



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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By His Authority

The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of worship for the whole nation, but the synagogue was the local place of worship for a town. The Jews would go there on the Sabbath to hear the word of God expounded by one of the rabbis. When Jesus spoke in the synagogue there was something different about Him and what He had to say, so different that the people were “astonished” at his teaching - this was very different from what they were used. Jesus “taught with authority.” Where does His authority come from? From the Father Himself; Who said to Jesus at His baptism, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” With those words, the Father affirmed Jesus’ authority to speak and act for Him. As the eternal Son of God who has come to do the Father’s will, Jesus speaks with authority, because His words are life-giving - the creative word of God.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, God said He would raise up a great prophet who would speak to them all of what God commanded. That great prophet is Jesus, the Son of God come in the flesh. He knows the will of his Father perfectly and has come to proclaim it and to teach it.

The preaching and teaching of Jesus can be summed up as: “The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Jesus spoke clearly, calling people to turn from their way of sin and death and to be made alive by the good news of forgiveness and salvation. That’s what He is speaking to you today, calling you to repent from your self-chosen ways and to receive the life that he brings. That voice of authority - that authoritative teaching was what was so astonishing to the people in Capernaum - is the same voice that speaks to us today.

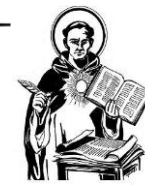
The Scribes and the Pharisees ended up by defining the righteous life of the Jewish faith by a list of external, manageable behaviour - all the while ignoring what was within their hearts. Over the years, the focus had moved away from the Lord speaking to them toward a God who watched what you were doing, to make sure you did the right thing. You can’t save yourself; only God can save you. Seek and receive the forgiveness Christ and let power of the Spirit strengthen you to live as a Christian.

As a demonstration of His authority, that He has the power to change life and lead a person to the Father, Jesus readily cures the man possessed. The Holy One of God came down to earth for this purpose. For our salvation, He underwent death on the Cross and rose again. Christ’s victory makes us realize that with Him we are not helpless. We have been given the power, through Him, to have victory over sin, over death and over all that is evil. Jesus speaks with an authority that is not made up of empty words, or culture-driven or dictated by the world views at any particular time. Jesus speaks words that are timeless and unchanging ~ of the forgiveness of sins, of the promise of life eternal and so enables us to lift our eyes up to heaven in hope. Forgiveness, life and salvation - Jesus offers them all.

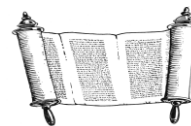


Dominican Priory Newsletter

1224 Dominicans - 800 years in 2024



St Thomas Aquinas College Patron



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th January 2024



First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses addressed the people telling them what God had told him. God will rise up a prophet from among them and they must listen to him. This is what they asked of the God at Mt.Horeb. Never again are they to say that God does not listen to them or guide them. His prophet will speak His words, and the one who does not listen to the prophet will be held answerable to me for it. But then God also warns those who would claim to be His prophet and mislead the people.

Reading from the Letters of Saint Paul

Saint Paul tells the people that he wants them to be free from worry. All single men need only worry about pleasing the Lord; but a married man has the troubles of the world's affairs and must devote himself to his wife. In the same way an unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord, but the married woman has the same worries of her husband. Saint Paul tells them that he is saying this only to remind everyone that they are to give total attention to the Lord.

Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

On the Sabbath Jesus and his disciples went to the synagogue in Capernaum. There Jesus began to teach, making a deep impression on those were listening because He taught them with authority. While Jesus was speaking, a man possessed by an unclean spirit, shouted at Him and naming Him clearly, declaring that Jesus is “the Holy One of God”. Jesus ordered him to be quiet and commanded the unclean spirit to leave the man in peace. Those who were observing what was happening began to speak among themselves. They were astonished at what they were seeing and hearing. Very soon, Jesus’ reputation began to spread throughout all the surrounding area.



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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 ...

Blessing of Candles: on Thursday, the feast of the presentation we will have the traditional blessing of candles.

Blessing of Throats: on Saturday, feast of Saint Blaise, there we will have the traditional blessing of throats after the 8am & 10am Masses.

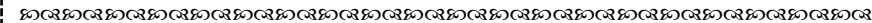
First Saturday next Saturday is the 1st Saturday. Mass at 10.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm.

First Sunday Devotions: The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction next Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.

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

Wednesday ~ Memorial of Saint John Bosco

Born in 1815 in Piedmont, he founded the Salesian Order to provide an education for the boys of the town. Following the success of his initial schools the Order began to spread all over Italv and that all over the world. He also became very involved in the publishing of catechetica ordinary person. He died in the year 1888.

Wednesday ~ Feast of Saint Brigid, Patroness of Ireland.

Brigid was born at Faughart in County Louth in the year 450. Even at an early age she made it known that she wanted to dedicate herself to the service of God, but the family took no notice. When her father later planned a suitable marriage for her, she blankly refused to even consider the arrangement. As a girl she had become known for her hospitality and her loving care for the sick of the area.

She eventually took the veil of a religious sister from St. Mel. She began to journey around the eastern part of the country until eventually she arrived at "Cill Dara". She persuaded the local chieftain in Kildare to give her some land where she founded a monastery. She had a reputation for being a fiery and determined woman, especially when defending those in her care. She is Patroness of Ireland.

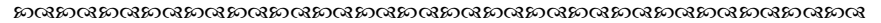
Friday ~ Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

On this day we celebrate the joy of the fulfilment of the great prophesy made by the Prophet Simeon. It was revealed to him that Jesus is of the Promised Saviour and the Light that would show the people the path back to their God. But it is not just the people of Israel who will benefit from His coming but the peoples of every nation



Saturday ~ Memorial of Saint Blaise.

Saint Blaise was Bishop of Armenia and was renowned for his holiness and his ability to heal the sick. After curing a young child with throat illness, he became associated with curing illness of the throat. He died in 316.



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.



Diocesan & Parish Notices

PARISH OFFICE the Parish Office will open at 11.30am on Tuesday 30th.

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'.

EVENING PRAYER FOR ST BRIGID Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on Feb 1st at 7:30pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir. All are Welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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.



We for all those who have died, especially:

Fr Larry Collins OP, Tallaght *Mary Kelly, Pairc Mhuire*
Tommy Healy, Mount Carmel *Philip Barnwell, Pairc Mhuire*
Sr Alberta Lally OP, Galway

we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time -

fr Henry Gaffney OP *fr Dominic Hallinan OP* *fr Enda McVeigh OP*
fr Basil Keenan OP *fr Martin McCarthy OP* *fr Paul Ramsey OP*
Kit Finnegan (1st) *Patrick Moran* *Maeve Cosgrove*
Susan Burke *Marianne Fogarty Curran* *Elizabeth O'Grady*
Michael Fitzgibbons (24th) *Benjamin Cronan* *Ciaran Brady*
Michael & Louisa Royce *Christina & Patrick Byrne [B Rem]*

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



Have mercy on us all, O Lord.