

Father Donal adds: "Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred."

That is a great challenge for us this Lent. It's important to remember that Lent is not only a time to *give up*, it's also a time to *give to*, whether that's additional time in prayer, going to daily mass when we can or helping those in need wherever we may find them. Father Donal Neary reminds us that:

"We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his Gospel remains life-giving and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. Church life may leave us down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert will do the same for us."

He also offers us this advice: "A Lenten thing to do could be to read a bit of the Gospel every day. Look up Sacred Space on the web and pray from that. Or Pray-as-you-go. Pray your own favourite Gospels. Read the Gospel to the children. Hear the word at weekday Mass."

Lent can sometimes be seen as a negative or challenging time but I think we should focus on the opportunities for renewal and revitalisation that it brings to our lives. And may we be inspired by the example of Jesus in today's Gospel who was able to resist temptation and was not to be distracted by the temptations of the world. Please keep our three Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) candidates from Donaghmede Parish in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to receive the sacraments at the coming Easter Vigil.

Gerard Reilly is a Permanent Deacon in Donaghmede and Ayrfield parishes

Eucharistic Adoration in Holy Child Oratory: Beginning on Ash Wed. 6th March, daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Oratory from after the 9.15a.m. Mass until 11.45a.m. This will continue from Monday to Friday throughout Lent and if sufficiently supported will continue indefinitely. During Lent members of the Diocesan Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Devotion will visit the Parish and speak of their experience of the benefits of frequent Eucharistic Adoration in the life of many parishes. They will also advise on how to organise the Adoration. Meanwhile, would you consider spending a little time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration during Lent? It could be for a few minutes or an hour daily or weekly depending on your commitments. Maybe this is Jesus's personal invitation to you to enter into a deeper intimacy with Him during Lent.

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"We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ."

10th March 2019

The practice of putting ashes on the head to mark repentance goes back to Old Testament times but it was Pope Gregory the Great around 600 AD who made it part of the Christian celebrations of the first day of Lent. Ashes are made of the palms from Palm Sunday which are then blessed and placed on the forehead in the form of a cross. Many of you will have received these blessed ashes last week on Ash Wednesday.

The word "Lent" itself comes from *lencten*, which refers to the new season of spring. So it is a time for growth and revitalisation in our lives. Pope Francis reminds us that '*[Christ] became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich*'. But what do these words mean to us today? The Pope says "Christ does not reveal himself to us cloaked in worldly power and wealth but rather in weakness and poverty. Jesus *"worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and he loved with a human heart."*

When Jesus was baptised in the river

Jordan, he did so because he wanted to be like each one of us. He was in no need of forgiveness or repentance but he chose to share the same journey with us.

This Lent we are invited to share the joy of the Gospel message which is one of mercy and hope. Perhaps our mission is to bring light into the darkness and difficulties of people's lives and to share with them the hope of the Gospel.

The Jesuit writer Father Donal Neary has written a lovely reflection on Lent where he makes some very worthwhile and insightful points. He says the following:

"The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God."

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019
Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th Sept.
Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights Full Board**
Fully Inclusive Price €759 (single room
€180 supplement) In conjunction with the
Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. To book
please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274



Holy Communion
is available to all
communicants
under both kinds
at the Main Altar,
Priest's Chair
side.



Whitehall, Beaumont & St. Luke's Kilmore West - Parish Pastoral Councils
are hosting a series of two talks

Theme: Ireland the Land of Saints and Scholars. Where to now?

All parishioners and their friends are very welcome. Each evening will commence with a Presentation – break for tea/coffee & time for Discussion and Questions

Wednesday, 13th March 2019

Church of the Nativity, Beaumont
 at 7.30p.m. – Fr. John Joe Spring
 Topic: Celtic Spirituality with a key
 focus on St. Patrick

Wednesday, 27th March 2019

Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall
 at 7.30p.m. - Sr. Dorrie Balfe O.P.
 Topic: Creation Spirituality with a key
 focus on St. Brigid.



