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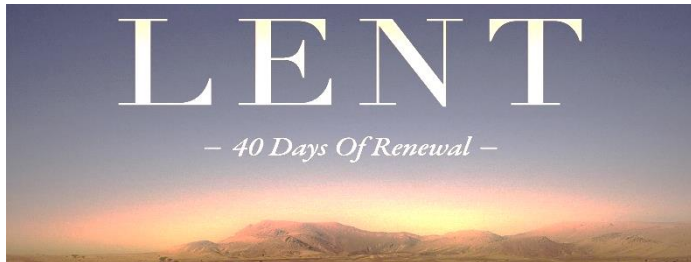
10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**“At the beginning of Lent, it would do us good to ask for the grace to preserve the memory of all that the Lord has done in our lives, of how He has loved us.”**

Pope Francis  @Pontifex



Today's Gospel speaks of a period of forty days that Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. Forty is a significant number in the Bible. It denotes an extended period, such as the duration of Noah's flood, the number of years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, and the preparation fasting time of both Elijah and Moses before encountering God. In Scripture, the desert or wilderness is a place of great deprivation and hardship. It is filled with danger – wild animals, bandits, outcasts from society and even demons. Yet it was the Spirit which led Jesus there. The temptations challenge Jesus to deny his humanity and to reclaim his identity with God. But Jesus recognises that at the heart of human existence is the need to trust in God, to allow God to guide us, and to remain faithful during struggle and uncertainty. Lent, traditionally a time of fasting, prayer and giving, also runs for forty days. It is a special time of preparation, when we are invited to really examine our lives in detail. Our desert experiences often lead us to a new faith experience and a new understanding of God. *Which of the temptations of Jesus would you personally find most challenging? What are the great temptations in your life? In what ways have you been 'led by the Spirit' through the wilderness?* Spend some time this week contemplating the difficult periods of your life, and how they lead you to new understandings of yourself, others and God.



Well done to the children who made their **FIRST CONFESSIONS** last week. Thanks to Ms Murray and the Second-Class teachers for preparing the children.



## LENT REFLECTION: “OUR BAPTISM”

This Lent, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin invites all in the diocese to a renewed appreciation of what it means to be baptised. This Lent is a time and an opportunity for us to reconnect with our own Baptism. In a few weeks, when we celebrate Easter, we will renew our Baptism promises. Lent is a lead up to that renewal – a time when we renew the feeling of what it is like to be baptised. In this Sunday's reading from Paul, he says *'The word is very near to you'*. Think of Baptism like that. *'My Baptism is very near to me. It is not far away. It is not buried deep in my earliest childhood, done and dusted, like the vaccinations I had as a child.'* Think of Baptism as now. Think of it as near. Instead of thinking *'I was baptised'*, think *'I am baptised'*. *'My Baptism is not my infant self; it is my adult self. It is not just something that was done to me; it is something I am. I am baptised. It is who I am.'* Someone asked, *'What are you doing with your Baptism?'* We may be doing nothing with it. We may have forgotten about it. This Lent we remember. We remember who we are.

## 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.

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

**TROCAIRE BOXES** are available at the back of the church. They can be returned with your donations on Holy Thursday.

### WE REMEMBER

**Sandra WALKER**, late of Snowdrop Walk. Sandra died on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Funeral Mass celebrated on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

*Eternal rest 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 to the SENIOR SCHOOL** who were awarded the **Bookbag 2019** by the Children's Books Ireland. Bookbag is a children's book gifting initiative, which aims to get books into the hands of children in primary schools in Dublin and to inspire a love of reading in young people. Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March will be a very busy and fun-filled day in the school as hundreds of children's books are delivered to the school. Well done!

### MINISTRY ROTA:

9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
<b>WORD</b>	Aaron	Noel	Ann + Cora
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Hilda	Jeannette	Lil, George
16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm	9.30am	11.30am
<b>WORD</b>	Shannon	Paddy	Cora + Hilda
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Willie	Noel	Lorraine, SrLumay

### 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

### 40 THINGS we could GIVE UP for Lent:

Fear of Failure	Selfish Ambition	Feelings of Unworthiness	Destructive Speech
Impatience	Judging People	Your Comfort Zone	Resistance to Change
Blame	Entitlement	Ungratefulness	Worry
Apathy	Envy	Busyness	Complaining
Hatred	Looking for Quick Fixes	Small mindedness	Small view of God
Negativity	Guilt	Bitterness	Giving Up
Pride	Gossip	Despair	Arguing
self-pity	Being picky	Laziness	Comparison
Cursing	Social Media	Fast Food	Wasting Water
Dropping litter	Sarcasm	Drunkenness	Joyriding



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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: €153.29

**COMMON Fund: €123.00 ACCORD Collection: €91.00**

**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. 5<sup>th</sup> March

Draw: €386 Numbers: 8, 16, 19 **NO Winner**

**Next Draw on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. Est. prize €550**

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