

### *It happened in March*

March 3 1592 - A charter incorporates the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, near Dublin, later to become known as Trinity College.

This was not the first university founded in Ireland. The Mediaeval University of Dublin was founded in 1320 and remained in existence for the next two centuries but never flourished and disappeared at the Reformation in Ireland. It was located in Saint Patrick's Cathedral Dublin.

The new Trinity College was based in the former Priory of all Hallows which had been a thriving foundation up to the Reformation in Ireland when the Crown dissolved the priory.

The design of the new institution was influenced by Oxford and Cambridge and building expansion began in the 1590s which lasted for the next several centuries. A new library was initiated while George Berkeley was librarian which was followed by a string of other classical buildings- Printing House, West Front, Dining Hall and Provosts House .The engineering school was established in 1842.

In the 19th century the college repositioned itself to become a nondenominational institution. However the battle over Irish higher education was only finally resolved in 1908 with the creation of the National University.

Famous alumni in the past included Oscar Wilde, William Congreve, Bram Stoker, Edmund Burke, Jonathan Swift, Thomas Davis ,William Rowan Hamilton ,John Redmond ,Isaac Butt and Oliver Goldsmith Trinity College opened up attendance to Catholics in 1793.

The Catholic Church banned Catholics from studying at Trinity in 1871. The ban lasted until 1970.

The Times Higher Education World University rankings placed Trinity at number 120 with UCD in the 200 to 250 category.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT COURSE

Our 2020 Marriage Enrichment course starts Wednesday Mar 11th in the Parish Pastoral Centre. The workshops will run for four Wednesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Marriage Enrichment is designed for all those wishing to enhance their relationship. If you would like to attend this course but your spouse is reluctant to do so, please come along anyway.

Topics covered include **Communication; Effective Listening; Feelings and how we express them; How to handle an argument; and Being true to yourself while being a good spouse and parent.**

For further details contact Foxrock Parish Office at 01 2893492 or Maeve Davidson at email: [maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie](mailto:maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie)

#### **Facilitator:**

Barbara Duff B.A., H. Dip in Ed., NAPCP, marriage counsellor and psychosexual therapist with Accord; author of *Rekindle the Spark – 10 steps to revitalize your relationship* – Orpen Press

### *Saints of the Week*

Wed 4th	St Casimir
Thurs 5th	St Kieran, bishop
Sat 7th	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs



"If I can stop one heart from breaking  
I shall not live in vain,  
If I can ease one life the aching  
or cool one pain or help one fainting robin  
unto its nest again,  
I shall not live in vain."  
**Emily Dickinson**



## FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1st MARCH 2020



### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD. GLP

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th February 2020

6.00 pm Vigil

Vera O'Sullivan (Rec Dec)

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

10.00 am

Freda McSweeney (Anv)

11.30am Months Mind of:

Dessie Philpott

Josephine Teresa O'Brien

Don Rynhart

Franz Sweeney

Michael Walsh

John Flynn

Mary (Mamie) Roche

Vera Fox

Una Rogan

Marie Noone

Judy Fleming

Mary-Paula McGilligan

12.45pm

Mary Breslin (1<sup>st</sup> Anv)

Paddy Conroy (Anv)

Tues 3rd March

10.00 am

Con O'Leary (Anv)

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

10.00am

Seán Collins (Anv)

Mervyn Feehan (Anv)

Recently Deceased

Vera O'Sullivan

Sean Mc Gowan

Eveline Butler

May they rest in peace



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### March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 1st Sunday of Lent

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to

prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbour. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

will come to the Parish to meet participants for half an hour each day to reflect on and discuss a piece of Scripture. No previous experience is required. In order to organise the allocation of Prayer Guides, it will be necessary to register to participate by Thursday 12 March. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, Sacristy and at the Contact Point in the Church. Please return completed forms to Maeve Davidson.

### WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

This year our annual Week of Guided Prayer in Lent will take place from Sunday 29 March to Saturday 4 April. This "retreat" experience will be based on our favourite stories from the Bible and will lead us beautifully into Holy Week. It is designed to give us an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God who is part of our daily lives and to help us to deepen our personal prayer. Experienced Prayer Guides



Church cleaning after  
10.00 am Mass  
Thursday 5th March



SVP COLLECTION

Next weekend 7/8 March  
after all Masses

### Lenten Talks Series 2020 in St Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre Cabinteely

Monday 9 March: 8pm -9.30pm

Refugees and Migrants-What has this got to do with me?

Speaker: Fr. Alan Hilliard, Dublin Diocesan Priest and Chaplain, DIT Grangegorman.

Author of 'Dipping Into Lent'.

Fr Hilliard is informed and well acquainted with refugee and Immigration Issues.

We are delighted to welcome him back for our Lenten Talks Series. His first hand experience will help enlighten, challenge and animate dialogue on an issue relevant for us all.

There will be a brief Q & A session, followed by tea, toffee and refreshments.

**ALL MOST WELCOME!**

**Aifreann Laethúil i lár na cahrach  
Séipéal na Sacraiminte Beannaithe  
Siúlán Bhaitsiléir, Baile Atha Cliath 2  
Luan go hAoine, 1.15 p.m. at tosú ar  
Chéadaoin an Luathrigh 26 Feabhra**

Daily Mass in Irish During Lent  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel,  
Bachelors Walk, Dublin 2  
Monday to Friday 1.15 p.m. from  
Ash Wednesday 26 February



www.parishcentre.ie  
Pastoral Centre 2895650

Wednesday Afternoon Social Group which is a social group for older people meet every Wednesday in the Centre, come along and enjoy companionship, a cuppa and even a game of bingo!! Contact Anne on 01 2895453 for more information.

Marriage Enrichment Course will take place here in the Centre starting on Wednesday evening 11 March from 7.30pm to 9.30pm for 4 Wednesday evenings, please contact the Parish Office on 01 2893492 to book your place.

Zumba Class takes place every Monday in the Centre from 2pm to 3pm, just come along as it's pay as you go, for more details contact Fiona on 087 2866188 and spaces are available.

Fitness League are running their classes this week at 10am and 11.15am come along and enjoy the light exercise. Contact Mary on 086 1565126 for more information.

Have a lovely week Regards Róisín

**St. Benildus College,  
Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan  
is holding an  
Open Day on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

**Guided School Tours** are offered  
from 8.25 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. and  
from 1.15 p.m. – 2.45p.m.  
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