

## It happened in February

During the years of the Roman Empire the most widely used calendar (but by no means the only one) was based on an arbitrary date for the foundation of Rome and dates were described as the year followed by AUC (Ab Urbe Condita or from the foundation of the city) The Julian calendar which was proposed by Julius Caesar in 708AUC (40)BC made some technical changes to the calendar and took effect in January 709 AUC. It continued to be in use well into the early Middle Ages.

However the Anno Domini year numbering was devised by a monk named Dionysius in Rome in AD 525 as a result of his work in calculating the date of Easter. The calendar counted the year starting from the birth of Christ rather than the foundation of Rome as in the AUC system. Usage however did not spread widely until around 900 A.D. and later.

On the 24th of February 1582 Pope Gregory the 13th issued a papal bull decreeing that the day after Thursday, the 4th of October 1582 would not be Friday, the 5th of October but Friday, the 15th of October. This change was required to correct the average length of year in the Julian calendar which was too long and which resulted in a gradual divergence in the date of spring equinox and the date of Easter. Because of Gregory's involvement, the reformed Julian calendar came to be known as the Gregorian calendar.

The switchover was resisted by much of the people who feared it was an attempt by landlords to cheat them out of a week and a half 's rent.!

However, the Catholic countries of Spain Portugal and Italy complied and other countries followed until by the end of 18<sup>th</sup> century it was widely used throughout the world.

## FOXROCK AND DISTRICT Garden Club

Tuesday  
25th  
February  
Foxrock

Pastoral Centre Parish  
'Propagation and how to get the most out of your plants'.  
A talk by Michael Wachter, Gardener  
at Great Dixter  
Visitors €7

## 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>; 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.

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And behold, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'"

**Matthew, 28:18-20**



## FOXROCK PARISH Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23d FEBRUARY



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

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

"Yo, en cambio, les digo: Amen a sus enemigos, hagan el bien a los que los odian y rueguen por los que los persiguen y calumnian". - Mt 5, 44

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 22nd February 2020**

**6.00 pm Vigil**

Jim Crossan (Anv)

Maureen Byrne (Month's Mind)

David Whelan (Anv)

**Sun 23rd February 2020**

**10.00 am**

Sheila Walsh (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday & Anv)

Mary O'Shea (Anv)

Paul Sullivan (Anv)

**11.30am**

Don Whelan (Anv)

Mary Paula McGilligan (Month's Mind)

Therese Fay (35<sup>th</sup> Anv)

**12.45pm**

Eileen & Kevin McDonnell (Anv)

Marie Noone (Month's Mind)

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**10.00am**

Intentions of Heavey Family Living & Deceased

Recently Deceased

Miriam Collins

Paul Flannery

May they rest in peace



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February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
7th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

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The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now,



We welcome into our parish community through baptism

Sarah Kate Coughlan  
Hugo Michael Wolfgang Burns  
Quinn Paige Murphy  
Éabha Clare Coogan  
David Philip Roche  
Hugo David Walsh

Mons. John Dolan and Sr. M. Louise O'Rourke pddm, from the Office for Religious in the Dublin Diocese wish to thank Fr. Kieran and the parishioners of Foxrock for their hospitality and welcome to the religious sisters and brothers on occasion of Mass celebrated by Archbishop Martin for the Diocesan Day for Consecrated Life on the 2nd of February 2020!



Ashes will be distributed after 10.00am and 6.00 pm Masses. Ash Wednesday  
26th February

Ashes will also be available throughout the day (Self service)

## MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

WELCOME TO A MASS FOR HEALING AND PEACE IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Thursday 27th February 2020

8pm Holy Mass (Rosary starts 7.30 pm)

Chapel of the Divine Master,

Whites Cross, top of Newtownpark Ave.

After Mass the peace chaplet will be recited (Peace Chaplet 7 Our Fathers 7 Hail Marys 7 Glorias) and this will be followed by a short period of reflection and Eucharistic Adoration

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

Monday 2nd March: 8.00 pm - 9.30pm  
'ACTIVE HOPE'

Speaker: Dr. Lorna Gold author, commentator, & well known media and public speaker. Lorna has worked with Trocaire for 20 years in areas of policy, advocacy and research.

*Do we really believe Pope Francis's writings In Laudato Si - Care for our Common Home' have a relevance for us? In the face of challenges brought by climate change and the ecological crises, how can we bring hope?*  
Lorna will offer a lively, fresh and credible approach to an important contemporary issue for people of all faiths and none.

Monday 9 March: 8 pm - 9.30pm  
**Refugees and Migrants-What has this got to do with me?**

Speaker: Fr. Alan Hilliard,  
Details next week

Both evenings will include a brief Q & A session, followed by tea, toffee and refreshments. ALL MOST WELCOME!

## St. Brigid's Church, Cabinteely Parish Office & Centre Manager

St. Brigid's Parish wish to recruit a Parish Office & Centre Manager on a full-time, fixed term basis, 35 hours per week, Monday – Friday, including occasional weekend work. This role is offered initially for a period of one year and flexibility is required.

Reporting to the priest in charge of the Parish, the role is to provide administrative assistance to the priest in charge in the day to day running of the parish office while professionally managing the Parish Centre, ensuring its' objectives by supporting and developing its' staff and volunteers as well as sourcing funding through appropriate commercial activity in addition to managing the day to day running of the Centre.

### Requirements:

The successful candidate will have the following:

- Previous experience in a similar role;
- At least 5 years administrative experience is required;
- People management experience including working with volunteers;
- An understanding of the voluntary character of community work;
- Catering or event management experience;
- Proficient in MS Office;
- Familiarity with current health and safety legislation.

Applications should be made by email to Fr. Aquinas Duffy, Acting Moderator, at pp@cabinteelyparish.ie with attached up-to-date CV and a letter indicating how your skills and experience match the role advertised. Applications may also be posted to Fr Aquinas Duffy C/o. St Brigid's Parish Office, Johnstown Road, Cabinteely, Dublin 18, D18 YP96.