Silver Jubilee of the Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

The official opening and dedication of Blessed Margaret Ball Chapel, by then Archbishop and later Cardinal Desmond Connell, was on 18th Dec. 1994. As we approach the 25th Anniversary it is important that we mark this significant milestone in an appropriate way. Any ideas on how to celebrate will be most welcome by the small Jubilee Committee that was formed recently. Please leave written suggestions c/o the Sacristy or speak to the Sacristans or one of the Priests.

We welcome in Baptism:
Meadow Michelle Lambert Bonny
Éala Bridget Byrne Metcalfe

*We pray that these newly
 baptised children will always know
 and love Jesus as their friend.*



Please pray for Gertrude English & Kathleen Caffrey, Benefactors of the Parish, who each bequeathed €3,000 for the support of the Parish in their wills. Their legacy is acknowledged with sincere gratitude. Mass will be offered for them at 11.15a.m. this Sunday.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers: Anne Kelly
 Pauline Kinnear, John Doherty
 Richard Byrne, Paul Smyth,
 Brigid Adderley,
 Clare Osborne (nee Kavanagh)
 Frances O'Ryan (nee Duffy)



Ministers of the Word needed for 6pm Mass on Sundays. If you would like to become a Minister of the Word at this Mass, please leave your name & phone number in the sacristy, marked for the attention of Mary Gormley. You will be contacted within a few days. Training provided.

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.

Church Gate Collection this week is for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Please Support your Parish Lotto – Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 9 10 14 29 2nd Jackpot: 4 16 21 24 No Jackpot winner.
The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: J. Fitzgibbon; J. O'Hanlon;
U. Kearns; M. Finlay; A. Dooley; P. O'Connor; A. Bradley.
The winners of the five special prizes of €100 were:
T. Purdue; S. Reid; D. O' Kane; T. Mullins; R. Gorman.
Next Week's Lotto: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €450



Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 11th , Tues. 12th, Wed. 13th, Thurs. 14th Mar. 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. - Available
Fri. 15th Mar. 9.15a.m. Betty & Ned O'Leary (Anniversaries)
7.00p.m. Irene & Tony Zaidan (Anniversaries)
Sat. 16th Mar. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Vigil 7.00p.m. Shamie Carrick (Anniversary)
Ciarán & Louis Cottell (Anniversaries)
Finbarr & Anne Hourihane (Anniversaries)
Mary Walsh (Anniversary)
Sun. 17th Mar. 11.15a.m. Gertrude English, Kathleen Caffrey (R.I.P)
12.30p.m. May & Pat Tyrrell (Anniversaries)
Pauline & Gerry O' Farrell (Anniversaries)
Elizabeth & Frederick Gorman
Peig & Pat O'Callaghan (Anniversaries)
6.00p.m. James (Jimmy) Dixon (Remembrance)
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Wed. 13th Mar. 10.00a.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 17th Mar. 10.00a.m. Elizabeth & Patrick Foy (Anniversaries)
Bernadette Devine, Billy Kane (Anniversaries)

Criost Linn Prayer Group Meeting in Holy Child Oratory: "Criost Linn is a spiritual community called to contemplate the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to experience with Mary his love for us and for others through us". It was founded and guided by the recently deceased Fr. Kevin Scallen CM. The Group will meet each Wed. in our Oratory from after 7pm. Mass until 9pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture reading, reflection and sharing. All welcome. Directed by Gemma and Triona King.

Have you heard of DCU's two unique theology courses, the BA in Theology and Religious Studies and the MA in Theology?...Taster lectures on the All Hallows Campus which are open to potential students and give people a chance to see what these courses are like -
 *Tues. 26 Mar. 6pm: Sacramental Theology (MA)
 *Thurs. 28 Mar. 6pm: Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles (BA)
 Further information: dcu.ie/theology_philosophy_music

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