

## It happened in February

February 20 1742 - James Gandon, architect, was born in London, After carrying out a number of projects in London he accepted an invitation from Ireland to supervise the construction of the new customs house in Dublin as the original architect had died and Gandon was chosen to assume complete control. At the time the new custom house was not popular with Dublin Corporation and some city merchants, who complained that it moved the axis of the city, would leave no room for shipping and was being built on what at the time was a swamp.

Nevertheless this proved to be a turning point in Gandon's career and Dublin was to be his home for the rest of his life. The city was growing to become the fifth largest city in Europe and was undergoing vast expansion

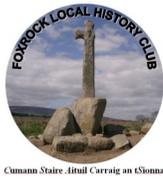
He was commissioned by Kings Inns in 1800 to design a new building for the Society in Henrietta Street.

The newly formed Wide Street Commission employed Gandon to design a new aristocratic enclave in the vicinity of Mountjoy Square and Gardiner Street which became the Town houses of members of the newly built Irish Houses of Parliament situated in College Green south of the river.

Gandon also designed Carlisle Bridge (now O'Connell Bridge) over the River Liffey to join the north and south areas of the city. He died in 1823 at his home in Lucan having spent 42 years in the city.

The Custom House was burnt down in 1921 by the IRA and parts of it were rebuilt using a darker shade update of limestone

The Four Courts building was shelled by the government forces during the Civil War in 1922 and partly destroyed by huge explosion. Even though it was late rebuild much of Gandon's original work is gone and can only be appreciated from his original drawings.



## FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February at 8.00 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre

### SHORT TALK

*Great Gatherings and Notable Visitors*  
By Pádraig Laffan

### MAIN TALK

*Women in the Irish Revolution.*  
By Sinead McCoole

## Saints of the Week

Mon 17	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order St Fintan, abbot
Fri 21	St Peter Damian, bishop and doctor of the Church
Sat 22	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE

This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

"The spirit of prayer gives back time to God, it steps away from the obsession of a life that is always lacking time, it rediscovers the peace of necessary things, and discovers the joy of unexpected gifts."

Pope Francis



## FOXROCK PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 16th 2020



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

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

6.00 pm Vigil

John Flynn (Months mind)  
Anne Hanly & Violet Kent (Anv)  
Kevin O'Flanagan (1<sup>st</sup> Anv)  
Donal Mackey (Anv)

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

10.00 am

Jim Cotter (Rec Dec)

11.30am

Vincent Kelly (Anv)  
Una Rogan (Months Mind)  
Vera Fox (Months Mind)

12.45pm

Liam & Aileen O'Reagáin (Anv)  
Laurence Hoolahan (Anv)

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

10.00am

Intentions of Acton Family – Living and deceased

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

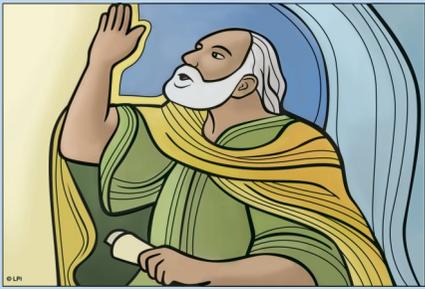
10.00am

Shane O'Neill & Maude Flood (Anv)

Recently deceased  
Anita McCann  
Patrick (Paddy) Feeney  
Ita Thornton  
May they rest in peace



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**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focussed in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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**Feast of St Fintan**  
**17th February**

St Fintan is shown on the right of St Lawrence O’Toole and Saint Oliver Plunkett above the altar.

He was born in Leinster and received his religious formation under the abbot Colm in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary. He made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co Laois. He died in 603.

**Support for the Suicide Bereaved Workshop:**

The Irish Hospice Foundation is hosting a workshop that supports someone who has lost a loved one to suicide on Friday, 21st February from 9.15am – 4.15pm in the Irish Hospice Foundation, Morrison Chambers, 4th Floor, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2.

This workshop aims to provide an understanding of the grieving process and explore common grief reactions following a death by suicide. It will explore ways to provide adequate support and present practical strategies in responding to the bereaved.

Presented by Bernie Carroll who has extensive experience of working in the field of mental health as a nurse in the psychiatric, general and Intellectual Disability services.

For more information contact: Iris Murray on Tel. 01 679 3188 or DL: 01 673 0047. Fee - €100 includes light lunch/tea and coffee. Bookings made also on <https://hospicefoundation.ie/education-training/bereavement-training/workshops/>



[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 has spaces available on the Monday night group here in the Centre- please contact Martha on 083 887 8471 for more details.

Fitness League is running the classes this week at 10am and 11am- come along and enjoy the light exercise. Contact Mary on 086 1565126 for more information.

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. Have a lovely week, Regards Róisín

**DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH.**

Next week we celebrate the feast of St Peter Damian, one of thirty three Doctors of the Church.

Peter Damian was a reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo IX. Dante placed him in one of the highest circles of *Paradiso* as a great predecessor of Saint Francis of Assisi and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

The title was given to certain ecclesiastical writers on account of the great advantage the whole Church has derived from their doctrine. In the early Christian centuries there were four Doctors from the Latin speaking part of the Roman Empire : St Ambrose, St Jerome, St Augustine and St Gregory the Great. There were four also from the Greek speaking part of the Empire - St Athanasius, St Basil the Great, St Gregory of Nazianzus and St John Chrysostom. To these great names others have subsequently been added.

It was only in very recent times that the three women Doctors were added to the list. In 1970 Pope Paul VI added St Theresa of Avila from the 16th century and St Catherine of Siena 14th century and Pope John Paul II added St Therese of Lisieux in 1997.