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NEWSLETTER

Third Week of Lent - Sunday 8th 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:



- **Louise Connolly (Month’s Mind)**
- **Elizabeth & Patrick Reid (A)**
- **Nancy & Joseph O’Malley (A)**
- **Ronnie & Eileen O’Connor (A)**
- **Joe Gallagher (A)**

Recent Funerals

We remember in our prayer the following whose funerals took place in our church during the last week:

- **Florence McCoy (née Devereux)**
- **Val Duffy**
- **Mary Hawthorne (née Gallagher)**
- **Veronica Conroy (née Kane)**

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian community **Eabhna Harding** who will be baptised by Deacon Eric on Sunday 8th March.



ANNUAL DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

If you are interested in travelling to Knock for the Annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, there will be a few buses travelling from parishes in our partnership. Expressions of interest can be made to Ann in the parish office.



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.

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



THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND



Dun Laoghaire Choral Society in association with
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland
presents :

DLCS UNPLUGGED

Start your St. Patrick’s weekend by joining DLCS for an hour of uplifting music where popular and traditional choruses are revisited and re-imagined.

Thursday 12th March @ 7.30 pm
Monkstown Church of Ireland

Tickets €20 with family concessions available on Eventbrite and at the door.



Fr Kevin's Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

LENT

Commentary on the readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7;

Our reading from Exodus shows the Jewish people in their wanderings in the wilderness having fled from Egypt. However, they are now complaining and Moses has to intercede for them before God.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

St Paul reminds us in the second reading that we have all received God's love and grace through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. That love and grace is not a lie but is very real: Christ did not wait until humankind stopped sinning to die but did so while humankind was still sinning.

John 4:5-42

The story of the Woman at the Well is found in today's gospel passage. Christ speaks to her of the 'living water' which is himself. She believes and brings many others to the well and they in turn also believe in Christ and his message. It also shows how important it was for Christ to bring his message to all peoples because, in his day, the Samaritans were not considered 'proper Jews' because they did not worship in the Temple in Jerusalem. Christ knew her life story and wanted her to be whole again. He spoke with her and showed her the way to true life through acknowledging her past and letting her see his love and concern for her. Her experience of the Messiah brought many others to experience the Messiah also. We have a duty to follow the example of the Samaritan woman by actively seeking after the living water and to bring that refreshment to others.

Psalms 94;

The response to the psalm is:

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Personal Prayer for after Communion

Lord Jesus, who met the Samaritan woman with truth and mercy, remain within me through this holy Communion. Quench my deepest thirst, renew my heart, and lead me to share your living water with all I will meet. Amen.

In 1923, the Jewish theologian Martin Buber wrote an immensely influential little book entitled *I and Thou*.

Buber's main point is that there are two ways of relating to other people in our lives: We can see them as objects to be used -what Buber calls an "I-it" relationship; or we can see others as having feelings, dreams and needs as real and as important as our own that can be the basis for dialogue and relationship -an "I-Thou" relationship.

In his memoirs, Buber tells the story of how he came to his theory of I-Thou and I-It. When he was a professor of philosophy at a university in Germany, a young student came to see him. The student had received his draft notice to serve in the German army in World War I. He was a pacifist by nature and afraid of being killed in battle, but, at the same time, he was a loyal and fiercely patriotic German. He asked Buber what he should do: serve his country and risk being killed or claim conscientious objector status and perhaps leave another young man to be killed in his place.

Buber was in the midst a difficult theological-philosophical treatise and was annoyed at the young man's claim on his time and attention. The professor said something along the lines of that's a serious dilemma; do what you think is right.

The young man, in despair for lack of guidance, committed suicide, and Buber, for the rest of his life, felt a measure of guilt for not being more present to that young man, for seeing him only as an interruption and not as a human soul in torment. Buber felt he had sinned against the image of God in that young student by treating him as an object without needs and feelings.

It is so easy to treat others as objects, to measure their worth by what they are able to do for us. We carelessly dismiss as unimportant if not undesirable those who distract us from our own agendas, who demand too much from us, who make us uncomfortable, who fail to live up to our expectations. We expect a great deal from one another -sometimes too much -and it seems there is no end to our disappointment in our spouses, our children (our parents!), our priests, our co-workers, our neighbours. Our standards of what is right and proper often drive some people to the edges of society, far away from us. The Samaritan woman is one such victim. Her religious background and her nationality make her a non-person in the eyes of Judaism; her lifestyle makes her a pariah among her own. But rather than reject her, Jesus calls forth from her a sense of faith and joy that enables her to confront her life, and in telling others of her encounter with Jesus, she becomes a source of faith and joy for others.

May we be able to do the same: to move beyond the failings of others and our disappointment in them in order to call forth the good they possess and make it possible for them to use those gifts for the good of all.