



Saint Dominic pray for us

THIS WEEK

Masses

Sunday

9.30am, 10.30am
12noon & 5.30pm

Monday - Friday

7.30am; 10.00am
& 6.00pm

Saturday

8.00am; 10.00am
& 7.30pm {Vigil}

Confessions

Saturdays

10.30 - 12.30pm
& 7.00pm - 7.30pm

First Friday

9.30am to 10am
5.30pm to 6.00pm

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sun: 9.00am

Evening Prayer

Mon - Sat: 5.45pm

Devotions

Rosary

Mon - Sat

before 10am Mass
Sun at 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday
10.30am-12.30pm

Divine Mercy,

Rosary &

Benediction

First Sundays-3pm



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Repent and Believe... .. ✍

If we are honest and ask ourselves how often and how quickly am I willing to point the finger? I am sure that we may find that it is far more often that we are willing to admit. Unfortunately, we are not as quick to forgive as we are to condemn. Yes, there are times when we must point the finger and say - "this or that is wrong" but we must be just as willing to say - "I forgive you" or "please forgive me". Forgiveness is the first step towards our own inner peace and sense of happiness. The first step in this process is the rejection of our sinfulness and both the recognition that we need forgiveness and the willingness to accept the forgiveness we need. Sin has an ability to numb our sense of right and wrong. The more of a hold it gets over our lives the less we become aware of the affects it is having on us and the easier its spreading become.

In our society there are many events which only a number of years would have caused outrage - the attacking of the old, the rising amount of robbery, the killing of innocent people. But we have become so accustomed to seeing and hearing of these types of things that, though we may be upset, our moral outrage has been numbed. Now it takes more and more the "shockingness" of an event to cause us to react.

And so, it is with sin. Sin numbs our conscience, so we no longer react to its presence. It is like a disease which creeps through us and disables us. It rots away our sense of responsibility we have to God, ourselves and others - placing constant barriers between us. Sin has an effect on an individual person, but it also has its effects on the society as a whole. Contrary to the new popular view, we cannot "do what we want, when we want" - because no matter what we do it somehow always effect other people. Each person has the freedom to make choices for themselves, but with this freedom comes the arwesome responsibility of accepting the consequences, and there are always consequences.

Jesus called on the Apostle, Peter, Andrew, James and John, to leave what they know and to follow Him, to completely change their way of life. Jonah and Saint Paul echo's this calling in the readings - the call to repent and change their ways. We too are called to examine our lives. To see if we have gone further from God, further from the loving mercy that is evident in the death of Christ.

The call to repentance is not negative, but the most positive thing we can do in our lives. This is the call to opening up our hearts to the saving grace of God - the grace which enables us to be lifted up out of the limitations of this world and helps us to look forward to the future with confidence, and courage to know we are doing what is right and to stay with it.



Dominican Priory Newsletter

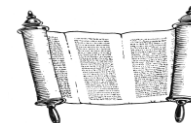
1224 Dominicans - 800 years in 2024



St Thomas Aquinas College Patron

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2024



First Reading from the Book of Jonah

This reading retells the story of the Prophet Jonah and his mission to the city of Nineveh. He was sent to warn them to repent of their ways and turn back to God, and so avoid God's wrath. The people listened to the message and repented of their Godless ways. Seeing their actions, God relented.

Reading from the Letters of Saint Paul

Saint Paul calls on the people of Corinth to examine the situation of their lives and to change what needs to be changed in the light of the Good News of Christ.

Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

In today's gospel we read that as John the Baptist's mission draws to a close, Jesus begins His. Jesus now publicly proclaims His message and calls on the people to "Repent and believe in the Gospel".

Walking along the seacoast, he sees those who would become his Apostles. Approaching them, He invites Simor Peter, Andrew, James and John to join with him in His mission of preaching the good news. They agree and leave their nets behind them to follow Him. From now on their lives would be changed forever.



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O Mary, conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to you.



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS JAN 2024



Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

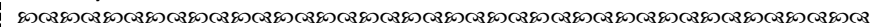
DOMINICAN PRIORY NOTICES ...

Childrens' Sunday Rosary: each Sunday morning children will recite the Rosary at 11.40am. All are welcome.



Anniversary Masses & Mass Cards: Anniversary Masses can be booked at the School office. Also, a variety of Cards {for the living & deceased}; special intentions; get well; birthdays; etc} are available at the School Office.

Webcam: our webcam will broadcast the Rosary at 9.40am & Mass at 10.00am on weekdays and the 12.00noon Mass on Sundays.



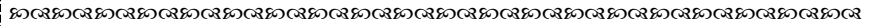
This Week's Saints & Feasts

Monday ~ Optional Memorial of Saint Vincent.
A deacon in the Church of Saragossa in Spain, he was martyred after prolonged torture in 304.
Wednesday ~ Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales.
In 1567, he was ordained a priest and later became Bishop of Geneva. He founded the Sisters of the Visitation and as Bishop gently rebuilt the Church after the Reformation.

