 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,420
Share Collection: €735

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday morning after 10.00am Mass in St. Brigid's Room. Meditation is the quiet prayer of faith, silence, stillness and simplicity handed on to us by the Benedictine Monk, John Main O.S.B. All are welcome.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Last October the parish had a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and for those who missed out but would like to go this year, a very similar trip, with direct flight, organised by the same people is available 13th-21st September 2019. Prices from €1695. Like last year there will be four separate parishes on the flight, each with a priest from the Dublin diocese, and local guide. Information at: www.maptravel.ie, 01 8783111, or dermot.nestor@maptravel.ie

Lenten Reflection on the Sunday Gospels, with Fr. Kieran O' Mahony OSA, on Monday 18th March at 7.30p.m in the Holy Rosary Pastoral Centre, Harold's Cross. All Welcome.

Dublin County Choir accompanied by The Absolute Music Ensemble, will perform Haydn's *Creation, Part 1* in St John's Church Ballinteer on Saturday 30th March at 8.00pm. Tickets €15

Anam Cara Wicklow is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday 18th March at 7:20pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. For more information, visit www.anamcara.ie or call 085 2888 888.

St John of God Public Lecture Series from Monday 25th March to Monday 15th April 8.00-9.30pm in St John of God Hospital, Stillorgan, Co Dublin. Please visit sjoghosp.ie, or see notice board for details.

Talk during Lent: Dr. Dermot Lane is a priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, and a former president of The Mater Dei Institute. He will give a talk on the subject 'Some aspects of personal, social and community responsibility in relation to care of the earth' based on the contents of Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si*. It will be held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 in Saint Patrick's Hall to the rear of The Three Patrons Church Rathgar at 7.30 pm.

Earth Hour Saturday 30 March 2019. Environmental Group in Balally Parish is holding a candlelight vigil of poetry, prayer and music in Balally parish church during Earth Hour 8.30pm to 9.30pm and have invited parishioners of Rathgar parish to attend. Members of the Rathgar *Laudato Sí* group will be participating in the vigil. *Earth Hour is marked by millions of people around the world by turning off lights for one hour.*