



Have mercy on us and on the whole world



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS MARCH 2024



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.

"Keeping Sacred the House of God"

There are many places, both civil and ecclesiastical, which we see as being "different" to our normal everyday surroundings. There are places where we change our conduct to suit the place we find ourselves in.

Of all the buildings of King Herod, none were greater than the Temple in Jerusalem, which he expanded. It sat on what we now call the Temple Mount, an area of some thirty-five acres. Only priests could enter the temple itself, which took up a small part of the mount and was surrounded by three courts: Jewish men could enter the court closest to the Temple. Jewish men and women could occupy the next court. The third area was called the Court of the Gentiles, which was farthest from the Temple. Any non-Jew could get this far into the sanctuary and no further. From around the world, Jews came to the Temple at Passover Time to offer the required sacrifices to the Lord as prescribed in the Law. Naturally, it was impractical to bring the sacrificial animals long distances with them, so they were available in Jerusalem - for a price. Most Jews would also pay their Temple tax at Passover. The pagan inscriptions on the Roman money made it unacceptable for use in the Temple and so moneychangers were on hand to convert Roman coins into Temple currency. Though not inherently evil, these practices had become occasions for sin. Pilgrims paid exorbitant rates to change money, and sellers exploited those in poverty, overcharging for the offerings of pigeons or doves, which the poor could only afford. To make things worse, these merchants set up shop in the Court of the Gentiles, making it useless as a place of prayer due to the hustle and bustle the buying and selling created.

These merchants, and the priests who allowed their presence, cared nothing for true worship as long as they could make money and keep up the rituals. Therefore, Jesus being angered by what He was seeing, drove out the traders and moneychangers. We cannot underestimate the importance of this act. It shows Jesus as having the authority to purify and take charge of the Temple, a true messianic task. This symbolic action also refers to the destruction of the Temple, which is His Sacred Body, a Temple which would be restored in three days.

But there is another temple we also need to consider ~ ourselves, for we too are the temples of the Lord. By the living out of our faith we are to live as people who believe that we carry Christ within us. At Holy Communion, we receive His Body and Blood and then carry Him out into the world to make His name known. As Saint John reminds us in his letter about the words of Christ... by this shall you know that they are my disciples, that they love one another as I This Lenten Season invites us once again to see how do we keep holy that which is sacred? How we treat that place where God's presence dwells - both in the Church and in our own selves. love them. Let us realize the "Greatness" of where we are - as we stand or sit before God then should we not be talking with Him and listening to Him. Chit chatting distracts us and others trying to pray. God's presence needs our reverence.

Repent + Believe in the Gospel



Dominican Priory Newsletter

1224 Dominicans - 800 years in 2024

The Season of Lent

Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024

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

### First Reading from the Book of Exodus

God calls on Abraham to make the greatest sacrifice - that of his son, his only child, the child he had Having climbed the mountain to pray, the Lord gives Moses the commandments by which the People of Israel are to live. The first three concern their direct relationship with Him as their God and the next seven on how they are to interact with one another. If they keep these commandments, then He shall be their God and they shall be His people.

### Reading from the Letters of Saint Paul

Addressing the people of Corinth, Saint Paul outlines how Christians preach a crucified Christ. This is an obstacle that the Jewish find hard to overcome and a preaching the Gentiles is madness. The Christ they preach is the power and wisdom of God, which is beyond human comprehension.

### Holy Gospel according to Saint John

Saint John recounts how Jesus goes into the great Temple in Jerusalem and found people carrying out their business within the sacred grounds. Making a whip, Jesus drives them out and condemns them for turning the Temple into a marketplace.

Annoyed by what He has done, the Jewish Authorities demand an explanation for His actions. In response, Jesus tells them to 'destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. Thinking that He was referring to the Temple they laughed at Him, but Jesus was speaking of Himself - predicting what would happen to Him. While He was in Jerusalem many people came to believe in Him. But Jesus also knew how fickle their faith was and did not trust them.



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# DOMINICAN PRIORY NOTICES ...

**Lenten Devotions:** The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Benediction will be held this Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.

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

**Childrens' Sunday Rosary:** 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 Mass Cards are available.

**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.

## 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 celebrated.

**Monday ~ Optional Memorial of Saint Casimir.**

He was born in 1458 into the Polish nobility in Krakow. When his older brother was named as King of Bohemia, the young Casimir was named as heir to the throne of Poland and Lithuania. He was a man of exceptional intellect and education, humility and politeness, striving for justice and fairness. Casimir announced his decision to enter Religious Life. His father refused permission for this. Shortly afterwards, Casimir took ill and died in 1484, aged 25yrs.

**Tuesday ~ Optional Memorial of Saint Kieran.**

Born in Cape Clear (Cork) he was of noble Irish birth. After being educated and ordained on the continent he returned to Ireland where he lived first as a hermit and then established the Monastery of Saigir in Ossary (Kilkenny) where he became Abbott and Bishop. He is named among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland.

**Thursday ~ Optional Memorial of Saint Perpetua and Felicity.**

Perpetua was born to a noble Roman family in Carthage. Felicity, her friend and companion, was a slave. Both were martyred for their faith in 203.



## REFERENDUM 2024

Next Friday the people of Ireland are being asked once again to change the Constitution of our country.

There seems to be a fever attempt by the political parties and other to pass the changes, even though there is no clarity on how these changes will actually and in fact alter the laws that govern the country.

**The Irish Bishops of Ireland are calling people to vote NO in these two amendments.**

There reasoning is set out in their letter – copies are at the back of the Church and also available on their website.

## 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

## 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

## GROUPS 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 – Tue 8pm in the Priory parlour

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.

We for all those who have died, especially:

John O'Neill, Eyre Street  
Anne Murphy, Dara Park

Mary Noonan, Clownings  
Alison Miles, frm Newbridge

we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time -

fr John Heffernan OP

fr Reginald Rafter OP

fr Gerard McMahon OP

fr Clement Pierce OP

fr Anselm Moynihan OP

fr Eugene Delahunt OP

fr Gabriel O'Dea OP

fr Myles Nolan OP

PJ Murtagh

Martin Phillips (8th)

Albie Wynne (12th)

John Donnelly (10th)

James Lombard (3rd)

Ann Hughes

Ian Delaney (23rd)

Joseph Jordan

Fr. Michael Finegan

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

## WOMEN'S SPIRIT

## ST. BRIGID CELEBRATION CONCERT

8t March 8.00pm in Riverbank. Tickets are free and bookable at Riverbank Box Office ~ riverbank.ie or 045 48 327

## Diocesan & Parish Notices ...

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 ...

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/3qAuyM4orvtT1mtL8> , to attend online at: <https://bit.ly/3Shykv4> All welcome

## Available Help & Support Groups ...

**ACCORD:** Contact 045 431695 (10am to 2pm) or email: [accordnewbridge@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

**ALONE** support line for older people. 8.00am to 8.00pm. Ph: 0818 222 024.

**MEN'S SHEDS:** Mon at 2pm in the Curate's House, Chapel Lne. 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](http://www.comunitycenacolo.ie)

## 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



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