

## It happened in February

The pilgrimage to Lourdes is founded on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubirous. The first apparition occurred 11 February, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place 16 July, of the same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy. The mysterious vision she saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle was that of a young and beautiful lady. "Lovelier than I have ever seen" said the child. But the girl was the only one who saw the vision, although sometimes many stood there with her. On the 9<sup>th</sup> apparition, she told her to drink of a mysterious fountain, in the grotto itself, the existence of which was unknown, and of which there was no sign, but which shortly after gushed forth. On the 15<sup>th</sup> apparition she bade Bernadette go and tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. On the 16<sup>th</sup> apparition she said "I am the Immaculate Conception." The last Apparition was on the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Four years later, in 1862, the bishop of the diocese declared the faithful "justified in believing the reality of the apparition". A basilica was built upon the rock of Massabielle by M. Peyramale, the parish priest. In 1873 the great "national" French pilgrimages were inaugurated. Three years later the basilica was consecrated and the statue solemnly crowned. In 1883 the foundation stone of another church was laid, as the first was no longer large enough. It was built at the foot of the basilica and was consecrated in 1901 and called the Church of the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII authorized a special office and a Mass, in commemoration of the apparition, and in 1907 Pius X extended the observance of this feast to the entire Church; it is now observed on 11 February.



## VALENTINES DAY 14th Feb

There are two different Saints' Lives for a St Valentine on February 14, but they are probably the same man. Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and his body buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia close to the Ponte Milvio to the north of Rome, on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since 496 AD.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him.

## Saints of the Week

- Mon 10 St Scholastica, virgin
- Tues 11 Our Lady of Lourdes  
St Gobnait, virgin
- Fri 14 SS CYRIL MONK AND METHIDIUS,  
BISHOP, PATRONS OF EUROPE

## World Day of the Sick



February 11

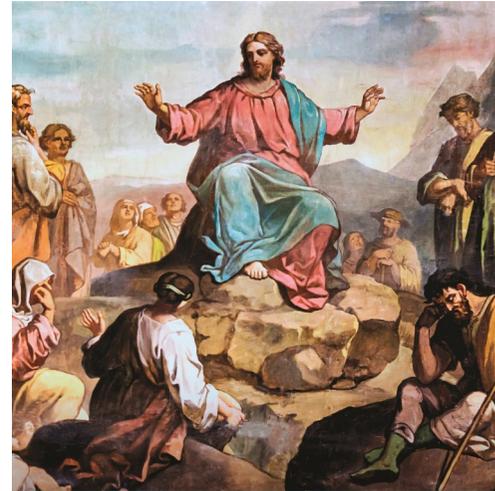
Pope John Paul II instituted World Day of the Sick to be celebrated each year on 11th February, the anniversary of the first apparition of

Our Lady to Bernadette and the first was celebrated the following year in Lourdes itself.



## FOXROCK PARISH Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 9th 2020



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD. G.L.P.

www.foxrockparish.ie  
secretary@foxrockparish.ie  
Fr Kieran Dunne 01 2893492  
pp@foxrockparish.ie  
Parish Office/Sacristy 01 2893492  
Monday - Friday 10.30 - 12.30  
Parish Pastoral Worker Maeve Davidson  
087 6904814; 087 2853726  
maevedavidson@foxrockparish.ie.

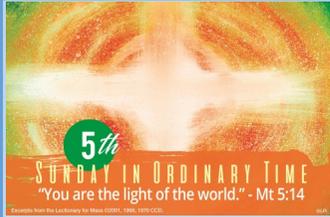
## MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
6.00 pm Vigil  
Brigid & John Hynes (Anv) and their daughter Maura Cave (Anv)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
10.00 am  
Sean Toner (Anv)  
Leo Gilligan (Anv)  
11.30am  
Deirdre Burke Coghlan (Anv)  
Noreen & Dixon Collins (Anv)  
12.45pm  
Carmel O' Doherty (Anv) and deceased members of the O' Doherty family.  
Jocelyn Cabral (Anv)  
Larry Bryan (Anv)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
10.00am  
Bernard & Madeleine McClade.  
Matthew McClusker (rec. dec)
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
10.00am  
Mass of Thanksgiving
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020  
10.00am  
Kevin O'Flanagan (1<sup>st</sup> Anv)

## Important Notice

With effect from Sunday 9 February, the time of the 12.30 pm Mass on Sundays will change to 12.45 pm.

PLEASE TAKE HOME A COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER



February 9<sup>th</sup>,  
2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

©LPi

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did.

Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.



We welcome into our parish community through baptism

Mia Lauren Coughlan Paisley  
Lauren Grace Doherty



The Annual Collection  
for ACCORD the  
Diocesan Agency for  
Marriage and the Family,

will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of **15th & 16th February 2020**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:  
Marriage Preparation Courses,  
Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.  
A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools.

Next **Do This in Memory** will be at 6.00 pm  
Mass on Saturday 16th February and 10.00 am  
Mass on Sunday 17th February



On St Patrick's day, 17th March, Aware have their Harbour 2 Harbour walk. It's 26km with a half way stop at the port for refreshments and entertainment. The Parish Camino Group will be getting a bus from Foxrock church at 8.30am (€7 cash) which will drop them to Howth and they will walk back to Dun Laoghaire. Tickets for the event need to be booked on <http://www.aware.ie/events/> and cost €27.14. There are already 37 members of the Parish Camino Group signed up, so if you feel like stretching your legs on St Patrick's day morning, do come along and join in.

For more information or to book your place on the bus, please text Vicky 0863999220 and she will add you to the Harbour2Harbour WhatsApp group.



[www.parishcentre.ie](http://www.parishcentre.ie)  
Pastoral Centre 2895650

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.

Carysfort Bridge have spaces available on their Monday night group here in the Centre please contact Martha on 083 887 8471 for more details.

If you would like to join Apostolic Sewing, they meet on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in the Centre, you would be most welcome to come along and join the group. Miceala Murphy School of Performing Arts have their class on Monday evenings, for age 3 to 8 years, please contact Miceala on 086 1522099 for more information.

Have a lovely week,  
Regards Róisín



**VISIT SPAIN  
WITH FOXROCK  
PARISH CHOIR  
AND FRIENDS**



Foxrock Parish Choir and Friends will visit Avila, Salamanca, Toledo and Madrid in October 2020. The trip will take place on 1 October for six nights and the cost is €895 per person sharing.

Owing to cancellation there are a few places still available on the above trip. If you are interested please contact Stefan at Joe Walsh tours – 01 241800 or [stefan.burkart@joewalstours.ie](mailto:stefan.burkart@joewalstours.ie)

As on previous trips we look forward to a most enjoyable cultural, spiritual and community building experience.