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## Saint Patrick – The Apostle of Ireland .....

A Romano-Briton, Patrick was born in 385ad. His father is believed to have been a government official in in the area of Britain controlled by the Roman Empire. At the age of sixteen, the young Patrick was taken as a captive to Ireland - escaping from his slavery after six years later. He then pursued his education in a monastery on the continent and was ordained a priest. About 432ad, he requested permission to return to preach the faith in the land of his captives.

After being ordained as a Bishop, Patrick went back to Ireland as a missionary. Whatever may be said of the information supplied by his biographers (which in some instances are clearly and obviously conflicting or legendary)

the fact still remains that Saint Patrick and his companions 'formally' established the Catholic Church throughout Ireland on lasting foundations. He travelled throughout the country preaching, teaching, building Churches, opening schools and monasteries, converting local chieftains and bards. The Church in Ireland being under the English Bishops up until the time of Patrick. He was the first organiser of the "Irish" Catholic Church, with the Primal See established at Armagh in 444ad. He was named as "Apostle of Ireland".

He is shown vested as a bishop driving snakes before him or trampling upon them - the snake long being a symbol of evil and sin. Also associated with him is the shamrock - which is said he used to teach people about the mystery of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

*"I bind unto myself today, the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three".* 

## "The Truth will set you free..." ... ...

We read in the Bible that the real truth comes from God - for He is the source of all that is 'truth'. Though the source of the "eternal truth", it is rare for God Himself to directly intervene in the affairs of the peoples of the world. To each He has given the gift of freewill and this gift He will not take back. By direct intervention He would be compromising this freewill and therefore cause a question over the reason for our faith in Him. God prefers to work through His creation - the world around us and the people that inhabit it. Down through the centuries He spoke through various messengers - the great prophets of the Old Testament and then finally through Jesus Christ. And the message proclaimed by Christ is proclaimed today in our world through the lives of His disciples. It is for the people of the world to listen to His word, to hear the Truth of His message and to put it into action in their lives.

At times this will not be easy for the Truth can be harsh and blunt. But like justice, Truth does not change with circumstances or with public opinion – if it did it would be in a constant state of change. The real truth, God's truth, is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow - the same forever.





# St Patrick's Day 17th March 2024

## ~~~This Sunday's Readings & Gospel~~~

## First Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The Lord speaks to Jeremiah, at a time when the people had turned away from the Mosaic Covenant and begun to practice the pagan ways of Baal. God tells Jeremiah that He will make a new covenant with the people and will place His Law in their hearts. Once again, He will be their God and they, His people. They will all come to know Him, and He will forgive their sins.

## Reading from the Letters of Saint Paul

Saint Paul writes to the Hebrews who have begun to doubt that Jesus is really the Messiah. Hereminds that Christ constantly prayed and interceded for them with the Father. That Jesus was so obedient that His prayers were heard. Through His suffering and death, He has become the source of eternal salvation for all who follow Him.

## Holy Gospel according to Saint John

The Greeks came to hear of Jesus and so they came to see Him. When Jesus is told this, He replies that the hour of His glorification is now close at hand. Using the example of a grain of wheat, Jesus tells them that it is only through death that Life will be possible. Anyone who clings to their mortal life will lose their eternal life. But anyone who cares more for the things of heaven will have eternal life. Jesus tells them that anyone who stays faithful to Him, He in turn will be faithful to them. Posing questions Jesus asks them if He should request the Father release Him from His future.

But this is not possible, because this is why Jesus came into the world. A voice came from heaven saying - 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again'. Those gathered round Him were confused by what happened and so Jesus tells them that they were permitted to hear "the voice" so that they may understand what Jesus has come to do. Then Jesus indicates that He is to die and gives the reason for it.



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We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.





THIS WEEK

## DOMINICAN PRIORY NOTICES ...



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

The Lenten Season

The Special Collection in aid of our

College Students' Pilgrimage to

Lourdes

Our pupils wish to express their

sincere thanks for the overwhelming

response they had to last weekends

collection. €2,550 was raised for this

good cause.

"On the bank of the Liffey - a history of Dominican College, Newbridge"

Local historian and past pupil of the College, Raphael Ryan

has produced an impressive two-volume book on the history of our College.

