



17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



**“Only those who leave behind their earthly attachments in order to set out will find the mystery of God.”** Pope Francis  @Pontifex

### WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST PATRICK,

this weekend, the *Patron Saint of Ireland*. Not alone is St. Patrick's Day celebrated here in Ireland, but in many countries throughout the world. Little is known about the early life of St Patrick. He was born about 373 or 390 in Roman Britain. His father was a native in the Roman army and served as a Deacon in the church in Britain and his grandfather was a priest somewhere in Cumbria. Patrick himself tells us in his *Confessions* that despite his family's involvement in the Church, he was not very religious.



At sixteen years of age pirates raided his village and took Patrick as a slave to Ireland and for the next six years he worked as a herdsman looking after sheep and pigs in Co Antrim. During this time, alone in the quietness of the hills, Patrick reflected a lot. He came to believe that his kidnapping was as a result of his lack of faith and he came much closer to his God. After six years Patrick had the

opportunity to escape and to make his way back home to Britain and eventually found his way to his own home.

Having been changed by his experiences Patrick began to study for the priesthood. He studied in Europe. As a priest he had a vision of the Irish inviting him back to them to tell them about God. It was 12 years before he returned to Ireland with the Pope's blessing.

In Ireland there were lots of Chieftains looking after their own places and constantly fighting with one another. There was rarely any high King who could unite all the Chieftains. The first time this happened was when Brian Ború was High King and defeated the Danes.

Patrick asked permission of the Chiefs to preach Christianity and often presented them with gifts. His mission was not always easy. He baptised thousands of people, ordained many priests and converted many wealthy women, some of whom became nuns in the face of family opposition. He dealt with sons of Kings and converted them. He travelled extensively establishing Monasteries, Schools and Churches. It is believed that Patrick died on 17<sup>th</sup> March in 461 or possibly 493 and is buried in Downpatrick in County Down.

### LENT WEEK TWO: “OUR BAPTISM”

Which kind of gift is your Baptism? Maybe Baptism is a gift that is only appreciated sometime after it has been received. Maybe it is a long time before we get to ‘unwrap’ it. Maybe we go on unwrapping it, all the time appreciating it more and more.

**Take a quiet pause to recall...** When did you first appreciate your Baptism, your gift, your faith? Can you recall moments when it dawned on you? Were there particular experiences, particular people? Were there times when your appreciation grew deeper? Or could it be that it remains wrapped up, undiscovered?

Our growing appreciation of our Baptism is like a journey. A journey from the head to the heart. Someone said that this is the longest journey. When I travel this journey, my Baptism is no longer just something I know about, a fact about me. My Baptism becomes part of me, something I feel and cherish... *heartfelt*. In Baptism, each Christian hears again the voice that was once heard on the banks of the Jordan river; *‘You are my beloved’*. What God the Father said to Jesus, God the Father says to each of us. I am ‘beloved’, eternally cherished, eternally held in the loving gaze of God. This is the gift of Baptism.

## DURING LENT... Come join us...

**MORNING PRAYER @ 9.45am** (before 10am Mass, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (except on Wednesdays and when funerals take place).

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on Wednesdays, 5.30pm – 6pm, end with Evening Prayer of the Church at 6pm.

## TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

Trócaire work on our behalf in helping millions of people facing humanitarian catastrophes because of extreme weather or conflict. Every cent and euro do make a difference. **TRÓCAIRE BOXES** are available at the back of the church. They can be returned with your donations on Holy Thursday.

### ETERNAL REST...

**Julie FITZGERALD-SILLA**, late of Buttercup and Clarehall. Julie passed into eternal rest on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. Funeral was celebrated on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.

*...grant unto her, O Lord.*



### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING:

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 7pm in Newlife Centre. Please collect a Baptism Registration Form in NLC.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Siobhan Holmes & James Keely who were married in our church last Saturday.

### MINISTRY ROTA:

16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
WORD	Shannon	Paddy	Cora + Hilda
COMMUNION	Willie	Noel	Lorraine, SrLumay
23 <sup>rd</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
WORD	Colm	Jean	Hilda + Jovie
COMMUNION	Hilda	Nancy	Lil, George

### DAILY LENTEN PRAYER

Today Lord, I choose life,

I choose your love

and the challenge to live it and share it,

I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,

I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God,

I choose to let go of some part of my burdens,

day by day handing them over to you,

I choose to take hold of your strength and power

ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life,

of change, challenge and growth.

May I come to Easter

with a heart open to dying with you

and rising to your new life, day by day.

Amen



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**Tea/Coffee, scones & sandwiches** served in our Coffee Dock 9.30am – 12.30pm. Donations are most welcome.

### GROUPS/COURSES IN THE CENTRE:

<b>Ladies Club</b>	Tuesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm
<b>NA</b>	Tuesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm
<b>Knitting &amp; Chat</b>	Wednesdays, 10.30am – 12
<b>Active Age</b>	Wednesdays, 2pm – 4pm
<b>Knitting Class</b>	Wednesday, 7pm – 8pm
<b>AA</b>	Wednesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm
<b>Flower Arranging</b>	Thursdays, 10.30am – 12

### PARISH MISSION TEAM

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### Church & Centre Safeguarding Reps:

Joan McDonald, Anne Kinsella & Hilda McLoughlin 01 8474547



### TUESDAYS & THURSDAY @ 8.30pm

**Darndale Sports Hall. Lots of Cash Prizes.**

Doors open at 8pm. Last game ends at 10pm.

### PARISH INCOME Last Weekend

Planned Family Giving Envelopes: €204.95

COMMON Fund: €177.25 ACCORD Collection: €143.36

**Thank You for your generosity and support.**

### OBLATE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Staying in HOTEL SOLITUDE 4\* is €779 (per person sharing - *Single room supplement is €180*) Reserve your place on the pilgrimage with Joan, the Manager in the Newlife Centre. A non-refundable deposit of €250 must be paid in by 30<sup>th</sup> April to confirm your place. The balance of the fare must be settled by 5<sup>th</sup> August.

### PARISH LOTTO: TUES. 12<sup>th</sup> March

Draw: €834 Numbers: 5, 7, 19 **ONE Winner**

**Next Draw on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Est. prize €250**

The Draw takes place in the Community Sports Hall during Tuesday Bingo. *Lotto Envelopes* in church, NLC and Sports Hall.