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NEWSLETTER

Second Week of Lent - Sunday 1st March 2026

Mass Intentions

We remember in our prayer at mass this weekend the following whose anniversaries and month’s mind occur at this time:



- Ivy Patricia Moran (1st A)
- Fonso Rogers (A)
- Sean Kearns (A)
- Paul Murray (A)
- Kevin Toomey (A)

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday (6th March) is the First Friday.

HOSPITALITY
AFTER MASS

Sunday March 1st



Teas and Coffees in the parish centre after 10am and 11:30 am Mass.

All are Welcome

Trocaire
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

To assist ‘almsgiving’ our focus again will be on the Trocaire Lenten Appeal. We encourage you to enter Lent with a spirit of support for the most vulnerable in our world. Trocaire Boxes are now available at the back of the Church.

Parish Partnership
Funding Support Officer.

The Archdiocese is seeking a dynamic, motivated Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer to facilitate strategic fundraising initiatives across the parish partnerships. Full Details can be found at www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/

LENTEN LECTURE

Thurs 5th March 7:30 pm

St. Mary’s
Haddington Road



Prayer: Lifeblood of the Christian Life

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will speak on “Prayer: Lifeblood of the Christian Life”. Admission is Free, although there will be a collection for donations to support these long-running and unique series of talks.

Drive & Drop

ANNUAL DONATION APPEAL
Sunday 8th March

Donate Essential Baby Supplies
Help a Mother in Need for
Mother’s Day!

Sunday 8th March

St. Patrick’s Parish Centre Car Park
10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Community Connect (Ireland’s Baby Bank) provide a vital service providing much needed items to new and expectant mothers in need.

Can you Donate New (or Pre-loved) baby items including clothing and equipment?

- Packs of Nappies (sizes 1& 2)
- Baby Hooded Towels / Baby Bibs
- Babygrows / Vests
- Baby Sponges / Cotton Wool / Wipes
- Cellular Blankets
- Nappy Sacks / Nappy Cream
- Baby Wash / Shampoo
- Maternity Items

Items can be brought directly to the car park of the Parish Centre between 10:30 and 12:30 on Sunday 8th March.

For more ideas and further information visit

www.communityconnect.ie

Financial Donations also accepted.

Community Connect
Ireland’s Baby Bank

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ”

FRIDAY 6th MARCH – 3 PM

Church of St. Philip St. James’ - Cross Avenue

The world day of prayer service takes place on Friday the 6th of March 2026 at 3 pm in St. Philip and St. James’ Church, Cross Avenue, Booterstown. The theme of this year’s service, “I Will Give You Rest: Come” is based on Matthew 11: 28-13. This year’s prayer has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.

Our local service is a joint effort between the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian, and the Roman Catholic churches in the Blackrock / Monkstown area. Hospitality in the Parish Centre follows the service.

All are welcome.





Fr Kevin's Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent



Commentary on the readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4;

Our first reading for today is from the Book of Genesis and recounts the call of Abram and the promise made to him by God – the promise to make of him a great nation if he answers the call of the Lord.

2Timothy 1:8-10;

St Paul reminds us in the second reading that God has saved us and has given us his grace, a grace which had been granted before the beginning of time but which has only appeared with the Incarnation. He also reminds us that there will be hardships to bear because we are Christians but that the reward is immortality.

Matthew 17:1-9

The text from St Matthew is that of the Transfiguration of the Lord before the three disciples. The glory of the Lord is already being revealed to his disciples though they are not allowed to reveal this until after his resurrection. The disciples are encouraged and strengthened for what is to follow by what they have just seen. We are called to believe like them and to have faith and confidence in God as Abram had. This time of penance and transformation is about making ourselves ready for that great day when our true glory will be revealed as was Christ's glory on the mountain top – a glory which is ours if we but strengthen our faith and remove sin from our lives.

Psalms 32;

The response to the psalm is:
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The 2022 Oscar Best Picture winner **Coda** tells the story of Ruby Rossi, the 17-year-old hearing daughter of deaf parents. Before going to school each morning, Ruby is up at 3 a.m. to work with her dad and brother on the family's fishing boat off the coast of Gloucester, Mass. As the only hearing person in her family, she's been the family's interpreter and go-between with the "hearing" world since she was a child. She's been the ears and voice of her family in every possible situation — some serious, some hilarious, some crudely embarrassing. Ruby often finds herself in the role of parent, explaining and protecting her mom and dad and brother from a world they struggle to navigate.

Ruby can sing — beautifully. Every morning, while hauling nets in the open ocean air, she sings. Music is her joy — a joy that is lost on her family, who are mystified — and a little hurt — by her interest in an avocation they can't possibly appreciate. "If I was blind, would you want to paint?" her mother asks Ruby at one point.

At the beginning of her senior year, Ruby works up the courage to audition for the school choir. Despite a disastrous start, the choir director realizes her talent and a new chapter opens up in Ruby's life. Soon she is offered a scholarship to Boston's Berklee College of Music.

But her family's fishing business hits a rough patch and they desperately need Ruby's help. Suddenly a life she never imagined becomes possible for Ruby — and, just as suddenly, Mom and Dad have to face the reality of making their way through the "hearing" world without their daughter.

Every family can identify with the difficult balancing of dreams and needs, of possibilities and obstacles that Ruby and her family struggle to achieve. But their selfless love for one another enables them to move on: Ruby understands her parents' fear of being without her and works with them to develop long overdue working relationships with the Gloucester fishing community — and, in the film's climactic scene, Mom Jackie and Dad Frank come to "see" (if not "hear") the joy their daughter's singing brings to her and those who hear her. The Rossis come to realize that it's not their deafness that defines them but their generosity of heart that makes them who they are and establishes their place in the world.

Coda is a story of transfiguration on two levels: Ruby manages to put aside her fears and doubts to realize the gift of song that God has instilled in her. It's also a story of realizing God's call to each of us to become what the late Desmond Tutu called "agents of transfiguration": the means for others to realize the goodness and beauty within them. Sometimes that requires putting our own "transfiguring" dreams and hopes aside for the sake of another. Love that calls us beyond ourselves is transforming. In the transforming love of Christ the Messiah-Servant, we can "transfigure" despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community. Archbishop Tutu has said that the work of "transfiguration . . . [is to] work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so that there will be more compassion and caring, so that there will be more laughter and joy, so that there will be more togetherness in God's world."