Mick Quinn will host the book launch in Newbridge Silverware

on Wednesday evening 20th March at 7.00pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Masses Anniversary Masses & Mass Cards: Anniversary Masses can be Sunday 9.30am. 10.30am booked at the School office. Also, a variety of Mass Cards are 12noon & 5.30pm available. Monday - Friday

During the Season of Lent there will be

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sat ~ 10.30am-

12.30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction on Sunday ~

3pm.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6.30pm.

7.30am; 10.00am Webcam broadcasts Rosary at 9.40am & Mass at 1 & 6.00pm 12noon Mass Sundays. Saturday

3.00pm.

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** Praver Mon - Sat: 5.45pm \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Devotions Rosary Mon - Sat before 10am Mass Sun at 11.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6.30pm

Divine Mercy, Rosarv & **Benediction** Sundays at 3pm



\*\*\*\*\* This Week's Saints & Feasts ......



Monday ~ Optional Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jeru A monk at Clonenagh, Laois, he moved to Tallaght to the Monastery u

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A Day for Choirs, Musicians & Cantors Saturday 16 April, 10am to 7pm.

Presented by a Dominican friar from Poland, Australian soprano and liturgical music expert, and an Irish Dominican friar.

€32 including three-course lunch. Book: DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com ຬຨຎຨຬຎຨຬຎຨຬຎຨຬຎຨຬຎຨ

#### DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES

with Fr. J Harris OP & Fr. McGovern OP - 24th June to 1st July. Cost: €975.00. Ph: Marian Pilgrimage - 01 878 8159. with Fr. Frank Downes OP - 5th to 10th May 2024. Cost: €790.00. Ph: 01 878 8159 ฅ๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛

#### MESSIAH CONCERT

As part of our Jubilee 800, the Messiah will be performed on April 14th at 7pm. in the Helix Centre, Dublin. For tickets phone 01 700 7000 or www.thehelix.ie ฅ๙ฅ๛๛ฅ๛๛ฅ๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛

## **GROUPS** meeting at Saint Eustace's:

DOMINICAN LAITY met on the last Wednesday of the month in the Priory after 10.00am Mass. in the Community Oratory at 7.00pm. LEGION of MARY - Tue 8pm in the Priory MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP met Wed at 8pm. **CATHOLIC FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP: meet** on the second Friday of the month at 7.00pm in the Walker Building [access behind the Church] SACRED HEART MENS SOLDAILTY meet on freephone 116123 / jo@samaritans.ie the First Friday in the Oratory at 7.00pm. CENACLE PRAYER GROUP meet on the First 8.00pm. Ph: 0818 222 024. Saturday in the Oratory at 4.30pm, Mass at 5pm.

#### Dominican College News ... ...

WELL-DONE to the two teams who entered the JC Maths Pi Quiz. Team A were the winners and Team B came 4th out of 18 teams. Team A will now progress to the All-Ireland Finals on 20th of April. CONGRATULATIONS to our two students who have been selected to compete in the SIAB International Cross Country Championships. Best of luck to them both as they represent their country. **RUGBY JUNIOR TEAM:** a great win for them as they won the Junior Rugby Plate Competition. 

#### Annual Chrism Mass

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm. 

#### Diocesan & Parish Notices ... ...

ADORATION of the BL. SACRAMENT takes place daily from 10am to 10pm and on First Fridays until 12midnight in the Adoration Chapel.

NEWBRIDGE PARISH SHARE FOOD: many thanks to our donors for your generous help. 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 -

ALONE support line for older people. 8.00am to

MEN'S SHEDS: Mon at 2pm in the Curate's

We for all those who have died, especially: Mary Kavanagh, Dublin we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time fr Conleth Kearns OP fr Matthew Kelly OP fr Patrick Griffin OP fr Gregory Kirstein OP fr Anthony MacNamara OP fr Paul Forrest OP fr Patrick McGrath OP fr Jordan Collins OP fr Pius McArdle OP fr Pius Davev OP fr Kieran O'Shea OP fr Athanasius Fardy OP Eileen Cramer [mm] Matt Melia Sheila Moran Maud Deelv Georaie Phelan Mary Healy Doherty Chrissv Cox Pat Stonev Burke IBRI Thomas O'Connor IBRI Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.