

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Friends, Jesus' challenge to all of us in today's Gospel is to let the light of God's wisdom shine forth in the simplicity and hiddenness of our everyday lives, to refuse to allow the light we possess - and the light possessed by others - be diminished or extinguished because of racism, pride or greed. Every one of us has the ability to be "salt" that can enrich our world with compassion, forgiveness and joy; every one of us possesses "light" that can eradicate the darkness of fear, hopelessness and injustice. But we can be too willing to keep our light hidden - or worse, we can force the brilliance of others under bushel baskets. May we realize Jesus' challenge to be "salt" for the earth: to make God's presence and grace realities in our own time and place; to be "light" for the world: illuminating the dark, hopeless corners of our world with justice and hope.

Fr Kevin

**Feast Days**

- St Scholastica, virgin (*Monday*)
- Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius, bishop, patrons of Europe (*Friday*)

***Recently Deceased***

*Margy O'Sullivan*

*James Dowling*

*Nora Morgan*

*Louise Agnew*

***Anniversaries***

*Mary Brauner*

*Ronnie O'Connor*

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 6.00pm*

*Dr Sean McCann*

*Mairead & Fionula McCann*

*Maureen O'Loughlin*

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am*

*Jim McAteer*

*Josephine Collins*

*Carmel Murphy (1<sup>st</sup> A)*

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am*

*Fr John Cummins (1<sup>st</sup> A)*

*Bridget Acres*

*Lucien Bersot*

*William & Alice McGowan*

For details of why work is needed on our church roof there is a YouTube presentation named *Church Roof Restoration 2020*.

### Regular Notices:

- Eucharistic Adoration – First Friday of the month from after 10.00am mass to 4.00pm.
- Confessions – Saturday at 5.30pm.
- Christian Meditation Group (Quite Prayer Group) next meeting will be on Wednesday **12<sup>th</sup> February** in the parochial house at 8.00pm. All welcome.
- Tea & Coffee morning Tuesday **11<sup>th</sup> February** and Friday **14<sup>th</sup> February** after 10.00am mass.
- The *Legion of Mary* meets every Monday in the parish centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome.
- There are envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to the church. They can be put in the collection baskets or left in the parish office.
- The Chalice on the table at the front of the altar rails is for people who are coeliac.
- *Society of St Vincent de Paul* – Anyone in need of assistance call 8550022.

### Special notices:

- Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly church gate collection for our local conference will be held after all masses this weekend. Please support.
- There will be no 10.00am mass on Thursday **13<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be a prayer service.
- Annual mass for the Beatification of Servant of God **Alfie Lambe** in the church of the Miraculous Medal, Bird Avenue, Clonskeagh at 10.30am this Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> February**.
- The Annual collection of ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage & the Family will replace the SHARE collection next weekend **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February**.
- The annual mass for past pupils of St Mary's Dominican Convent Dun Laoghaire will be on Sunday **16<sup>th</sup> February** at 3pm in the Primary School Hall. All past pupils very welcome.
- **Sacristan in Monkstown Parish** – We are looking to recruit a Sacristan for the parish. The role involves opening and closing the church, preparing the altar for daily mass and other liturgical services. Full details in church porch.

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