



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

*"We have seen His glory as the only Son of God" ... .. ✍*

*The Gospel account of the Transfiguration emphasises the true identity of Christ. And we hear the wonderful message that Jesus is God's chosen One, this message is the source of our joy. Christ gave His Apostles a view of the glory that would be His after the Resurrection. This was so that they would not be 'scandalised' by His passion and death - the passion and death of a criminal. Christ gives us the same message:*

*"The sufferings of this life are not to be compared with the glory that will be ours".*

*The Gospels are written that we may believe and go on believing that the man Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God. They were written down from the oral tradition of the early Christian preachers, a tradition which proclaimed that, through faith, we may have life in Christ Jesus. Their preaching is the good news of salvation by faith, a calling for the Christian to be open to the salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ. We have come to know that, though it must seem folly and a scandal, the Christian message is always 'Crucified Christ'.*

*The Apostle, Saint John, wrote his gospel so as to encourage the early Christians who were being faced with persecution. He wanted to assure them that Jesus had indeed overcome the power of sin and death and would be their help in their time of need. He insists that Christian victories can be won in one way only - through Christ Jesus.*

*God gave us eternal life and this life is in His Son. Great efforts were made by the early Christian teachers to tell listeners about the true Jesus and His message. At the core of His message is that the Reign of God, His kingdom, as preached by Jesus is 'here and now'. The heart of Jesus' message can be found in a promise, the first beatitude: "Blessed are the poor!" In promising the Kingdom of God to the poor, Jesus was radically reversing of the standards of the time which held that the disreputable or lowly were barred from access to salvation. Here was an extraordinary new message: salvation was possible for everyone - even sinners. Jesus called upon them to repent and gave them the assurance of God's forgiveness in return.*

*For Jesus, repentance is the conversion to an unconditional trust in the Father, learning to say again, like a child, "Abba Father". That is why, paradoxical as it may seem, repentance is all about joy - the joy of finding God. Jesus' call to repent reaches beyond individuals to the whole people of God. His mercy is especially expressed in the forgiveness of sins - the forgiveness from God, which the new community of Jesus' followers has experienced. Indeed, it is the motive for their own unlimited capacity to forgive one another.*

*But for us to come to experience this forgiveness in our lives, and in turn pass it onto others, we must first come to know the Forgiver and He who brings the message of forgiveness - He whom we call the Christ, the Son of God. We must come to know the Son who was sent to be sacrificed for us, so that we might live forever and share in His glory.*

**Repent  
+  
Believe  
in the  
Gospel**



# Dominican Priory Newsletter

1224 Dominicans - 800 years in 2024

The Season of Lent

## Second Sunday of Lent 25th February 2024

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

### First Reading from the Book of Genesis

God calls on Abraham to make the greatest sacrifice - that of his son, his only child, the child he had waited for year to have. Just as Abraham is about to sacrifice Isaac he is stopped by an angel. But through his actions, Abraham has proven his faithfulness, obedience and loyalty to God. Because he has not refused that which was most precious to him in all the world, God blesses and rewards him.

### Reading from the Letters of Saint Paul

Addressing the Christians of Rome, Saint Paul tells them that God did not spare His Son but gave Him up in order to save them. Because God does not to condemn them, no one else can. Neither will Jesus condemn them but instead stands at God's right hand to intercede for them.

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

Saint Mark recounts how the Lord took Peter and James and John up a mountain where they could be alone. There the Apostles witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus and His glory was revealed to them. AS they watched Elijah and Moses, the great figures of Jewish tradition appeared, and they began to talk with Jesus.

Not knowing what he was really happening Peter offers to prepare three tents for them to stay in. Just then a cloud covered the mountain and a voice from the cloud declared 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Just as quickly as it had happened, they were alone again with Jesus. As they left, Jesus warned them to tell no one what they had seen until after the resurrection. Not knowing what Jesus really meant by what He was saying, they simply agreed.



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Saint Thomas pray for us

# 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 12.00nc Sundays.

**Trocaire Boxes:** the Lenten Trocaire Boxes are availat of the Church.

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## 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.

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### Part of Pope Francis' message for Lent 2024

In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God. This "deficit of hope" is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralyzed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt



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## 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

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## 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

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## 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 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.

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## 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

We for all those who have died, especially:

*Fr Leo Donovan OP, Dublin,*

*John Dempsey, Morristown*

*Liam Doogue, Mount Carmel*

*Julia Heffernan, Millview*

*Daphne Heavy, Clongorey*

we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time -

*fr Dominic Lyttleton OP fr Anthony Roddy OP*

*fr Michael Neenan OP*

*fr Stanislaus Foley OP fr Konrad Boyle OP*

*fr Laurence Curtin OP*

*fr Walter Hegarty OP fr Antonio Ribeiro OP*

*Matty McEvoy*

*Maura Kavanagh Helen Cotter*

*Patrick & Mildred Hynes*

*Patrick Flanagan*

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.

### 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

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#### Morning Prayer

Mon-Sun: 9.00am

#### Evening Prayer

Mon - Sat:  
5.45pm

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#### 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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