




Have mercy on us and on the whole world



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FEB 2024



We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical, and spiritual care and accompaniment

*"Repent and believe in the Gospels..."* ... 

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me" ... These are words of the prayer found in the Book of Psalms.*

*King David was the great and successful King of Israel, but at the same time he had become selfish and sinful in the sight of his God. He had lost sight of where his blessings had come from and looked only to his own desires. Finally coming to this realisation David now prays for forgiveness. At the beginning of the Lenten Season of preparation for Easter, the Church puts his words on the lips of all who believe and are aware of their need of God. When we receive the ashes, we should remind ourselves that this act is filled with the spiritual desire and is an important sign of our conversion and acceptance of our need for inner renewal. In itself, it is a simple act, but has the most profound penitential meaning. We are reminded that we are both the 'sinner', subject to human weakness but also the 'believer' filled with hope because of God's infinite mercy.*

*The liturgy of Ash Wednesday uses the words "Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Earthly life is marked from its beginning by the prospect of death. Our bodies are mortal and despite anything we can do we are subject to the inevitable prospect of death. We live with the fact that every passing day brings us closer to it.*

*With death everything will end for us or would be except for the Loving Mercy of God. It is precisely because of the Loving Mercy of God, that the Christian in the facing such a disheartening prospect knows that there is the hope to heaven, death is not end, that there is more to life than mortality.*

*In the liturgical celebration of Ash Wednesday, every believer who will face mortal death calls on God in the word "Cast me not away from your presence". At the same time God makes known that He has reserved for all who believe in Him a destiny of eternal life. Sin leads to the condemnation of death, but faith gives the promise of life. The Only begotten Son, He who became man, died and rose again for our salvation. He now lives in glory and calls us to turn back to Him that He may restore life in us.*

*"Create in me a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within me" proclaims the meaning of our Lenten journey that will bring us to the promise of life at Easter. These words call us to repent, to turn back to God, to accept the path of life as put forward in the Gospel. This invitation to repent calls us to be dedicated in this season to a special effort of conversion and renewal, through prayer, fasting and works of charity. After His forty days in the desert, Jesus is prepared to dedicate Himself totally to the will of the Father. After our forty days of Lent, we too should be prepared to experience the joy of Easter. Purified by prayer and penance, we will not be cast away from the presence of God but brought closer to Him.*

*Although we may have our weaknesses, we will be able to walk through life sustained by the certainty of God's infinite Loving Mercy.*

**Repent  
+  
Believe  
in the  
Gospel**



# Dominican Priory Newsletter

1224 Dominicans - 800 years in 2024

The Season of Lent 

## First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024

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

### First Reading from the Book of Genesis

God After the flood, God tells Noah and his sons that He will establish a Covenant, an agreement, with them and with their descendants. Never again will the world experience a great flood. As a sign and reminder to them of God's promise, He will set a bow in the clouds. Each time this bow appears in the clouds He will recall the Covenant between Him and His creation.

### Reading from the Letters of Saint Peter

Saint Peter tells the early Christian disciples that Jesus was innocent of any offence, yet He died for our sins, died for us who are guilty in the sight of God. He was put to death, but He was raised again to life. In the time of Noah God purified the world by the 'waters of the flood', but now He purifies His people through the 'waters of baptism'. The waters of the baptism which saves us from our sins is also a pledge to us made by God. The Risen Jesus Christ now sits at God's right hand, having made all powers subject to Him.

### Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

Having gone out into the wilderness Jesus remained there for forty days. During this time, in His weakness, He was tempted by Satan, but He refused to give in to the temptations Satan placed before Him. Following this the angels looked after him.

When Jesus heard that John the Baptised had been arrested, He went into Galilee proclaiming the Good News from God and calling on the people to repent and return to God and the Covenant He had made with them



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Saint Thomas pray for us

DOMINICAN PRIORY NOTICES ...

Lenten Devotions: The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction this 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.

Trocaire Boxes: the Lenten Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of the Church.

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

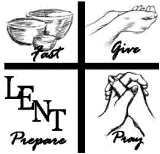
Devotions Rosary

Mon - Sat before 10am Mass Sun at 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6.30pm

Divine Mercy, Rosary & Benediction Sundays at 3pm



The Lenten Season

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.

This Week's Saints & Feasts ...

During Lenten Season only feasts and solemnities are celebr

Thursday ~ Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter.

This feast is celebrated throughout the world and is derived from the French word 'sei (of) which simply means chair. The word chair or throne may raise within us thoughts of power and others associated words such as crown, ruler, etc. And sometimes the Church itself in the past held this wrong view. However, the real meaning is seen in the old Greek word cathedra which was the chair that was occupied by the 'teacher'. Saint Peter's most important role was that as the teacher of the faith.

This feast recalls the teaching role of St. Peter both as the leader of the Apostles and as shepherd of the Christian people. Peter was the Apostle to whom all deferred for his judgements on the way in which the people were called to follow the teachings of Christ.

He was, after all, the one whom Christ Himself had appointed to lead the Church. Saint Peter was seen as the sign of unity of all the Christian Churches throughout the whole world. As Bishop of Rome, the Successors of St Peter, have held this privilege and duty to be the one to maintain the unity of the Church and the unity of the faith.

The name "Pope" commonly used to refer to the Bishop of Rome come from the



Chair of St Peter in St Peter's Basilica Rome.

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

GROUPTS meeting at Saint Eustace's:

DOMINICAN LAITY met on the last Wednesday of the month in the Priory after 10.00am Mass.

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP met Monday in the Community Oratory at 7.00pm.

LEGION OF MARY met Tuesdays in the Priory parlour at 8.00pm.

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 the First Friday in the Oratory at 7.00pm.

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP meet on the First Saturday in the Oratory at 4.30pm, Mass at 5.00pm.

Dominican College News ...

A YEAR OF ANNIVERSARIES: as well as the 800th Jubilee of the Dominicans in Ireland, it is the 750th anniversary of the death of St Thomas Aquinas OP, Patron of the College, and Senior House is also 100yrs old this year.

Diocesan & Parish Notices ...

BEGINAGAIN24 marks the third year of 'BeginAgain' - a Parish initiative inviting our young people to mark Lent in an intentional way. BeginAgain24 seeks to improve body and soul with a daily programme to follow. For more information, please see newbridgeparish.ie

ADORATION of the BL. SACRAMENT takes

place daily from 10.00am to 10.00pm and on First Fridays until 12.00 midnight in the Adoration Chapel at the Parish Church.

NEWBRIDGE PARISH SHARE FOOD: many thanks to our donors for your generous help. Donations can be made at the back of the Church.

Other Notices ...

St.VINCENT de PAUL COLLECTION will be taken up this weekend.

MAYNOOTH ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE LECTURE You are invited to St. Patrick's College on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm. The lecture theme this year is Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching. To attend in person register at this link: https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvT1mL8 , to attend online at: https://bit.ly/3Shyklv All welcome

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 on 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 all sorts. Contact 859037.

We for all those who have died, especially:

Kenneth Conroy, Ballymany Park Gemma Leeson (month's mind)

Sr Michelle Forde OP, Dublin

we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time -

- fr James Harris OP fr Clement Greenan OP fr Raphael Hannigan OP fr Anthony Roche OP fr Christopher O'Brien OP fr Paschal Keating OP David Andrews (4th) Cathy Andrews Margaret McCoy Peter Grady (74th) William Burke (44th) Margaret O'Rourke (20th) James & Annie Folan John Guidea

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.



Saint Eustace pray for us