

A few words from the Parish Priest....

In recent years Met Éireann has taken to naming storms, and recently storm Gareth passed across Ireland with high winds and snow, and caused huge waves to batter the West coast. As we probably all know someone called Gareth, there might have been an opportunity for some banter; naming the storms almost makes them seem like the visit of a friend! I hadn't realised that this idea to give each storm a name happens all over the world, so when news of the cyclone that tore through Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Malawi recently came to our attention, we learned that it was named Idai. Well, this was no friendly visit; listening to the representative of Trocaire talk about the loss of life, the flooding of vast areas, and the total destruction of communities, we realized that Idai had caused life-changing damage to millions. The TV showed images of thousands of men, women and children, sitting for days on the roofs of their houses, surrounded by flood waters, and praying to be rescued. The Trocaire box that many of us carried away from the church at the beginning of Lent is one way to donate to help these unfortunate people. Our Lenten alms can change lives and help with life after Idai. We can be friends with these people in their time of great need.

Mass at 7.25am

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

Talk during Lent at Three Patrons:

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 Sí'. It will be held this Tuesday 26th March in St Patrick's Hall, Leicester Ave, at 7.30

Collections 17th March 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,457
Share Collection: €840

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

Lent in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral: Come along to St Kevin's Oratory – (Entrance from Cathedral) for '*Lent Wednesdays: A Springtime of Faith*' with Fr Kieran J. O'Mahony, OSA from 11.15am to 12.30pm –27th March and 3rd and 10th April. Masses will be at 10.30am and 12.45pm. All welcome.

Gianna Care provides compassionate, life-affirming and confidential care during pregnancy. If you would like further information, please see notices at back of church or call 086 0293727

Rathgar Ladies Club **Change of Venue** to Harold's Cross Pastoral Centre, beside Holy Rosary Church. The next event will feature a talk by Mary O'Brien '*Daffodils: Historical, Irish, and Miniature*' on Thurs 28th March at 8.00pm. New members always welcome.

St Peter Claver Annual Spring Sale will be held on Sunday 7th April in St Joseph's Hall, Terenure, from 10.30am to 2.30pm

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.*

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