Thursday ~ Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul
After dedicating himself totally to the pursuit of the destruction of the Christians, Paul has encounter with Christ that makes him change his ways. From being 'the greatest enemy of the faith' he became one of 'the greatest of the preachers in the Church and defender of the faith'.



Thursday ~ Memorial of Saint Timothy & Saint Titus
Timothy and Titus were close followers of Saint Paul. Timothy was the first in 64ad and Titus travelled on to Crete to preach the Gospel there. In 93ad Timothy was killed by a mob reacting to his preaching. Unlike Saint Timothy, Saint Titus was not martyred, but died peacefully in old age.



GROUPS meeting at Saint Eustace's:
DOMINICAN LAITY met on the last Wednesday of the month after 10.00am Mass.
MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP met Monday in the Community Oratory at 7.00pm.
LEGION OF MARY met every Tuesday night in the Priory parlour at 8.00pm.
MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP meet on Wednesdays at 8.00pm.
CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP: meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm.
SACRED HEART MENS SOLDAILTY meet the First Friday in the Oratory at 7.00pm.
CENACLE PRAYER GROUP meet the First Sat in the Oratory at 4.30pm, Mass at 5pm

Irish Province of Dominicans on Social Media

Did you know that the Irish Province of Dominicans is active on social media? We post regular faith-building content - video, audio, and written – on Facebook ([facebook.com/irishdominicans](https://www.facebook.com/irishdominicans)), Instagram (@irishdominicans), and YouTube ([youtube.com/irishdominicans](https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans)).

Follow us to stay up to date and share widely with your friends!



DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES

with Fr. John Harris OP & Fr. David McGovern OP - 24th June to 1st July. Cost: €975.00. Contact Marian Pilgrimage - 01 878 8159.

with Fr. Frank Downes OP - 5th to 10th May 2024. Cost: €790.00. Contact Marian Pilgrimage - 01 878 8159.



Dominican College News

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK takes place from **Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January**. The theme for this year is *Catholic Schools: Communities of Service*.

Diocesan & Parish Notices

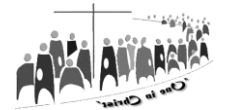
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place daily from 10am to 10pm and on First Fridays until 12 midnight in the Adoration Chapel at the side of the Parish Church.
SAINT BRIGID: on Thursday 1st February, Churches across Kildare and beyond will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving'.
GOD'S WORD TODAY will continue Tuesday 23rd January in Cill Mhuire at 7.30pm.
CONFIRMATIONS in Newbridge will take place on Thursday 8th March at 11am & 1pm.
NEWBRIDGE PARISH SHARE FOOD: Many thanks to our donors for your generous help. We look forward to your continued support. We welcome all kinds of in-date dry and tinned foods as well as toiletries and baby care. Donations can be made at the back of the Church.

Available Help & Support Groups

ACCORD: Contact 045 431695 (10am to 2pm) or email: accordnewbridge@gmail.com
GROW: local meeting held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
SAMARITANS are there for everyone - freephone 116123 / jo@samaritans.ie
ALONE support line for older people. 8.00am to 8.00pm. Ph: 0818 222 024.
MEN'S SHEDS: Mondays at 2pm in the Curate's House, Chapel Lane. Ph: Alan 086 8244591.
COMMUNITY CENACOLO it is dedicated to help people with additions n a Christian and Community atmosphere. To learn more see www.comunitycenacolo.ie
OLDER VOICES KILDARE meet in the Parish Centre on Thur [10am-12pm]. Join us for tea.
'GOOD MORNING KILDARE' service provides a FREE friendly phone call on a regular basis to adults in their own homes. It is a friendly chat about everyday things. Contact 859037.

~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ~

During these days, we are asked to dedicate a week to pray in a special way for unity among all those who call themselves Christians. It concludes on Saturday 25th.



We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time -

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| <i>fr Martin McCarthy OP</i> | <i>fr Colman O'Neill OP</i> | <i>fr Peter Evans OP</i> |
| <i>fr Peter Coyne OP</i> | <i>fr Vincent Juhel OP</i> | <i>fr Augustine Valkenburg OP</i> |
| <i>fr Raymond Watters OP</i> | <i>Hugh Garrett</i> | <i>Ann Johnston</i> |
| <i>Pauline Mulpeter (3rd)</i> | <i>Patrick Tidd (7th)</i> | <i>Jim Coney</i> |
| <i>Thomas O'Connor (7th)</i> | <i>Bridie Cross</i> | <i>Thomas Redican</i> |
| <i>Michael Roche</i> | <i>Mary Donnelly</i> | <i>Maura Byrne (B Rem)</i> |



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.