

A few words from the Parish Priest....

I once heard Cardinal Timothy Dolan being interviewed: he was sharing his experience of returning to America after being made a Cardinal. He had a suitcase full of new clerical clothes, all trimmed in red, as befitted his new status; he had wonderful memories of the celebration with the Holy Father and the other new Cardinals; and all the formal Masses and events, parties and gatherings. I think he mentioned that his mother was alive and able to take some part in this immensely proud moment. So, on his first day back, it was a Wednesday, and he was still a bit jet lagged, he slipped down from his rooms to the sacristy in St. Patrick's Cathedral to join the morning Mass. The day ahead was full of meetings to prepare for the formal welcome home and he was glad of the chance to begin the day with prayer. During the Mass, he knelt down before one of his brother priests, who marked his forehead with ashes and said, "Remember man, you are but dust and unto dust you shall return." He said in that moment he knew that all the trappings of high office, all the power that goes with being the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, all the hype, the media interviews and the celebrations only had meaning if he could accept that all this would pass and that he was mortal. He reflected that he would one day face his Lord and Maker and would have to give an account of his life, and knew that with high office came great responsibility in the service of the Gospel. Ash Wednesday gives us all an opportunity to reflect again on our priorities, and by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, it is a time to renew our commitment to the Lord, and to living a Christian life and building up the Church.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at the two morning Masses; throughout the day blessed Ashes will be available near the altar and parishioners are welcome to come begin their Lenten observance. During Lent the first Mass of the morning will be at **7.25am**. Trocaire packs are available in the Church and all are welcome to take a Trocaire Box to have at home or in work, to support Trocaire's work in the developing world

Home from Home D6 Community Sponsorship of Refugees, will hold a public meeting on 4th March at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Hall, Leicester Avenue. This initiative is supported by the Red Cross and the Government of Ireland in association with the Rathgar and Terenure Fellowship which comprises: Three Patrons Church, St Joseph's Terenure, the Salvation Army, Zion Church Rathgar, Christ Church Rathgar, Brighton Methodist Church, Churchtown Society of Friends, and the Progressive Synagogue. For further information, please see notices on the board at the back of the Church.

Collections 24th February 2019

Offertory Collection: €1,262
Share Collection: €644

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

St Vincent de Paul Collection will be held on next Sunday 10th March 2019.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter for Special Needs Children. Sale of Work to raise funds today Sunday 3rd March, in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Terenure, from 10am to 1.00pm. All Donations to: Bernadette Anderson, ph 087 6377138

Maynooth College Lecture David Hollenback, S.J., of the Berkeley Centre for Religion and Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University will speak on *Human Rights in Catholic School Thought: A Living Tradition and Some Urgent Challenges today*. Lecture takes place on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in the Loftus Halls, Maynooth College. Tickets at: specialevents@spcm.ie

Terenure Enterprise Centre will start Enterprise Week with an Open day on Monday 4th of March. Between 4pm and 5pm the public and other local businesses will have the chance to go through any open door in the centre and visit the resident businesses. Terenure Enterprise Centre is home for over 40 different businesses in a variety of sectors, as well as technology-oriented start ups.

New Youth Choir now forming in Ballinteer Community School on Tuesdays 7.00pm -8.00pm. Open for Post-Primary boys and girls. Phone Tony at 089 2531261 or see notice at the back of the church for further details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 27th April 2019 from 11.00am to 4.30pm. This year's pilgrimage will celebrate 140 years since the apparition in 1879. All enquiries to: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie.

Lenten Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, with Fr. Kieran O' Mahony OSA, on Mondays 4th, 11th and 18th March at 7.30pm in the Holy Rosary Pastoral Centre, Harold's Cross. All Welcome.